

2027 KGSA NON-GUILD KNIFE COMPETITION

CHEF KNIFE PROFILE

Knife Type: 7 Inch Chef Knife

Designed by: Neels van den Berg & Jean Wilke

Overall Length: 302,283 mm

Cutting Edge Length: 177,96 mm / 7 inches

The supplied profile must be reproduced exactly and may not be altered, modified or reinterpreted in any way.

Blade Thickness: Maker's own choice

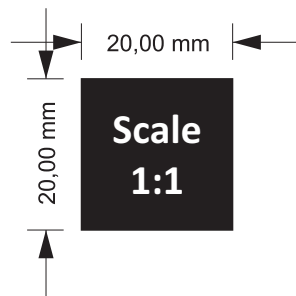
Blade Material: As permitted by the Rules and Regulations

Blade Grind: Maker's own choice, subject to the Rules and Regulations

Handle Construction: Maker's own choice

Handle Material: Maker's own choice

Surface Finish: Maker's own choice



IMPORTANT: PRINT AT ACTUAL SIZE

The supplied profile design is drawn at a 1:1 scale.

When printed correctly, the black reference square must measure exactly 20 mm x 20 mm.

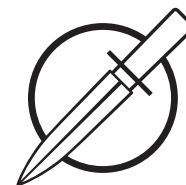
When printing the full-size profile design, ensure that your printer settings are set to Actual Size / 100% Scale.

Do not use "Fit to Page", "Fit", "Shrink to Fit" or any other automatic scaling option.

After printing, measure the black reference square before using the profile. If it does not measure exactly 20 mm x 20 mm, the profile has not been printed at the correct scale.



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Rules and Regulations

1. Competition Knife

The knife for the 2027 KGSA Non-Guild Knife Competition is a 7 Inch Chef Knife, designed by Neels van den Berg and Jean Wilke.

Key Dimensions

Overall Length: **302,283 mm**

Cutting Edge Length: **177,96 mm / 7 inches**

The official full-size profile design supplied to entrants forms part of these Rules and Regulations.

2. Design and Profile Requirements

The supplied knife profile must be followed exactly and may not be altered, modified or reinterpreted in any fashion.

Each submitted knife will first be checked against the **full-size printed design** supplied to entrants.

Any variation from the supplied profile will result in immediate disqualification.

The knife has been designed to equally suit both stock removal and forging methods of knifemaking.

3. Materials and Manufacture

Entrants may use any suitable blade steel, handle material and pinning material.

Any recognised form of knife construction may be used, including full tang, hidden tang, frame tang, through tang, mortised tang, take-down, skeletonised full tang, or integral construction. The choice of construction method is entirely at the maker's discretion.

The blade may be flat ground, hollow ground or S-ground. Fullers are permitted.

Blade and handle materials, finishes and overall presentation are left to the maker's discretion.

Makers are encouraged to use the best quality materials available to them. However, expensive, exotic or decorative materials, including carbon Damascus, stainless Damascus, Wootz, Mokume-gane, Ti-Mascus or similar materials, will not in themselves attract additional consideration from the judges. Judging will place particular emphasis on workmanship, fit, finish and symmetry.

All work on the knife must be carried out by the entrant. Where an entrant wishes to use Wootz or Damascus steel but is unable to produce the material themselves, material made by

another smith may be used. Entrants are encouraged to support local smiths.

A detailed account of the blade steel used, including its composition and heat-treatment process, must be provided on the official competition entry form.

4. Maker's Mark

All knives must carry a clearly legible maker's mark. The mark may be hot stamped, etched, hand engraved or laser engraved.

5. Sharpness Requirement

All knives must be razor sharp.

Each knife will be tested by making a single cut into an A4 sheet of 80 g/m² white Sappi Typek paper.

Any knife that is unsharpened, dull or fails this test will be immediately disqualified.

6. Eligibility and Number of Entries

The competition may be entered by any non-KGSA member who is a citizen of any country in Southern Africa.

Entrants may submit more than one knife. Each knife must be accompanied by its own completed competition entry form.

