PROGRAM AND REGULATIONS OF THE 3RD WORLD KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. PROMOTER : International Kendo Federation

ORGANIZER : British Kendo Association

II. SCHEDULE :

April 1976

13 (Tue)	(All the delegations arrive in London)			London
14 (Wed)	IKF-Meeting	Match Drawing	Welcome Party	London
15 (Thu)	IKF-Meeting	Seminars	Goodwill Match	London
16 (Fri)	Training	(transfer to Milton Keynes)		London
	Meeting of Judges		Meeting of Managers	Milton keynes
17 (Sat)	Team Championship		Dan-Examination (Sho-Dan~5-Dan of All Japan Kendo Federation)	Milton keynes
18 (Sun)	Individual Championship		Farewell Party	Milton keynes
19 (Mon)	Training	(transfer to London)	Breakup	Milton keynes

III. METHOD FOR THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP :

1) Structure of the team

a. 1 team from each organization.

b. Entry of 7 competitors maximum shall be made beforehand by each organization. (Deadline 31 Jan. 1976)

c. 1 team shall consist of 5 competitors.
The names of the team members and the order of competing must be submitted at the Meeting of Managers (16 April).

If there are less than five competitors from an organization, they are permitted to form a team consisting of three or four. In the former case, the order of competing will be the 1st, 2nd & 3rd players; the 4th & 5th players will be considered disqualified. In the latter case, the order will be the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th players; the 5th player will be considered disqualified. This disqualification will be regarded as a loss, giving the opponent two points.

d. The team member(s) can be replaced by the two substitutes. However, the order cannot be changed.

2) Preliminary contest

a. League matches shall be held for each "zone." Each zone shall consist of 3 teams except that when this does not work out evenly 2 teams may form a zone.

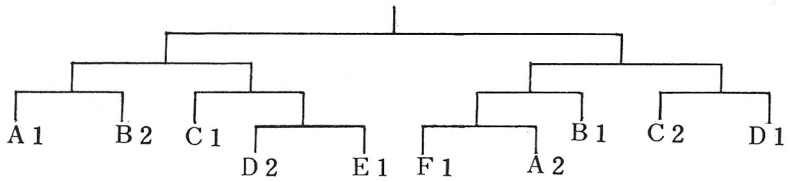
b. The matching of teams for each zone shall be determined by drawing. However, the four teams which placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the 2WKC shall be seeded into different zones.

c. 2 teams from a zone of 3 teams and 1 team from a zone of 2 teams shall qualify to move onto the next tournament.

3) Tournament

Firstly, the 1st place team of each zone shall compete with the 2nd place team of another zone.

(Example) In a case where 16 teams participate ……
Preliminary match : Zones A, B, C, D will consist of 3 teams each. Zones E and F will consist of 2 teams each.
Matchings for the tournament :



shall be decided according to the number of matches won by each team. When two or more teams have won the same number of matches, the ranking shall be given according to the total number of winners in the team.
When the number of winners in each team are also the same, the ranking shall be decided according to the number of total individual points of each team. In calculating both the number of winners and the number of matches won by each team, a drawn game is to be counted as 0.5 point.

b. When the number of winners and total individual points are the same in the league matches or tournament matches, a winner is decided by a play-off match between the representatives from each team.

4) Awards

Awards shall be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd (2 teams) place teams and to 5 "Fighting Spirit Players."
"Fighting Spirit Players" will be determined by the President based on the recommendations of the referees.

IV. METHOD FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP :

1) Number of competitors
Maximum of 7 from each organization

2) Preliminary contest

a. League matches shall be held for each zone. Each zone shall consist of 3 competitors except that when this does not work out evenly 2 competitors may form a zone.

b. The matching of competitors for each zone shall be determined by drawing. However, competitors from the same organization shall be seeded into different zones.

c. 1 competitor from each zone shall move onto the next tournament.

Note : Cases in which the results for 2 or 3 competitors turn out to be the same shall be handled in accordance with the above mentioned "Note".

