

16th WORLD KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

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PROGRAM AND REGULATIONS OF THE 16TH WORLD KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS (16WKC)

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- 1. Promoting Organization:** International Kendo Federation (FIK)
Hosting Organization: All Japan Kendo Federation (AJKF)
Supporting Organization: Tokyo Kendo Federation (TKF)

- 2. Place and Venue :** Nippon Budokan
Tokyo, Japan

- 3. Events Term:** May 27 (Wednesday) through June 1 (Monday), 2015

(1) Competition Term: May 29 (Friday) to May 31 (Sunday), 2015

(2) Events:

| Date | Events (Daytime) | (Evening) |
|-----------------------|--|----------------|
| May 27 (Wednesday) | Referee Seminar (Referee Meeting) Regional Federation (EKF/LAKC) General Assemblies | |
| May 28 (Thursday) | FIK Board of Directors Meeting (BODM) & General Assembly (GA) Managers' Meeting Submission of team order list for each team's 1 st match for Team Championships | FIK Reception |
| May 29 (Friday) | Opening Ceremony Men's Individual Championship Commendation Ceremony | Free Keiko |
| May 30 (Saturday) | Commencing Address Women's Individual Championship Women's Team Championship Commendation Ceremony | |
| May 31 (Sunday) | Commencing Address Men's Team Championship Commendation and Closing Ceremonies | Farewell Party |
| June 1 (Monday) | AJKF Kendo Dan Examinations (4-Dan – 7-Dan only) | |

* Drawings shall be conducted after the Final Entry is fixed in the presence of some FIK officials and the applicants who desire to attend. (See 6-(4).)

* All participating organizations are requested to report their arrival to the hosting organization's WKC

headquarters office by May 27 and at least 1 person from each delegation must attend the Managers' Meeting on May 28.

4. Regulation of the Matches:

All matches shall be conducted following "The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan of FIK (Revised on December 7, 2006 and thereafter)". The match duration is as defined in 7-(2)-a and 8-(7)-a-1) below.

5. Qualifications:

(1) Participating Organizations:

Only the FIK affiliated organizations are eligible for participating in the WKC. A non-affiliated organization, whose FIK affiliation is approved at the FIK Board of Directors Meeting (BODM) in the preceding year of the 16WKC, is also eligible.

(2) Participants:

The competitors participating in the Championships are required to have the following qualifications;

- a. Officially registered membership of an organization, which is stated in the preceding paragraph 5-(1).
- b. Nationality of the country of the organization to which he/she belongs at the time of the Final Entry (Presentation of the passport could be requested as its proof). Concerning a competitor who does not have the nationality of the country he/she represents, an explanatory statement and an official request in writing must be submitted to FIK from the President of the country organization concerned. And only those who are approved by the FIK President before the Final Entry may participate in the WKC.

6. Entries, Competitors' Registration and Drawings:

(1) Preliminary Entry

Preliminary Entry is conducted so that FIK and the hosting organization can estimate the approximate number of the participating organizations as well as the scale and expenses of the WKC. All organizations that intend to participate in the WKC are requested to submit the following information to the FIK headquarters in a prescribed method by the designated deadline below.

- a. Intention of the participation in the 16WKC
- b. Expected number of the delegation officials (Delegation Leader, Managers and Coaches, up to 5 in total) and the competitors (Up to 10 each for men and women).
- c. Intention of the participation in each Championship (Men's/Women's Individual, Men's/Women's Team)
- d. Expected number of the competitors who will be registered for each Championship (Up to 4 each for Men's/Women's Individual Championship and up to 7 each for Men's/Women's Team Championship)

Deadline for the Preliminary Entry: August 29, 2014

(2) Final Entry (Registration of the names of all delegation members and the registration for the participating events)

Each organization shall submit the information of its delegation officials (Delegation Leader, Managers and Coaches, up to 5 in total) and competitors (Up to 10 each for men and women) to the FIK headquarters as the Final Entry of the WKC. The delegation members to be entered must meet the qualifications described in above 5-(2). All organizations that participate in the WKC are required to submit the following information to the FIK headquarters together with the photos of all delegation members in a prescribed method by the designated deadline below.

- a. Names, Ages, Dan and Nationalities of all delegation members
- b. Intention of the participation in each Championship (Men's/Women's Individual, Men's/Women's Team)
- c. Expected number of the competitors who will participate in the Men's/Women's Individual Championships (Up to 4 each for men and women)

Only competitors who have been registered for the Final Entry are allowed to participate in the 16WKC competitions. Once the Final Entry has been accepted and registered at the FIK headquarters, no change of the officials or the competitors of the delegation is accepted. In order to participate in the Men's/Women's Team Championships, a team must have at least 5 competitors who are to be finally entered for men and women each.

