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Dear Friends,

During a reunion of the EKF Board of Officers, held in Temse on the 27th of December 1997, the existing version of the **EKF Rules and Regulations**, to be used for the 15th European Kendo Championships in Basel (CH) was adopted.

This revised edition is included herein. Please notice that **minor changes** have been made to the following paragraphs: 5 (Age), 7.1.4.1 & 7.2.3.1. (pools of four) and 10.4. & 10.5 (referees).

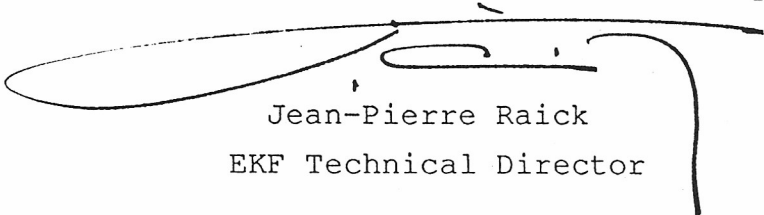
For your information we join hereby the preliminary **Championship Schedule** drawn for this event in cooperation with the SJV/SK; the final version will be distributed later, after all inscriptions have been received.

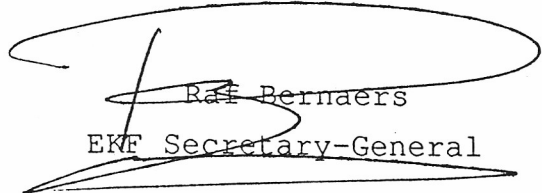
Please notice that, as this year's Kendo Seminar will be held in the morning of Monday the 13th of April, **all examinations, including the one for 6th dan**, will be organised in one session that same afternoon.

If ever you have remarks about all this, please feel free to contact us.

Wishing you all the best,

Sincerely Yours,


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EKF Technical Director


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- = 1998 Championship Rules & Regulations.
- = Provisory Championship Schedule.

Rules & Regulations of the 15th European Kendo Championships 1998.

1. Promoter: EUROPEAN KENDO FEDERATION.
Host Organization: SJV/SEKTION KENDO,
Technical Assistance: ALL JAPAN KENDO FEDERATION.

2. Place: BASEL, SWITZERLAND.

3. Events & Schedule: See SJV/SK mail (joined).

4. General Refereeing Rules.

The regulation of the matches will be made according to "The Regulations of Kendo Matches and its Refereeing (Revised July 24, 1996)", published by I.K.F., excepted for the points specified hereafter.

5. Content of the Championships.

According to the General Assemblies held in Barcelona (1992) & Paris (1994), it has been decided and confirmed that the content of the EKF Championships is as follows:

- National Team Championship with teams composed of 5 persons out of 7 inscriptions;
- Female Team Championship with teams composed of three persons out of 5 inscriptions;
- Senior Male Individual Championship for maximum 7 men older than 18 years (at the time of the actual championship);
- Senior Female Individual Championship for maximum 5 women older than 18 years (at the time of the actual championship);
- Junior Individual Championship for maximum 3 persons older than 16 and younger than 18 years (at the time of the actual championship).

Every championship gives right to the attribution of official "European Champion" titles, together with the Vice-Champion and an ex-aequo third place. Also, for every championship, a so called "Fighting Spirit" trophy is awarded.

6. Chronology.

The general principle is that for a same category the team championships precede the individual championships.

7. Specific rules for each category.

7.1. Team Championships.

7.1.2. National Team Championship.

Every country is represented by a team of five, or if there aren't sufficient inscriptions, of four or minimum three fighters (male or female), chosen freely before every fight out of the maximum of seven official arrived in due time inscriptions. Everybody should have at least the age of 18 at the time of the actual championship day (*).

For the first round the names and the order of combats will be handed in at the head judge of the *shiai-jo* and/or at the administration table, at the latest at the official start of the competitions. Afterwards this communication will be handed in immediately after the end of the previous fight.

7.1.2. Female Team Championships.

Every country is represented by a team of three, or, in default of, of minimum two fighters, chosen freely before every fight out of the maximum of five official inscriptions arrived in due time. Every woman should have at least the age of 18 at the time of the actual championship day (*).

The communication of the names and the order of combats will be handed in according to the rules set out above (7.1.1. second paragraph).

7.1.3. Participation.

Since the General Assembly of Barcelona, held in April 1992, male can only participate at the National Team Championship, female can chose between this and the Female Team Championship.

(*) Outclassing: not foreseen yet.

7.1.4: Common rules for the Team Championships.

7.1.4.1. 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 4 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.

If ever the number of inscriptions makes pools of four necessary, every team will fight three matches (1>2, 3>4, 1>4, 3>2, 3>1 & 4>2). The teams that go on will be separated from then on into different grid locations.

Only the Technical Committee will be able to adopt a different system, respecting the pool system principle (with separation of the best results of the previous championships and a minimum of two fights).

The first two teams will move on to the tournament matches.

7.1.4.1.1: Specific pool system rules.

The combats are played by "sanbon-shobu" and the duration is 5 minutes. 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 members, chosen among the participants of the previous fights, will decide on the victory. This fight will also take maximum five minutes, and be held according to the "ippon-shobu"-principle. If no decision is reached in time, one or more prolongations (*encho*) will be added in periods of three minutes each.

7.1.4.1.2: Team Classification.

Determination of the winning team in both league 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 league matches 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 each zone of the league matches will be made in the following order of precedence:

1. Highest number of matches won; but, if it is a tie, then
2. Highest number of individual winners; should there still be a tie, then (*)
3. Highest number of points scored.
4. If two teams turn out to be even in all of the cases 1. through 3., (*) a play-off between a representative of each team will determine their position.

