



2026 LOS ANGELES TANABATA FESTIVAL

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR KAZARI ENTRIES

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Saturday, August 8, 2026

Kazari not registered by the deadline will be ineligible for the contest and will be for “display only.”

Basic Design: The traditional kazari design is a kusudama (ball) attached to a ring below with streamers hanging from the ring. People can use their imagination/creativity to design their kazari. However, kazari must follow these criteria in order to be in the contest:

- Must be covered at least 50% with hand-made paper flowers.
- Must have streamers made from paper or strings of folded origami figures (example: cranes, stars). We do not recommend using foil, fabric or ribbon. These materials tend to tangle easily.
- Kusudama can be a shape other than a ball (example: square, triangle).
PLEASE DO NOT USE METAL OR ANY SHARP/POINTED MATERIALS. Due to wind exposure, we cannot hang any kazari that may be a safety hazard.
- Secure your decorations with heavy duty tape, double sided tape, zip ties, glue or thin wire. We want your creations to stand up to the wind.
- **MAXIMUM HEIGHT: 8 feet**
- **MAXIMUM WIDTH: 22 inches**
- **MAXIMUM WEIGHT: 8 pounds**

Kazari not following the criteria will be DISPLAY ONLY and not eligible for a prize.

PRIZES: There are three categories. Each category will have a first (\$100), second (\$50) and third (\$30) place prize and a certificate. There will also be a People’s Choice award (\$100) voted by the public for the Most Creative kazari.

KAZARI DROP-OFF DAY: Thursday, August 13, 2026 > 11 am to 5 pm

KAZARI PICK-UP DAY: Monday, August 24, 2026 > 10 am to 5 pm

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