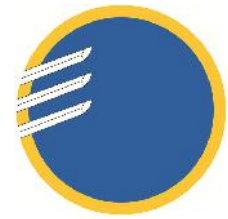


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Rules & Regulations of the 26th European Kendo Championships 2014

- 1. PROMOTER:** EUROPEAN KENDO FEDERATION (**EKF**)
- HOST ORGANIZATION:** COMITE NATIONAL DE KENDO ET
DISCIPLINES RATTACHEES (CNKDR)
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** ALL JAPAN KENDO FEDERATION (**ZNKR**)
- 2. PLACE & DATE:** Clermont-Ferrand, France,
**Arténium,
4 Parc de l'Atrière
Ceyrat 63122**
- From 11th to 13th of April, 2014.**
- EVENTS & SCHEDULE:** Friday 11th April, 2014:
- Junior Team Championship
Junior Individual Championship
Senior Female Team Championship
- Saturday 12th April, 2014
- Senior Male Team Championship
- Sunday 13th April, 2014
- Senior Female Individual Championship
Senior Male Individual Championship

Further details will be distributed by the Host Organization: www.ekc2014.com



3. GENERAL REFEREEING RULES.

The regulations of the matches will be made according to "*The Regulations of Kendo Matches and its Refereeing (Revised December 7th, 2006 - "The Regulations")*", published by International Kendo Federation (F.I.K.), except for the points specified hereafter.

5. CONTENT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

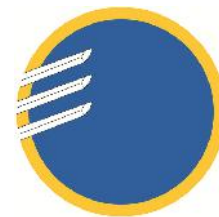
As decided by consecutive General Assemblies the content of the EKF Championships is as follows:

- **Senior Male Team Championship** with teams composed of maximum 5 (five) persons out of 7 inscriptions;
- **Senior Female Team Championship** with teams composed of maximum 5 (five) persons out of 7 inscriptions;
- **Junior Team Championship** with teams composed of maximum 3 (three) persons out of 5 inscriptions.
- **Senior Male Individual Championship** for maximum 5 (five) men older than 18 years (at the time of the actual championship);
- **Senior Female Individual Championship** for maximum 5 (five) women older than 18 years (at the time of the actual championship);
- **Junior Individual Championship** for maximum 5 persons.

For the two junior categories, the participants should be **minimum 15** years old but younger than 18 years (at the time of the actual Championship). That means, the Birthdates of junior participants shall be between **11 April 1996 and 11 April 1999, these days included, i.e. not before 11 April 1996 and not after 11th April 1999. No exceptions will be granted.**

After every Championship the first place will be awarded an official "European Champion" title and there will be one second place and two ex-æquo third places.

Also, for every Championship, minimum one „Fighting Spirit" trophy is awarded.



6. SPECIFIC RULES FOR EACH CATEGORY.

6.1. Team Championships.

6.1.1. Senior Male Team Championship.

Every country is represented by a Team of five, or by a minimum of three Male fighters, chosen freely before every fight out of the maximum of seven official inscriptions arrived in due time. Every competitor should have at least the age of 18 at the time of the actual Championship day.

6.1.2. Senior Female Team Championship.

Every country is represented by a Team of five, or by a minimum of three Female fighters, chosen freely before every fight out of the maximum of seven official inscriptions arrived in due time. Every competitor should have at least the age of 18 at the time of the actual Championship day.

6.1.3. Junior Team Championship.

Every country is represented by a team of maximum three, or by a minimum of two Junior fighters, chosen freely before every fight out of the maximum of five official inscriptions arrived in due time. For the age, the rules of chapter 5 are applicable.

6.1.4. Participation.

Senior men can only participate at the Senior Male Team Championship, senior women only at the Senior Female Team Championship. Both men & female are allowed in the junior category.

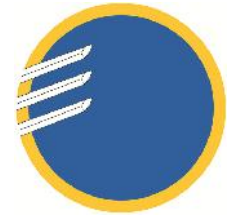
For the Senior Male Team Championship and the Senior Female Team Championship: In case of a 4 Competitor Team, the 2nd position remains free. In case of a 3 Competitor Team, the 2nd and the 4th position remain free.

For the Junior Team Championship: In case of a 2 Competitor Team, the 2nd position remains free.

6.1.5. Common rules for the Team Championships.

6.1.5.1. Preliminary contests (Pool system).

All teams that entered their official inscriptions in due time will be divided by drawing into as many pools of 3 as possible. However, the four Teams that got the medals at the



previous Team Championships will be seeded into different pools, and removed to the far end of the grid.

In pools of 3 the order of matches is as follows: 1><2, 1><3 & 2><3.

MODIFICATION: If ever the number of inscriptions makes pools of four necessary, every team will fight **TWO** matches as follows: **1 x 2, 3 x 4, 1 x 4, 3 x 2.**

It is possible that in this same order several pools will be combined.

The first two Teams will move on to the tournament matches. The teams that go on will be separated from then on into different grid locations.

A different system, respecting the pool system and with a minimum of two matches for each team might be adopted, if necessary. In this case, the four best Teams of the previous Championships will be separated as indicated above in first subparagraph.