3) Tournament

The matching shall be in the order of the zone prescribed above.

4) Awards

Awards shall be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd (2 competitors) place winners and to 5 "Fighting Spirit Players." "Fighting Spirit Players" will be determined by the President based on the recommendation of the referees.

V. METHOD FOR THE GOODWILL MATCH :

1) Ranking

There will be the following six ranks :

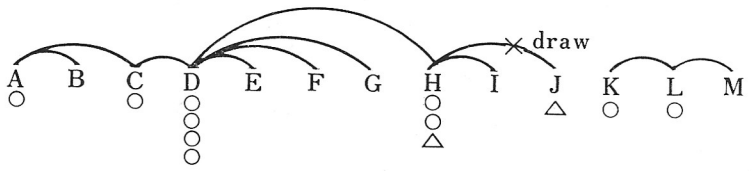
ⓐ Youths Division (for those 15 years old and under as of 1 April 1976)
ⓑ Ladies' Division
ⓒ Non-Dan and Sho-Dan Division
ⓓ 2nd-Dan and 3rd-Dan Division
ⓔ 4th-Dan and 5th-Dan Division
ⓕ 6th-Dan and over Division

2) Number of Competitors

There is no limit to entries for ⓐ and ⓑ ranks. Each organization may enter a maximum total of 10 competitors for ⓒ plus ⓓ plus ⓔ plus ⓕ ranks.

3) Each division will hold matches successively in accordance with orders determined by drawing.

(Example)



VI. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE COMPETITORS :

A. The following qualifications are required for a competitor making entry in the Team or Individual Championship :

a. that he be registered in an organization affiliated to IKF ;

b. that he meet the conditions stipulated in Articles 26 and 27 of the "Olympic Rules and Regulations" (Ref. Attached sheets) ;

c. when and if his qualifications do not fall under b., or when there is uncertainty about this, he will be eligible only when his participation is recognized at the IKF Directors' Meeting ;

d. a player may compete in both the Team Championship and the Iudividual Championship ;

e. the referees may not participate as competitors.

〔Recognition at IKF Board of Directors' meeting 1975〕

The competitors to the Championships need not possess the citizenship of the country they represent, provided they qualify for both of the following conditions :

1. that they have a permanent visa and resident status of the country they represent ;
2 that they have a job in the country.

B. Those not falling under A-a or A-b shall also be eligible for open participation in the Goodwill Match subject to approval by IKF Headquarters.

VII. REGULATION OF THE MATCHES :

According to IKF Rules for Kendo Matches and IKF Referee Rules for Kendo.

VIII. DEMONSTRATIONS :

17 April (Team Championship)	(1) Kendo-Kata (2) Iai
18 April (Individual Championship)	(3) Koryu-Kata (Classic style) (4) Naginata-Kata (5) Fundamental guidance for youths and women (6) Model Matches
15 April (Goodwill Match)	Several events from above.

IX. OFFICIALS AND REFEREES :

Officials : Their appointment shall be entrusted to IKF Headquarters and the British Kendo Association.

Referees : Twenty-one including the Chief Judge. IKF Headquarters shall determine the qualifications of referees, taking into account that they should be selected from various organizations. Based on these qualifications, they shall be selected from among persons recommended by the organizations.

X. SHARING OF THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY :

1) Air fare, accomodation and meals ..... by the participants.
2) Expenses required for the preparation and management of the Taikai, transportation to the sites, programme, awards ..... by British Kendo Association.
3) Expenses required for the IKF Conference, meals, and simultaneous interpretation ..... by IKF.

However ;

4) Accomodation at Milton Keynes (3 days) is free.
5) Expenses for the two parties shall be borne partially by the participants : the rest shall be paid by British Kendo Association.
6) Sight-seeing expenses shall be paid by the participants.

XI. ENTRIES OF PARTICIPANTS

Officials and competitors for each match must apply for entry with designated application form, which must arrive at IKF Headquarters by 31 January 1976.