Deadline for the Final Entry: February 27, 2015

(3) Competitors' Registration

Each organization must register the competitors for the Individual Championships and the Team Championships respectively to the FIK headquarters in a prescribed method by the respective deadlines stated below. The participating competitors shall be chosen from among the competitors who were registered at the Final Entry.

- a. A competitor may participate in both Individual and Team Championships.
- b. A male competitor is not allowed to participate in the Women's Championships, and a female competitor is not allowed to participate in the Men's Championships.
- c. The number of the registered competitors shall be up to 4 for each of the Men's/Women's Individual Championships.
- d. The number of the registered competitors for the Team Championships, for Men's and Women's each, must be from 5 (minimum) to 7 (maximum).
- e. Concerning the Team Championships, an organization that fails to have the designated number of the competitors stated in the preceding paragraph is not allowed to register for the Team Championship.
- f. A Referee of the WKC is not allowed to participate as a competitor.

Competitors' Registration for Individual Championships

Deadline : (concurrent with the Final Entry): February 27, 2015

Competitors' Registration for Team Championships, Deadline: April 24, 2015

(4) Drawings

After the Final Entry is fixed, drawings for the Men's/Women's Individual and Team Championships shall be conducted in the presence of some FIK officials and the President of the WKC hosting organization. The result of the drawings shall be notified to each participating organization immediately after the drawings. In the Men's/Women's Team Championships, the semi-finalist teams of the previous WKC Team competitions are seeded. (See the 8-(7)-C.)

Neither re-drawing nor alteration in the matching shall be made, even if it turns out after the drawings that an individual or a team would not participate in the competition or even if an individual or a team is absent on the day of the event.

7. Method of Individual Championships:

(1) Competitors who participate in the Individual Championships must be those who have been registered to the Individual Championships at the time of the Competitors' Registration.

(4 competitors at most per organization for Men/Women Championship respectively.)

(2) Method of matches:

a. Matches are played in ladder tournaments. As for a men's match, it is played by "San-Bon Shobu" and its duration is 5 minutes, while as for a women's match, it is also played by "San-Bon Shobu" but its duration is 4 minutes. If no winner is determined within the indicated period of time, the match shall be continued with an addition of Encho until the winner is determined by "Ippon Shobu".

b. Placement of the competitors in a ladder tournament which is composed of 4 big blocks shall be determined by the drawing. Competitors from the same organization, however, shall be placed in different big blocks.

(3) Commendation:

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd (2 competitors) place competitors and 8 "Fighting Spirit Competitors" shall be commended. The selection committee members who are nominated by the FIK President shall select the Fighting Spirit Competitors.

8. Method of Team Championships:

(1) Only one team is to represent each organization for Men and Women respectively.

(2) Each team for Men's and Women's team championships shall consist of 5 (minimum) ~7 (maximum) registered competitors.

(3) Each team, for Men's and Women's respectively, shall compete with 5 members. (If a team fails to have 3 or more registered competitors on the day of the event due to the registered competitors' default, that team shall be disqualified. If there is one competitor who withdraws from the competition on the day of the event, he/she shall be placed in Jiho place. In case of two competitors' default, they shall be placed in Jiho and Fukusho places.)

(4) The team members for each match are selected from among the competitors registered for the Team Championship. For each match, the team members and their order may be changed freely.

(5) As soon as the opponent team is determined, both teams shall submit their order lists at the same time to the court manager (Shiai-jo Shunin). (As for the order list for the first match for each team, each team is required to submit it to the WKC headquarters at the Managers' Meeting.) Even if there is no change in the order from the one for its previous match, an order list must be submitted for each match.

(6) In case where the competitors' order is different from the one described in the submitted order list, if it

is noticed before the declaration of 'Hajime' by the chief referee (Shushin) for a match, the order of the competitors can be changed to the correct one without any penalty. However, if it is found after the declaration of 'Hajime' for a match by the chief referee, the referees of that match declares suspension of that match immediately. And the competitor whose order is incorrect at that match and also another competitor whose order would be incorrect due to that shall both lose the matches and the opponents respectively shall be given 2 points instantly. If it is proved before the bow of the end (Shuryo-no Rei) by both teams at the end of the matches after the winning and losing of all competitors of the team are determined, all competitors whose orders were incorrect shall lose his/her match and each opponent shall be given 2 points respectively. If it is found after the bow of the end (Shuryo-no Rei) by both teams, the winning and losing of them shall not be changed.

(7) Method of Matches:

a. Each match

- 1) Regarding each match of the Team Championships, a men's match is played by "San-Bon Shobu" and its duration is 5 minutes, while a match for women is played also by "San-Bon Shobu" but its duration is 4 minutes. If no winner is determined within the prescribed time given, a draw will be declared.
- 2) In case where a competitor defaults a match due to his/her health or other reasons, he/she loses the match and the opponent shall be given 2 points. However, in case both competitors default a match neither of them shall be a winner or loser and neither of them shall be given any points.
- 3) A play-off between the representatives of the teams is carried out by "Ippon-Shobu" and shall be continued until a winner is determined.

b. Determination of the winning team

A winning team in the tournament is determined by the following order of precedence.

