

CONSTITUTION

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INTERNATIONAL KENDO FEDERATION

CHAPTER I : General Provisions

Art. 1: NAME

This organization is called the International Kendo Federation (IKF).

Art. 2: CONSTITUTION

The IKF shall consist of the officially organized National Kendo Associations or Federations of the various nations.

Art. 3: HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the IKF shall be in the town of the domicile of the Secretary General.

Art. 4: OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The official languages shall be Japanese and English.

The technical terms shall be in Japanese.

Art. 5: CHARACTER

The IKF is a non-political amateur sport organization, irrespective of racial, religious, and other differences.

CHAPTER II : Purpose and Activities

Art. 6: PURPOSE

The purpose of the IKF is to promote the development of Kendo and to strengthen the bounds of friendship between the member Associations or Federations of all nations.

Art. 7: ACTIVITIES

The IKF shall exercise the following activities in order to fulfill the purposes mentioned in the Art. 6.

- (1) to organize the World Kendo Championships.
- (2) to promote the organization of National Kendo Associations or Federations in various nations.
- (3) to establish the International Rules for Kendo Matches.
- (4) to organize seminars, and carry on research on Kendo.

- (5) to supply of the Kendo-gu and literatures of Kendo.
- (6) to exchange informations and publishing of periodical bulletins.
- (7) and to undertake other projects concerned.

CHAPTER III : Affiliation

Art. 8: AFFILIATION

Affiliation to the IKF shall be made in accordance to procedures set forth separately and to be approved at the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER IV : Officials

Art. 9: POSITION AND NUMBERS

The IKF officials shall consist of ;

President	1
Vice Presidents	sufficient number
Directors	sufficient number
Secretary General	1
Auditors	2

Art. 10: ELECTION

Officials shall be elected in the following manner ;

- (1) President will be elected at the Board of Directors.
- (2) Vice Presidents will be appointed by the President, and approved by the Board of Directors.
- (3) Directors shall be nominated from Council Nations elected at the General Assembly.
- (4) President will appoint the Secretary General with the consent of the Board of Directors.
- (5) Auditors shall be elected at the General Assembly, but who will not hold any other official position in the IKF.

Art. 11: FUNCTIONS

The functions of the officials shall be as follows:

- (1) President will represent and supervise the IKF.
- (2) Vice Presidents will assist the President. When the President cannot execute his duties due to unavoidable circumstances, a Vice President will take over the President's position according to the pre-determined order.
- (3) Directors will exercise their duties as members of the Board of Directors.
- (4) Secretary General will exercise his administrative functions for the IKF.
- (5) Auditors will execute all financial operations and undertake auditings of other monetary matters of the IKF.

Art. 12: TERMS

The terms of all officials will be 3 years, but they can be re-elected.

CHAPTER V : Technical Committee Members

Art. 13: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The IKF shall select sufficient number of members for the Technical Committee, at the Board of Directors.

The terms of Committee members shall be same as of Art. 12.

The Committee members shall exercise their functions as members of the Technical Committee.

CHAPTER VI: Administration

Art. 14: GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is the highest organ of the IKF, and exercise the approval of amendments to the Constitution, of preliminary and final financial reports, of drawing up schedules of the championships, of election of officials and of all important administrative matters.

Art. 15: President shall call the General Assembly every 3 years.

Art. 16: The General Assembly consists of the IKF officials and the representatives of affiliated Associations or Federations, and the President will preside as its chairman.

Art. 17: The General Assembly will become effective when more than a half of the representatives of affiliated Associations or Federations are present.

The decision shall be made by majority vote of the members present.

The chairman will vote only in event of a tie.

Art. 18: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors shall exercise their functions according to the decisions made by the General Assembly. Also all emergency matter will be decided by the Board of Directors, but will be placed for approval at the next General Assembly.

Art. 19: Board of Directors shall be held once every year.

An extraordinary meeting will be held when it become necessary.

Art. 20: Board of Directors consists of officials stated in Art. 9, and the President will preside as its chairman.

Art. 21: Board of Directors will become effective when more than a half of Directors are present. The decision shall be made by majority vote of the members present. The chairman will vote only in the event of a tie.

Art. 22: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Technical Committee consists of Technical Committee members and assist to executing of special assignments from the President and handles technical matters of Kendo.

CHAPTER VII: Finances

Art. 23: EXPENSE ACCOUNTING

The administrative expenses for the IKF shall be paid from membership fee, annual fees, donations, and from other income.

Art. 24: MEMBERSHIP FEE AND ANNUAL FEES

The membership fee and annual fees shall be decided at the General Assembly.

Art. 25: ANNUAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

The fiscal year of the IKF shall be from April 1st to March 31st of the next year. The financial report of the year must be reported within three months after the end of the fiscal year. At each General Assembly, the reports of every 3 years shall be made.

APPENDIX

Art. 1: (Ref. Constitution Art. 7)

The championships will be held every three years. Place, date, and the host organization shall be decided at the General Assembly. The details of programs and the concerned budget shall be decided at the Board of Directors, and based upon the proposed plan of the host organization.

Art. 2: (Ref. Constitution Art. 8)

As procedure for affiliation, the name of organization, address, regulations, the names of officials, and number of members must be submitted to the headquarters with the recommendations presented by two other member Associations or Federations.

However, in Europe, a National Association or Federation must be affiliated to the European Kendo Federation before it will be affiliated to the IKF.

Art. 3: (Ref. constitution Art. 19)

Only upon approval obtained by majority of Directors, the Board of Directors may approve the agenda by written correspondences.

In such case, the details of the procedures must be reported in the following Board of Directors.