6.1.5.1.1. Specific pool system rules.

For the first round the names and the order of combats will be handed in at the managers' meeting, all others at the administration table of the shiai-jo immediately after the end of the previous fight of the respective Team.

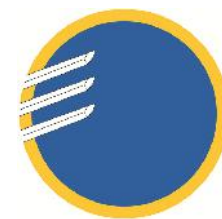
The combats are played by "sanbon-shobu" and the duration is 5 minutes for the senior categories and 4 minutes for the junior category. Equality (hikiwake) will be declared in case no points are scored or if the score is one to one.

If two Teams remain even at the end of the pool, a supplementary fight between two of the team members will decide on the victory. This fight will be held according to the "ippon-shobu"-principle, without time limit.

6.1.5.1.2. Team Classification.

Determination of the winning Team in both pool and tournament matches will be made in the following order of precedence:

1. Highest number of individual winners; but, if it is a tie, then
2. Highest number of points scored.
3. Should 1. and 2. still be a tie, a draw will be declared in the pool matches (see next subparagraph) and a play-off will be conducted in the tournament matches.
4. A default is regarded as a loss: the opponent is given 2 points.



Determination of the ranking of Teams in the pool matches will be made in the following order of precedence:

- 1. Number of Team matches won; but, if it is a tie, then**
- 2. Number of draws in Team matches (see above), if it is still a tie, then**
- 3. Number of individual winners; if it is still be a tie, then**
- 4. Number of individual draws (hikiwake), if it is still a tie, then**
- 5. Number of points scored.**

If the situation is still a tie between two Teams, either to determine the order between first and second or second and third team in the pool, a play-off (ipponshobu) between representatives of the two Teams will determine the ranking.

Should the situation be a tie between three or four teams in the pool, the ranking of Teams shall be determined by a pool played by one representative of each Team, like in the Individual Tournament.

A table which will be used in calculation of the result of pool according to the criteria 1-5 is annexed to the rules.

6.1.5.2. Tournament.

The tournament is using the knockout system. As two Teams come out of every pool, the 1st place Team will, in principle, compete with the 2nd place Team of another pool.

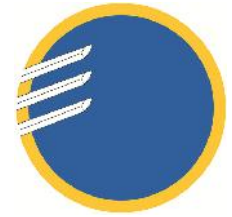
The refereeing rules and the principles for discerning the winners are the same as those defined for the pools.

6.2. Individual Championships.

6.2.1. Senior Male Individual Championship.

Every country may list a maximum of 5 (five) competitors, following the rules set out earlier.

The minimal age is 18 years at the time of the actual championship day.



6.2.2. Senior Female Individual Championship.

Every country may list a maximum of 5 (five) competitors, following the rules set out earlier.

The minimal age is 18 years at the time of the actual championship day.

6.2.3. Junior Individual Championship.

Every country may list a maximum of 5 competitors, following the rules set out earlier. The same conditions as for the team competition will apply for sex and age (see also chapters 5 & 6.1.4.).

6.2.4. Common rules for the Individual Championships.

6.2.4.1. Preliminary contests (Pool system).

Every pool is in principle composed of three fighters, who fight in the following order: 1><2, 1><3 & 2><3.

MODIFICATION: In the case of pools composed of four, each one will fight **TWO** times as follows: **1 x 2, 3 x 4, 1 x 4, 3 x 2.**

It is possible that in this same order pools will be combined.

A different system, respecting the pool system and with a minimum of two matches for each fighter might be adopted, if necessary.

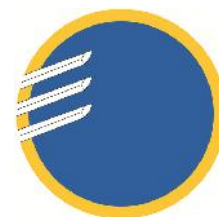
The division into different pools will be handled by drawing. Fighters of the same nation will be kept out of the same pool. The four best fighters of the previous Championships will be separated in different pools and removed to the far end of the grid.

The combat time is 4 minutes, following the “sanbon shobu” rule. If appropriate an even match (hikiwake) may be the result.

The classification of the fighters out of the same pool will be handled as follows:

- 1. The number of fights won; but, if this breaks even, then**
- 2. The number of hikiwake, and if it is still a tie, then**
- 3. The number of points scored.**

Teams are requested to consult examples of method to calculate the result of the pools (see annex).



In case of equality between two fighters, one supplementary fight will take place immediately after the normal pool fights, to establish the final order among the fighters. These fights will follow the rule of "ippon shobu", without time limit, when necessary. In case of equality between all 3 fighters at the end of the pool, they will fight again following the "sanbon shobu" principle.

6.2.4.2. Tournament.

After the pool system, the first out of every **pool of three fighters** will be put on the tournament grid. **From pools of four fighters, however, two first will be placed on the tournament grid.**

The fights will follow the knock out system.

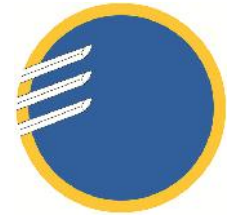
The combat time is 5 minutes for Seniors and 4 minutes for Juniors, following the "sanbon shobu" rule, with the possibility of one prolongation (encho) without time limit, if necessary.