(*) Important to notice is that in all cases, independent of the type of counting used, the even match will be considered superior to a defeat.

7.1.4.2. Tournament.

The tournament principle is 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 preliminary pools.

7.2. Individual Championships.

7.2.1. Senior Male Championship.

Every country may list a maximum of 7 competitors, following the rules set out earlier.

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

7.2.2. Senior Female Championship.

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

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

7.2.3. Common rules for the Individual Male and Female Championships.

7.2.3.1. Preliminary contests (Pool system).

Every pool is on principle composed of three fighters. In the case of pools composed of four, each one will only fight will fight three times (1>2, 3>4, 1>4, 3>2, 3>1 & 4>2).

The division into different pools will be handled by drawing, on condition that fighters of the same nation will be kept out of the same pool.

The combat time is 5 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 points scored.

Note that an even match will be considered superior to a defeat.

In case of equality, one or more supplementary fights will take place immediatly after the normal pool fights, to establish the final order among the fighters. These fights will be run for 5 minutes and follow the rule of "ippon shobu", with the possibility of prolongations of 3 minutes each (*encho*).

7.2.3.2. Tournament.

After the pool system, the first two out of every pool will be put on the tournament grid, respecting the principle of separation (see the team rules) as much as possible.

The fights will follow the knock out system.

The combat time is 5 minutes, following the "sanbon shobu" rule, with the possibility of prolongations of 3 minutes each (encho).

7.3. Individual Junior Championships.

Every country may list a maximum of 3 junior competitors.

The minimal age required is 16 years, the maximum is 18 years, all this at the time of the actual championship day.

Male and female may participate.

The refereeing rules will be the same as those adopted for the senior championships, except for the duration of the fights, which will be 4 minutes, and of the prolongations of 2 minutes each. The two first out of every pool will go on to the tournament.

8. Specifications of the shinai.

The IKF rules will be adopted.

9. Rules concerning the qualifications of the competitors and the conditions for participation. Incompatibility & miscellaneous.

- 9.1. Every competitor must be a member of an organisation adhering to the EKF, and the inscriptions must be handed in by that organisation.
- 9.2. Every competitor must have the nationality of the country he represents (a passport serves as proof).
- 9.3. Competitors must be chosen among the names that figure on the official inscription lists in every category that were handed in in due time.
- 9.4. Referees, Managers and Coaches may not participate as competitors in neither the Team nor the Individual Championships.
- 9.5. Every other official may participate as a competitor keeping in mind the limited number in every category.

9.6. Any competitor may participate in both the Team and the Individual Championships.

9.7. Mixed teams: see 7.1.3.

10. Referees.

10.1. Appointment of Referees of the European Championships is entrusted to the EKF Technical Committee, assisted by the ZNKR, in accordance with the IKF Referee Registration Regulations; they are chosen among those who are proposed by the EKF Member Countries.

10.2. Referees may not participate as competitors.

10.3. 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.

10.4. The cost of the referees (lodging, meals, transport, sayonara) is taken in charge by the organising country for four nights, starting from Thursday evening 9th of April to Monday morning 13th of April.

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

11. Drawing.

11.1. The drawing for all categories will be made prior to the event, on Tuesday the 7th of April at the Basel Hilton, under the authority of the EKF Technical Committee, in cooperation with the SJV/SK.

11.2. Every country may be represented by the Manager or the Team Leader, or someone indicated especially; every other person is excluded.

12. Complaints.

All complaints are to be handed in by the Manager or the Team Leader; all other people are excluded.

13. Deadlines for Pre-Entry and Final Entry.

13.1. Pre-Entry: 12th of December 1997.

13.2. Final Entry: The deadline of the final entry will be the 31st of January 1998.

In case of 'superior force', names may be altered until one week prior to the actual event.

Preliminary Program of the 15th European Kendo Championships 1998.

Thursday 9th of April 1998.

14:00 EKF General Assembly (Hilton Hotel, Basel);
From 14:00 Arrival of the delegations;
16:00 - 18:00 Team Training possibility + transfer;
19:00 Welcome drink (offered at Hilton Hotel);
20:00 Manager meeting;
From 20:00 Shinai check;
20:30 EKF Dinner (for officials).

Friday 10th of April.

10:00 Referee Meeting (Sports Center, Basel);
10:00 Team Training possibility;
12:00 Lunch;
13:30 *Official Opening Ceremony* (all delegations);
From 14:00 Competition (Ladies teams & Juniors);
16:30 Presentation of Prices;
17:00 General Geiko.
18:00 Transfer to hotel.
From 19:00 Shinai check;

Saturday 11th of April.

08:00 Transfer to Sports Center, Basel;
09:00 Team Competition;
12:00 Lunch;
15:00 Demonstrations;
16:30 Presentation of Prices;
17:00 General Geiko.
18:00 Transfer to hotel.
From 19:00 Shinai check;

Sunday 12th of April.

07:30 Transfer to Sports Center, Basel;
08:30 Ladies & Men Individual Competition;
12:00 Lunch;
17:00 Presentation of Prices;
Closing Ceremony;
General Geiko.
18:00 Transfer to hotel.
19:30 Sayonara Party.

Monday 13th of April.

09:30 Transfer to Sports Center, Basel;
10:00 Kendo Seminar;
13:00 Lunch;
14:00 Dan Grading up to 6th Dan,
for all candidates.