

THE BRITISH KENDŌ ASSOCIATION

OPEN INDIVIDUAL YŪDANSHA TAIKAI

Date: This important Tournament will be held on Saturday,
2nd November 1968 to commence promptly at 16.00 hrs.

Venue: Bujutsukai Kendō Dōjō, West End Club, Ashby Road,
Coalville, Leicestershire.

Matches: Entry is invited from all yūdansha holding ranks of
shō-dan, ni-dan, and san-dan, irrespective of nation-
ality or length of residence in Europe. (See note)

Names of competitors will be drawn blind and a straight
knockout system will be employed. There will be no
repercharge.

Matches will be of 5 minute duration with extensions
of two minutes. They will be judged according to the
rules of the Ōshū Kendō Renmei and the Zen Nippon
Kendō Renmei. There will be a President of the judg-
ing committee appointed who will arbitrate in the case
of doubt on the part of the umpires.

It is emphasised that this is NOT a championship
taikai with any national or international significance.
Awards will be given to the winner and runner-up.

Entries:
(British) Will all those British yūdansha intending to take part
please write immediately to the Secretary of the
Kendō Renmei to let him know. Don't leave it then just
turn up on the day because the draw may already have
been made.

Other Info: There will be several important guests present. The
Nihon Kendō-no-kata, Naginata-no-kata, Iai-jutsu, and
possibly Naginata-keiko, will be shown. As many Kendōka
as possible should come to see this Taikai.

Note: Selected non-yūdansha will be permitted to take part
on recommendation from their respective Kendō Renmei
from the rest of Europe. This will NOT apply to our
own members.

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THE SCORING SYSTEM

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

1. The matches will be 5 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. (Against a rushed attack a light cut may score.)
 - 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, centre of neck protection (for thrust).
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.

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After the event, which must terminate between 20.00 and 20.30 hrs, Kendōka and guests will find full bar facilities at the West End Club and it is considered an excellent thing if Kendō were to be discussed with the official guests some of whom are connected with civic and educational administration in Leicestershire. One object is to create a favourable climate for the expansion of Kendō in the county and from thence to other parts of the Midlands.

Dress: As this is an important function for the British Kendō Association we would like our members to treat this as somewhat formal and dress accordingly: Lounge suits, white shirts, ties, and so on. Kendō clothing should be clean and pressed as far as is possible.

Overnight Accommodation This will be somewhat limited but contact should be made soon with Mr. Bill Prytherch, 67 Melros Road, Thringstone, Leicester, who will be glad to advise.

Information on the exact location of the Club is also available from Mr. Prytherch.

All other information from The Secretary, The British Kendō Association, 29 Egremont Place, Brighton BN2 2GA. B'ton 682786