7. SPECIFICATIONS OF THE SHINAI.

The shinai will have the format explained in the following table out of "*The Regulations of Kendo Matches and its Refereeing (Revised December 7th, 2006)*", published by F.I.K. (see page 22).

	Sex	Junior	Senior
Length	Male/Female	117 cm	120 cm
Weight	Male	440 gr	510 gr
	Female	400 gr	440 gr
Diameter	Male	25 mm	26 mm
	Female	24 mm	25 mm

Specifications for competition use of two Shinai (Nito).			
Specification	Gender	Daito (long shinai)	Shoto (short shinai)
Maximum length	Male & female	114cm	62cm
Weight	Male	440gr	280–300g (min/max)
	Female	400gr	250–280g (min/max)
Minimum diameter of sakigawa	Male	25mm	24mm
	Female	24mm	24mm



8. RULES CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE COMPETITORS AND THE CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION. INCOMPATIBILITY & MISCELLANEOUS.

8.1. Every competitor must be a member of an organization adhering to the EKF, and the inscriptions must be handed in by that organization.

8.2. Every competitor must have the nationality of the country he or she represents (a passport serves as proof). Exceptions can be allowed by the EKF President. Such exceptions need to be obtained prior to the Final Entry of Competitors. Applications for such exceptions shall be filed not later than two weeks before the Final Entry Date with the EKF Secretary-General.

8.3. Competitors must be chosen among the names that figure on the official inscription lists in every category that were handed in in due time.

8.4. Referees, Managers and Coaches may not participate as competitors in neither the Team nor the Individual Championships. Be careful for your official inscription.

8.5. Every other official may participate as a competitor keeping in mind the limited number in every category.

8.6. Any competitor may participate in both the Team and the Individual Championships provided that maximum number of persons provided for in rule 5 are not exceeded.

8.7. Every team will bring their own set of red and white ribbons to be used in all tournaments.

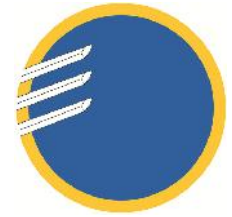
9. REFEREES.

9.1. Appointment of Referees of the European Championships is entrusted to the EKF, assisted by the ZNKR; they are chosen among those who are proposed by the EKF Member Countries.

9.2. Referees may not participate as competitors.

9.3. The function of Referee is incompatible with that of Coach or Manager, even as far as a certain reservation and neutrality remain required as general attitude.

9.4. The cost of the referees (lodging, meals, bus transport, sayonara party) is taken in charge by the organizing country for four nights, starting from **Thursday evening the 10th April 2014 to Monday morning the 14th of April 2014.**



9.5. Each referee will bring his own set of flags.

9.6. All referees will wear the same uniform: a plain white shirt, a plain deep red necktie, plain light grey trousers, a plain dark blue pair of socks and a plain dark blue jacket.

10. MANAGER.

The manager of each team is responsible for the attitude of every competitor (the correct way of wearing their bôgu, the length of the men-himo, etc.), and everything that may improve the harmonious flow of events during the Championships. He or she will maintain a general attitude that corresponds with the Budo spirit.

11. DRAWING.

The drawing for all categories will be conducted under the authority of the E.K.F. prior to the event.

12. COMPLAINTS.

All complaints concerning the Championships are to be handed in to the EKF Technical Director by the Manager or the Team Leader according to the Regulations mentioned before; all other people will be refused.

13. INSURANCE.

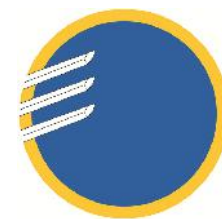
Every delegation will see to it that all its officials, all members and all participants are insured against any possible mishaps during travel and stay.

Host organization is recommended to take an insurance against any civil liability.

In case of an accident or incident (like theft, traffic accident, accident not covered by travel or sports insurance, incident leading to civil liability...) which might lead to a claim against any third party except the insurance company of the delegation or requires a written attestation by the Host Organization or by the EKF, the event has to be notified to the Host Organization and the EKF before the departure of the delegation, unless this is impossible due to the circumstances of the accident or incident.

14. DOPING PREVENTION.

A competitor who is judged by decision of the referees to be under the influence of prohibited drugs or alcohol shall be disqualified, be ordered to retire from the match and shall lose the match (Art 15, 18 of the Regulations). Additionally, the *FIK Anti-Doping Rules* (approved August 27th, 2009, Sao Paulo) and the *EKF Anti Doping Rules* (adopted



April 8th, 2010, Debrecen, the later shall prevail in case of conflict – together "The AD-Rules") including the respective updated and most recent WADA Prohibition List shall be applicable. Tests relating to the Championships shall be conducted according to the AD-Rules. In case of disqualification following any anti-doping violation, the shift of ranks method determined by FIK during the past WKC shall be applied.

15. DEADLINES FOR PRE-ENTRY AND FINAL ENTRY.

15.1. Pre-Entry period: *until 15th December 2013*

15.2. Final Entry: *until 28th February 2014*

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