Convention Policy Manual
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1. **Purpose and Goals of the AKA Convention:** The purpose of the American Kitefliers Association (AKA) Convention is to provide an opportunity for the Association members to meet, share their ideas, network with other kitefliers, and experience a wide variety of kiting activities. The convention will present as many aspects of kiting as possible in one location for the benefit of the members attending. The Convention and annual meeting of the Association shall be conducted in compliance with the Associations By-laws and Board policies.

2. **Attendance:** The Association endeavors to keep prices down by utilizing the skills of its members. All of activities of the convention are organized, managed and staffed by registered participants of the convention in a co-op fashion. t;td>Kite Art Gallery exhibitors at the AKA convention must be AKA members [B-97-19]. 2.1 All

2.2 All attendees are encouraged to take part in as many activities as they wish
2.3 Members are strongly encouraged to attend the General Business Meeting
2.4 Members of the Association attending any part of the convention including fi
2.5 All registrants are invited to participate in the various volunteer tasks require
2.6 Convention presenters must be AKA members and convention registrants. [
2.7 Non-member spectators are welcome to watch our field events. [E-89-08] N
2.8 Vendors of the Fly Market must by AKA members and registered for the con
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3. **Registration Dates:** 3.1 Registration fees will be announced by July 1
3.2 Fees will be discounted for “early” registrations prior to August 15th,
3.3 The "standard" price will be charged from August 16th to one calendar week
3.4 A “late fee” will be added for those submitted within 7 days of the conventio
3.5 Dates relating to invitations to participate in Grand National competitions are

4. **Registration Fees and Discounts:** The costs of the convention are covered by the participants. These costs include room rentals, field permits, sound-systems, printing and postage, and management fees for the convention administrator. Many of these fees are a flat rate and do not change with the number of participants. The registration fee structure is set to reflect this high fixed minimum cost of organizing an event such as the convention.
4.1 Al-a-cart registration is offered

4.2 Attendees are encouraged to participate in the entire convention. However,
4.3 AKA welcomes children to attend the convention. A 20% discount on registr
4.4 The convention budget and fee structure is based on utilizing participants as
4.5 As a special incentive to overseas guests who face additional expenses to a

4.6 Reasonable travel, lodging and registration fees for the President, XD [E-84
4.7 Workshop presenters of “make and take” style workshops may collect a sup
4.8 Guest speakers, providing a presentation deemed to be beneficial to conver

5. **Awards and Grand National Competitions:** Grand National Competition includes but is not limited to kitemaking, sport kites, fighter kite, rokkakus, buggies, or kite surfing
5.1 All Grand National Co

5.2 Day pass and children's discount registrants are not eligible.
5.3 All awards issued in the name of the AKA or presented during the AKA conv

6. **Sponsorships:** Individuals and business are encouraged to sponsor the Association and convention by donations to cover costs for trophies, mass ascensions or other expenses.
6.1 Should for some reason the sponsored iter
6.2 AKA Board of directors must approve all sponsorships and reserves the righ

7. **Logo:** The convention logo is displayed on annual convention publications and products.
7.1 The Convention logo will be chosen by a contes
7.2 The Convention Logo must include the AKA logo as part of the design
7.3 The Convention Logo shall remain the exclusive property of the AKA and m

8. **Smoking policy:** A smoke free environment for all indoor activities at the convention will be provided except for the auction where a designated smoking area will be established or an announcement made to advise of the situation. [B-95-15]
9. **Annual Meeting:** 9.1 Nothing at the convention may be scheduled to c
9.2 A financial report should be given to the membership each year before the b
9.3 The Annual Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the AKA By-law