

Stadgar EKF



CONSTITUTION

European Kendo Federation

Chapter One: General Provisions

- Art. 1. Name
The Organisation shall be called the EUROPEAN KENDO FEDERATION (EKF)
- Art. 2. Membership
Only one official national Kendo organisation from each country will be recognized and may become a member of EKF.
- Art. 3. Headquarters /B
The headquarters of the Federation shall be in the domicile of the President
- Art. 4. Official Language
The official language shall be English. The technical terms shall be in Japanese written with Romanji in Hepburn system.
- Art. 5. Character
The EKF shall be a non political amateur sport organisation, irrespective of racial, religious or other differences.

Chapter Two: Purpose and Activities

- Art. 6. Purpose
The purpose of the EKF is to promote the development of Kendo and to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the member Associations or Federations of all nations.
- Art. 7. Activities
The EKF shall exercise the following activities in order to fulfill the purposes mentioned in Art.6. :
1. to organize the European Kendo Championships;
 2. to promote the organisation of National Kendo Associations or Federations in various European countries;
 3. to control the regulations of grading;
 4. to organize seminars and carry on researches on Kendo;
 5. to supply equipment and reference books and other literature on Kendo;
 6. to exchange information and publish a periodical bulletin;
 7. to undertake other projects.

Chapter Three: Affiliation

- Art. 8. Affiliation
Affiliation to the EKF shall be made according to procedures set forth separately and to be approved at the General Assembly.

Chapter Four: Officials

- Art. 9. Officials
The EKF Board shall consist of the following European Kendoka of yudansha rank from each country plus one representative of the Advisory Group.
President
Secretary-General
Treasurer.

Art. 10.

Election

1. the officials shall be elected by the Board;
2. Auditors shall be elected at a General Assembly and shall not hold any other official position in the EKF.

Art. 11.

Functions

The functions of the officials shall be as follows:

1. the President shall represent and supervise the EKF
2. the Secretary General will exercise his administrative functions for the EKF;
3. the Treasurer shall execute all financial operations and the Auditors shall examine the accounts.

Art. 12.

Terms

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

Chapter Five: Advisory Group

Art. 13.

Advisory Group

The members of the Japanese A.G. shall be authorized by the All Japan Kendo Federation (Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei) and recognized as technical counsellor by each European Nation in which they assume their position. Only one Japanese senior yudansha by nation will be considered as member of A.G.

The members of A.G. will inform the EKF and the ZNKR about their elected Responsible.

The responsible member of the A.G. has a seat, with a consultative voice, in the EKF's Board. He will be well informed and will be able to supply suggestions if needed.

Members of the A.G. may be mandated by the country they belong to participate at the General Assembly of the EKF.

Members of the A.G. will meet at their agreement.

Tasks

The principal tasks of A.G. are:

- a. to assure connections between ZNKR and EKF, all about diffusion and technical and spiritual evolution of Kendo.
- b. to help with the promotion of the European Kendo, especially in countries where Kendo is not implanted.
- c. to establish friendly exchanges between European and Japanese kendoka.
- d. to ensure, in close cooperation with the Board of EKF, promotion of graduation according to EKF's Constitution and the Statutes of the International Kendo Federation (IKF).
- e. to establish contacts with kendo experts visiting Europe and even other kendoexperts in or outside Japan.

The costs for each member of the A.G. will be paid by the corresponding Nation.

Authority

The Authority of the A.G. is strictly limited to European level.

The authority of each member of the A.G. is strictly limited in the country for which he had been appointed.

Chapter Six:

Administration

Art. 14.

Duties of the Board

The duties of the Board are:

1. to administer current affairs and execute the decisions of the General Assembly;

2. to have the responsibility to inform member countries of current affairs;
 3. to keep all correspondence and to keep copies of all outgoing documents.
- Art. 15. The Board shall elect a Working Committee to conduct routine affairs.
- The Board may meet at last once a year and/or as required. At each Board meeting the next convening place for meeting will be determined.
- Art. 16. General Assembly
The General Assembly consists of delegates and officials from the Associations or Federations of affiliated nations and the President will preside as its Chairman.
- Art. 17. The General Assembly is the highest organ of the EKF and exercises the approval of rules, of preliminary and final reports and of organizing the championships of drawing up schedules, of elections of officials and of all other important administrative matters.
- Art. 18. The President shall call a General Assembly at last every three years giving three months' notice in advance.
- Art. 19. The General Assembly will be effective when the member nations shall be present or represented. Should a member nation not attend nor give power of proxy then the Assembly can continue to work effectively.
Proxy shall be limited to two to any one nation.
The Chairman will vote only in the event of a tie.
- Art. 20. An Extraordinary General Meeting may at any time be called by the Board or two thirds of the member nations. Such meeting shall be at the headquarters of the EKF as defined in Art. 3.
If such Extraordinary General Meeting is called then it must be held within three months of the date of calling.
The agenda for such an Extraordinary General Meeting must be send by registered letter by the President.

Chapter Seven: Finances

- Art. 21. Expense Accounting
The administrative expenses of the EKF shall be paid from the membership fee, annual fees, donations and from other income.
- Art. 22. Membership and Financial Expenses.
The membership fee and annual expense shares will be specified in separate clause.
- Art. 23. Annual Financial Accounting
The fiscal year of the EKF shall be from 1st January to 31st December in each year. The financial and administrative report of the year must be presented within three months of the end of accounting period. At each General Assembly the reports for previous three year period just completed shall be made.

Chapter Eight: Promotions

- Art. 24. Promotions
All promotions in Kendo are within the province of the EKF.
Recommendations into and within kyu may be made by the various National Renmei in accordance with sub-para 1. below.
1. All kendoka of dan degree who are registered by the EKF shall have the power to recommend promotions of Junior and Senior kendoka up to and including 1st kyu. Such promotion shall be made by the official technical committee of the National Association or Federation.
 2. Recommendation for promotion into and within dan degree shall be made solely by examiners of the EKF in accordance with paras 3 and 4 below.

3. The dan degree shall be made by two senior examiners both of whom are present at the same time and who may recommend promotion up to a level of two degrees lower than the lower grade held by them.
4. Promotion to 4th dan degree and above may be recommended and approved by the A.G. of the EKF always provided that two thirds of the total members of the Board are in agreement and subject to the final approval of the International Kendo Federation.

After promotions have been approved they shall be registered by the Board with the Secretary of the European Kendo Federation and shall not take effect until so registered.

Registry

The Secretary General of the EKF shall keep a Register and issue certificates relating to promotions to and within the dan degrees.

Authorised grades

1. Members and Individuals shall not publish in any form grades other than those recorded at the EKF.
2. Dan degree holders of the ZNKR or affiliated organisations or the IKF shall not be required to make application for confirmation of rank but must register with the EKF.
3. Kendoka not holding degree of dan of ZNKR or affiliated organisations or IKF and training in clubs registered with the various National Associations or Federations but who are not registered as member yudansha with the EKF should apply to the A.G. of the EKF for confirmation of rank.

Chapter Nine: Competitions Rules.

Art. 25. Competitions

Competitions under the responsibility of the EKF shall be carry out in accordance with "Rules for Kendo Match" and "Referee Rules for Kendo" issued by the Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei in March 1970 for the 1st World Championship in Tokyo.

/ Approved by the General Assembly of the EKF 28th of February 1970 in Paris/



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