7. Entry Fee and Payment

The entry fee is R200 per knife.

Payment must be made by EFT or bank deposit only. No cash will be accepted.

Banking Details

Bank: ABSA Bank

Account Holder: KGSA

Branch Code: 632005

Account Number: 4056808599

Use your Name and Surname, as provided under Personal Details on the competition entry form, as the payment reference.

Proof of Payment must be emailed to:
avanheerden1@gmail.com

A printed copy of the Proof of Payment must accompany the competition entry form.

8. Entry Delivery Address

Competition entries may be delivered or couriered to:

Company: Black Dragon Forge

Street Address: 29 RSE, c/o R512 & Winsome Valley Roads

Suburb: Lanseria
City: Johannesburg
Province: Gauteng
Postal Code: 1748

Contact: Neels van den Berg

Phone: 083 451 3105

Email: neels@blackdragonforge.com

All delivery or courier costs are for the entrant's own account.

9. Competition Closing Date

The competition closes at 17:00 on the Friday, two weeks before the 2027 KGSA Annual Guild Show.

The knife, completed entry form and all required supporting documentation must have been received by the closing deadline.

10. Competition Prize

The First Place winner will receive:

- R5,000 cash
- The KGSA Membership Application Fee will be waived if the winner applies for Guild membership within 12 months of the competition closing date.
- If accepted as a Guild Member, the Guild will pay the winner's first year's membership fee and table fee for their first KGSA Annual Guild Show exhibition.

Normal KGSA membership application and evaluation requirements remain applicable.

The non-cash components of the prize are not transferable and may not be exchanged for cash.

11. Administration and Judging

The competition will be administered by the Knifemakers' Guild of Southern Africa.

Only knives that pass the profile conformity and sharpness requirements will proceed to formal judging.

The judges' decision is final.

12. Care, Liability and Costs

All entries will be kept, transported, handled and exhibited with the utmost care.

The Knifemakers' Guild of Southern Africa and the competition organisers accept no liability for loss of or damage to knives submitted to the competition.

The Guild will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred

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NOTE: Submit this form along with the Submission Check List items with each entry.

in entering the competition or accepting or using the prize, except where specifically provided for in these Rules and Regulations.

13. Personal Information

By entering the competition, entrants consent to the use of their personal information by the Knifemakers' Guild of Southern Africa for the administration of the competition and for any other purposes to which they have consented.

14. Knife Collection and Return Shipping

Knives may be collected once the competition winner has been announced and must be collected before the close of the KGSA Annual Guild Show on the Saturday afternoon.

Entrants unable to collect their knives in person may include a pre-prepared return shipping package with their entry.

Only The Courier Guy will be used for door-to-door return delivery. Return shipping costs are for the entrant's own account and are not included in the entry fee.

The entrant is responsible for ensuring that the return shipping package and arrangements are complete and suitable for the safe return of the knife.

15. Submission Checklist

- ☐ Knife sharpened and tested by cutting paper.
- ☐ Knife clean and free from buffing compound.
- ☐ Knife packaged in a zippered knife pouch.
- ☐ Printed Proof of Payment attached to the entry form.
- ☐ Printed copy of the maker's mark, as it appears on the knife, attached to the entry form.

16. Acceptance of Rules

Submission of an entry constitutes acceptance of these Rules and Regulations.

The Knifemakers' Guild of Southern Africa reserves the right to amend these Rules and Regulations.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Entry Form: Non-Guild Knife Competition

By entering the competition you agree to accept the rules of the competition and accept the judges' decision as final.

Personal Details:

Name & Surname : _____

Cell No: _____ E-mail: _____

Physical Delivery Address: (No abbreviations please)

Street Name & Number: _____

Suburb: _____ Town: _____

Province: _____ Postal code: _____

Makers Mark: Please describe your Makers Mark / Logo as it appears on the knife.

Steel & Heat Treatment: Please describe your steel selection & heat treatment process.

NOTES: Anything else you would like to inform the judges about?

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