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Your Ref.

Our Ref.

Dear Sirs:

We take pleasure in sending you the official invitation letter and the Program of the 2nd World Championships enclosed with this announcement.

In June, IKF Vice-President, Mr. Ohya had the opportunity of a discussion with the officials of the U.S. Kendo Federation in Los Angeles. According to Mr. Ohya's report the U.S. Kendo Federation is now making preparations in order to receive in California around three hundred guests from all over the world and to make a useful and enjoyable week for the guests.

I also will go to the U.S. in the near future and will confirm the completion of the preparations to discharge my duty.

Anyway, the success of the Championships will depend on the number of countries and teams participating. I heartily wish that as many people kindly take part as possible on this occasion as Kendo comrades in the world are to gather together only once every three years.

Faithfully yours,

Toshiaki Kasahara Sec. General of

International Kendo Federation

P.S. With reference to (10) regarding the application of Preentree in the Program of the 2nd World Championships, would you kindly inform us by all means of your participation and the number of prospective participants by October 31st?

The International Kendo Federation takes the pleasure of inviting the members of your National Team to participate in the celebrations and competitions of the Second World Kendo Championships to be held at Los Angeles and San Francisco, California, U.S.A. from April 8th to 15th, 1973 in accordance with Kendo Championship regulations.

INTERNATIONAL KENDO FEDERATION

President KENDO FEDERATION OF U.S.A.

PROGRAM OF THE 2ND WORLD KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

(1) Promoter: International Kendo Federation

Organizer: U.S. Kendo Federation

(2) Schedule (Item, Date, Place)

Team Matches : April 8th (Sunday), 1973. Los Angeles Individual Matches : April 15th (Sunday), 1973. San Francisco

Others:

a) Reception : April 7th Los Angeles b) Farewell Party : April 15th San Francisco

c) The followings are scheduled to be held and the details will be announced later:
Goodwill Matches, Friendly exchange of trainings, Seminars and
Sightseeing. Several Meetings of the I. K. F.

Attendants in delegate teams may participate in the above items, a), b) and c).

(3) Match Methods & Numbers of Participants for Matches

Team Matches:

Each affiliated organization may enter 1 team.

1 team should be composed by 5 members.

Preliminary matches ··· Participating teams are divided into 4 zones and league

matches are to be held in each zone.

Finals Participated by the champion teams of each zone.

By tournament system.

Individual Matches : Each affiliated organization may enter a maximum of seven

members.

Goodwill Matches : No entree limited. By a two (Red and White) team system.

(4) Regulation of the Matches: According to I. K. F. Regulations on Matches and on refereeing.

(5) Referees: 21 members (chief-referee and his staff) should be selected and be entrusted by the headquarters of the Championships.

(6) Matching

Team Matches: Fixed by drawing. However, the First, Second and Third winning teams in the last world Championships are to be seeded.

Individual Matches: Fixed by drawing.

Goodwill Matches : Fixed by taking Dan grades and ages into consideration.

Female matches are held separately.

(7) Prize Awarding:

Team Matches: The First, Second and Third prizes are awarded to the winning teams. Individual Matches: The first, Second and Third prizes are awarded to the winners. And also, the ten superior competitors will receive prizes.

(8) Qualifications for Participation:

- a) All the competitors to participate in Team and Individual Matches should be members registered with the organizations affiliated to the I. K. F. However, the Goodwill Matches are open to others, also.
- b) The participants in the Team Matches may at the same time take part in the Individual Matches.

(9) Responsibility of Expenses:

a) Expenses for travelling, staying (hotels, meals and so on) are on each participating team.

Notes: Hotel accommodations are to be conciliated by the U. S. Kendo Federation. \$ 16.00 per one day, twin room (estimated)

- b) Expenses for operating the Championships, transportation costs involved by the scheduled program, expenses for sightseeing in the city and expenses for the parties are on the U. S. Kendo Federation.
- c) Expenses for the Meetings and others accompanied by are on the I. K. F.

(10) Entrees:

The name list of the delegate team of each organization and applications for each item of the competitions are requested to reach the I. K. F. headquarters not later than January 31st, 1973.

In order to help the preparations of the Championships, each affiliated organization is requested to inform the I. K. F. headquarters if they will participate or not and on number of its participants not later than October 31st, 1972.