

# FIGHTER KITE LINE-TOUCH WORLD CUP COMPETITION

The Fighter Kite Line-Touch World Cup competition is held every year in the USA at Long Beach, Washington during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August. This competition is sponsored by the North American Fighter Kite Association, NAFKA, and is held in conjunction with the week long Washington State International Kite Festival, WSIKF. WSIKF is the biggest and best kite festival in the USA!

In 2001 the North American Fighter Kite Association, NAFKA, decided to create and sponsor a World Cup Line-Touch competition. The idea was to have a completely open competition to any fighter kite flyer in the world. There would be no entry requirements other than abiding by the World Cup rules.

And there is NO entry fee! The cost of hosting this grand event has been paid by NAFKA and WSIKF.

If you want to compete with the top fighter kite line-touch flyers in the world, all you need to do is show up and sign in before the event. Then you too will have an opportunity to be the winner and take home the big beautiful silver World Cup! The actual silver World Cup award is returned each year by the previous winner and given to the new current winner.

The competition is run by the World Cup competition flyers themselves; it is 100% a volunteer project. When you compete in the World Cup you also become one of the people who do the various tasks that make the event such a success. The typical number of competitors in the World Cup has been 20-35.

The Line-Touch World Cup competition is either a 1-day or 2-day event., depending on the number of participants, the format decided on for the particular year and the weather.

Typically, competitors fly against each other in preliminary rounds. The 5 flyers with the top accumulated scores at the end of the preliminary rounds of competition compete in the 'final' round. The winner of the final round is the World Cup Champion for that year.

What kites do the World Cup competitors fly? The World Cup rules only require that the kite entered is flown and controlled by a single line. Most competitors design and make the kites they fly in competition. However, there are also those who fly kites designed and made by someone else. Although each of the kites flown in the competition looks somewhat similar to all the others, each has subtle and unique aspects that its maker hopes gives their kite a slight advantage.

We look forward to having more and more competitors in the Fighter Kite Line-Touch World Cup competition each year and invite you to join in the fun! Mark it on your calendar; it's the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August. For the exact dates each year visit the WSIKF website [www.kitefestival.com/](http://www.kitefestival.com/) .

The following is a list of the flyers that finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> each year since the Line-Touch World Cup competition has existed.

<b>Year</b>	<b>First Place</b>	<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Third Place</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>Bruce Lambert</b>	<b>Chuck Lund</b>	<b>Johnny Hsiung</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>Chuck Lund</b>	<b>Johnny Hsiung</b>	<b>Brian Johnsen</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>Bruce Lambert</b>	<b>Steve Bateman</b>	<b>Chuck Lund</b>
<b>2004</b>	The finals were rained out. All 5 finalists were named 1 <sup>st</sup> place winners; each shared the world cup honors. The 5 finalists were: <b>Bruce Lambert, Chuck Lund, Steve Bateman, Johnny Hsiung, Woody Woods.</b>		
<b>2005</b>	<b>Steve Bateman</b>	<b>Dennis Crowley</b>	<b>Scott Bogue</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>Johnny Hsiung</b>	<b>Steve Bateman</b>	<b>Bruce Lambert</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>Johnny Hsiung/ Steve Bateman</b> World Cup was rained out, and at the end of flying the first round there were ties for each, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> places.	<b>Bruce Lambert/ Felix Durairaj</b>	<b>Scott Bogue/ Gopal Das</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>Johnny Hsiung</b>	<b>Bruce Lambert</b>	<b>Steve Bateman</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>You?</b>	<b>You?</b>	<b>You?</b>

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