

## 2007 Stick Fighting Tournament

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2007 Tournament Winners and Judges.

The Compete 2007 event in Karate is considered the most prestigious event in the U.S.A. People from all over the globe attend to witness this event. The organizer Mohammad Jahan-Vash added stick fighting as a division this year. The stick fighting division was coordinated by Master Felix Roiles and managed by members of Team PAKAMUT.

Mohammad had previously seen Filipino Martial Arts demonstrated by Master Felix Roiles at a Martial Artist for Christ event. Martial Artist for Christ is headed by Bob

Mitchell who is long time sparring partner and friend of the legendary Chuck Norris.

Master Roiles was asked to organize, coordinate and support this division. The PAKAMUT Association came and assisted in supporting the stick fighting division. It was considered a huge success by all of the participating Filipino martial arts practitioners.

### The scoring for the sub-divisions is as follows:

<b>Youth Forms</b>	1st John Banaag 2nd Michael Lawrence
<b>Advanced Forms</b>	1st Kris Paragas 2nd Shea Gipti
<b>Men's single stick</b> 150 -175	1st Anderlson Tocang 2nd Kris Paragas
<b>Men's single stick</b> Below 150	1st Mark Castro Jr. 2nd Shea Gipti
<b>Men's single stick</b> Advanced 150 -175	1st Kris Paragas
<b>Men's single stick</b> 176 -200	1st Paul Dy
<b>Men's single stick</b> Above 200	1st Anderlson Tocang
<b>Men's single stick</b> Novice	1st Anthony Tuimaseue 2nd Shea Gipti
<b>Women's single stick</b>	1st Angel Ecdao
<b>Men's single stick</b> Advanced-Senior	1st Marc Lawrence



Mohammad Jahan-Vash and Master Felix Roiles.



Womens division Angel Ecdao winner.

Because of the fighter's performance in this division, the Compete 2007 staff requested a demonstration from Team PAKAMUT. This Demonstration was composed of: Master Felix Roiles, Marc Lawrence, Michael Lawrence, Kris Paragas, Mark Castro Jr. and Shea Gipti.

The demonstration team was asked to perform in front large audience of 700-800 People. The demonstration portion of Compete 2007 is normally a demonstration competition with big teams, big names, well funded and choreographed. They had never seen a Filipino martial arts demonstration team before so they completely



Demo team- left to right front row Michael Lawrence and Shea Gipti, back row is Marc Lawrence, Master Felix Roiles and Kris Paragas.



Marc Lawrence advanced- Seniors- Mens and Master Felix presenting.

amazed that just small group of well trained Filipino martial arts practitioners of PAKAMUT could perform so well. The audience was made up of celebrities, Government Officials and sponsors of big name teams like Paul Mitchell Demo team, Red Dragon and others.

The PAKAMUT Demo team demonstrated single stick form, stick and dagger form, Empty hand verse knife, Empty hand verses stick, Stick and Knife verses Stick and Knife and last but not least stick locking and take-downs.