- ① The team that has the higher number of the individual winners is the winning team.
- ② In case where the number of the individual winners ties, the team that has the higher number of the points scored is the winning team.
- ③ If two teams turn out to be all square both in the number of the individual winners and the number of the points scored, the determination shall be made by a play off between the representatives of both teams.

c. Placement of Each Team in Ladder Tournament

The placement of the teams in each group is determined by drawing. However, the 4 semi-finalist teams in the previous WKC (seeded teams) shall be placed in different big blocks. (The placement for the 3rd place teams is determined by drawing.)

(8) Commendation:

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd (2 teams) place teams and 8 "Fighting Spirit Competitors" shall be commended. The selection committee members who are nominated by the FIK President shall select the Fighting Spirit Competitors.

9. Appointment of the 16WKC Officials and Referees:

- (1) Appointment of the WKC officials is entrusted to the FIK headquarters following the precedence of the former Championships.
- (2) Referee Group shall be composed of one (1) referee director (Shinpan-cho), four (4) presiding referees (Shinpan-shunin) and twenty-four (24) or more referees (Shinpan): Twenty-nine (29) or more

referees in total.

(3) Assignment of the Referees:

a. Selection of the referees:

The President of each FIK affiliated organization shall recommend 6 or less candidates for the WKC referees, who satisfy the requirements stated in the ① through ⑤ below, to the FIK President in a prescribed method. The selection committee entrusted by the FIK President shall select the WKC referees from among the recommended candidates and some other candidates recommended by the FIK President.

The requirements for the WKC referee candidates are;

- ① Member of an FIK affiliated organization, and in principle, having the nationality of the country of the organization concerned
- ② Age between 35 and 70 years (as of January 1, 2015)
- ③ Kendo 5-DAN or above, in good health, and practicing Kendo regularly
- ④ Thoroughly familiar with The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan of FIK, competent in refereeing as proved by sufficient experience at international competitions or equivalent competitions.
- ⑤ Having participated in the FIK Referee Seminar in a zone at least once after the previous WKC. Those who can participate in both the WKC Referee Seminar held in Japan several months before the WKC competitions and the WKC Referee Seminar held at the WKC venue during the event term without fail.

b. Appointment of the referees

The FIK President shall notify the Presidents of the FIK affiliated organizations of the appointees. The Presidents of the organizations to which the appointees belong are requested to send, in writing, the confirmation of acceptance of the appointment to the FIK headquarters, immediately.

c. The referee director (Shinpan-cho), the 4 presiding referees (Shinpan-shunin) and the Japanese referees shall be selected and appointed by the FIK President.

10. Financial Responsibilities:

- (1) All participants must bear their expenses of travelling between their own countries and the venue, also the expenses for accommodations and meals during their stay. Details of the expenses, how to make reservations and payment for accommodations and meals shall be informed by the hosting organization. Therefore, all participating organizations and the participants are requested to follow the instructions given by the hosting organization.
- (2) FIK shall bear the expenses of the hotel and meals for the authorized referees during the following duration, from the supper of the preceding day of the referee seminar (May 26) to the breakfast of the following day of the seminar (May 28). FIK shall refund the amount equivalent to the hotel and meal expenses for that period to the organization he/she belongs to. Each referee and/or the organization he/she belongs to shall bear the expenses of the hotel and meals for them other than the aforementioned duration during the event term.
- (3) Concerning the expenses of 16WKC and the related events, the FIK headquarters and the hosting organization discuss and determine how to shoulder the expenses between them.

11. Others:

- (1) All participants including the delegation members, the referees and the FIK officials are requested to

report his/her arrival in the hosting country to the WKC headquarters of the hosting organization for sure. They are also requested to receive a welcome package that includes the documents and the materials from the WKC headquarters of the hosting organization.

- (2) A competitor who does not show up at the court within 5 minutes after the caller called out his or her name is regarded as default and disqualified.
- (3) A competitor who is judged to be under the influence of illegal drugs (alcoholic beverages included) shall be disqualified by Gogi of the referees, shall be ordered to retire from the match and shall lose the match by Fusen-make. In case a dope test is conducted during or before/after the Championship period, it shall be conducted according to the FIK Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). In case of disqualification by anti-doping violation, the shift of the rankings method, which was determined at the previous WKC, shall be applied.
- (4) All participants including the delegation members, the referees and the FIK officials must insure themselves against diseases and accidents during the travel including the WKC period.
- (5) 'Free Keiko' is for those who desire to participate in but must be WKC participants.
- (6) Kendo 4-Dan, 5-Dan, 6-Dan and 7-Dan exams only are held by AJKF on the following day of the WKC.

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In case there are any contradictions between the Japanese and the English of the Program and Regulations of The World Kendo Championships, the Japanese version supersedes.