

The R. A. Lidstone Memorial Taikai 1973

Taikai in memory of Mr R.A.Lidstone 4th Dan Renshi, late Chairman of the B.K.A., will take place at the Nonriki Dojo, Trinity House School, Harper Road, London, S.E.1 (Nearest Tube - Elephant and Castle), on Saturday, 9th June, 1973.

Contests will be on a knockout basis, the programme beginning immediately after the draw for contestants, which will take place at 2.45pm.

All contestants must sign in before 2.30pm. Mr. John Howell will be on duty from 1.30 pm. for this purpose.

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Entry is open to all Kyu ranks (up to and including 1st Kyu) who hold current (1973) membership of the BKA*, and entries should be sent to Mr.J.Howell, 31, Woodstock Rise, Sutton, Surrey to arrive no later than the last post of Wednesday, 6th June, 1973.

Shiai rules for this Taikai are enclosed, and will be explained in full before the Taikai begins.

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A taikai fee of 15p per entry is charged, and should be sent with the entries. The fee will be used to cover the expenses of the Taikai Judges.

As part of the programme a Yudansha Kohaku Shiai will be held. Yudansha of all ranks wishing to take part should give their names to Mr. Howell before 2.30pm. If the entry to the Memorial Taikai is large, it may be necessary to limit the numbers taking part in the Kohaku Shiai.

The Scoring System

In these matches we have Junior Kondoka taking part and we shall use the All Japan Kendo Renmei rules. These can be briefly summarised.

1. The matches will be 3 minutes in duration with possible extensions of 2 minutes each, and will be for three points. (Sanbon shobu)

2. The winner of a match will be the swordsman scoring a clear point more than his opponent up to a maximum of two points at time being called, or before if two points are taken. In an extension the first cut scored is the winning point.

3. Cuts must be made to the legal targets and must fulfil the following requirements for the judges:-

a. They must be positive in striking.

b. They must be deliberate.

c. They must be made with good posture and proper movement.

d. They must be accompanied by a kiai, or shout.

e. The proper part of the fencing sword must strike the target.

4. The valid targets are: Centre of head; Left and right temples; left and right wrists; left and right side of the breastplate. Tsuki not permitted.

5. Infringements: Contestants may not step out of the contest area which will be clearly marked. Warnings for this and other infringements will be given by the senior judge and a point awarded to the opponent on the third infringement of this rule. Serious infringements may result in disqualification and an automatic win for the opponent.

6. There will be three Judges. all with equal powers, but the forward Judge will give all the necessary orders during the matches. A president of the Judging panel will be appointed who will arbitrate in cases of doubt on procedure.