

17th Annual Texas State Knife & Tomahawk Championship

We are pleased to announce that the 2016 Texas Knife & Tomahawk Championship will be held at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum, 1836 Sam Houston Ave, Huntsville Texas, 77340. You and your guests are hereby cordially invited to participate and/or attend our State Championship event on May 14-15th, 2016. Public is welcome.

Registration for the Championship must be done by 8:30 A.M. on Saturday. Throwers Mandatory Safety Meeting will start at 8:30 A.M. Competition will start at 9 A.M.. Parking is available, please see map for details.

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Competition Rules

1. Safety: All contestants will throw in a safe manner. Anyone throwing in an unsafe manner will be asked to leave.
2. All contestants must be in primitive pre-1840 dress to compete (see below for additional information).
3. No one is allowed on the range unless range officer is present.
4. No practice throwing on competition range. (Practice blocks will be available.)
5. Children will be accompanied by parent or guardian.
6. Only competitors/judges inside the competition area.
7. Coaching will be permitted, but no physical contact while throwing.
8. Tomahawk must have no more than a single 4" cutting edge, measured along the curve, and must have a minimum cutting edge of 2". Tomahawks will have a separate head and handle. Handles must be made of wood, no taped handles, only natural material. NO spiked or double-bit tomahawks allowed.
9. Knife must be of traditional, useable type with at least one edge sharpened to the hilt.
10. Knife must have handle of natural material. (Leather, horn, antler, bone or rawhide.)
11. Knives will not have a blade more than 2 ½" at the widest point.
12. Point of knife must be stuck in the face of the block or it will be a zero score.
13. All knives should be of sufficient weight and size to throw safely with minimum chance of rebound. This will be Range Officer's discretion. Knives will be thrown by the handle only.
14. Must use same knife and tomahawk for each throw, per event.
15. Knives and tomahawks must remain in the block until the judge has scored the throw. If the thrower removes the knife/tomahawk before judge scores the throw, thrower will receive a score of zero for that throw.
16. Scoring judge will determine score. If thrower contests ruling, contestant may ask for ruling from Range Safety Officer, that ruling will be final. DO NOT pull knife or tomahawk until final ruling.
17. Contestants must be registered prior to competition.

18. Ties are decided by throw-offs. The loser moves into the next lesser position.
Anyone not present for throw-off loses. If both parties are not present, the tie will be broken by coin toss by Range Officer.
19. Bad sportsmanship, foul language, alcohol or drugs will not be permitted.
20. Rules subject to be changed/modified.

PRE-1840 DRESS

No blue jeans (brown/tan/black jeans permitted)	No shorts/cutoffs
No bib overalls	No baseball caps
No tennis shoes	No halter tops
No plaids	No T-shirts
No sunglasses	

New throwers: a pair of brown/tan/black jeans, cowboy style shirt and cowboy style boots will be allowed.