

E U R O P E A N K E N D O F E D E R A T I O N

date 01-12-98	from Raf BERNAERS EKF Secretary-General Koning-Albertstraat 113 B-2547 LINT - BELGIUM	to All EKF-Members & & applicants: BU, EG, IRL, LA, SL, & TU. EKF B.O., EKF T.C.
reference EKF715AZ		
subject your.ref.	DAN GRADING EXAMINATIONS	copy to - IKF; - ZNKR.

Dear Friends,

During the year, most inquiries for information received from our members treat Grading Examinations for Kendo, Iaido, Jodo and related disciplines. It appears that this part of the rules remains unclear, especially whereas exam intervals and examination pannels are concerned. On the other hand, we insist on keeping the same inscription and single registration amounts. The Registration Procedure hasn't been altered. For your convenience the ideal procedure regarding organisation and registration of examinations is repeated hereafter.

1. Before an examination

1.1 The examination is to be announced to the EKF at least two months in advance, in order to allow for publishing in the European Calendar; this method gives everyone in Europe the possibility to participate, at least everyone who possesses a written authorisation by his own country federation's President; for practical reasons it is strongly advised to use the model of inscription form included herein: it contains all required data and the sign of the President is an equivalent for the required written permission;

1.2 This letter to the EKF includes also the following information:

1.2.1. the number of expected shodan participants (and of those who, for some reason, are not in the possession of a Dan Registration card); the necessary number of 'yellow cards' will be sent immediately in order to be signed by the examination jury's President if the applicant is successful; every first Dan applicant is to be informed that a picture will be necessary after succeeding the exam;

- Models of inscription & Dan registration forms.

documents

- 1.2.2. the *number of expected participants*, so that the necessary (green) Dan Registration File forms can be sent if needed;
- 1.2.3. the *composition* of the jury, keeping in mind the rules of the IKF, as mentioned under 2.1.;
- 1.2.4. the *possible grades* to be obtained;
- 1.2.5. the *amount of the application fee* (see also 3.2.2).

2. During the examination

- 2.1 The *examination jury* is to be composed according to the revised Standard Rules for Dan/Kyu Examination, as implemented and published by the IKF after the revision of March 26, 1997; Article 5 explains about the examiner's qualifications, the number of examiners required and the minimal approval quorum:

Dan examined:	Examiner:	Number:	Criteria:
1 Dan	4 Dan and over	5	Consent of min 3
2 Dan	5 Dan and over	5	Consent of min 3
3 Dan	5 Dan and over	5	Consent of min 3
4 Dan	6 Dan and over	7	Consent of min 5
5 Dan	7 Dan and over	7	Consent of min 5
6 Dan	7 Dan and over	7	Consent of min 5
7 Dan	7 Dan and over	7	Consent of min 5

- 2.2 The applicant's qualifications shall abide by Article 2 of these IKF-rules, which states that all of them shall be registered members in their country and have at least the following practice periods and age:

Dan/Kyu:	Shortest practice period:	Minimal age:
Ikkyu	-	12
Shodan	3 months after the Ikkyu exam	14
Nidan	1 year after the Shodan exam	
Sandan	2 years after the Nidan exam	
Yondan	3 years after the Sandan exam	
Godan	4 years after the Yondan exam	
Rokudan	5 years after the Godan exam	
Shichidan	6 years after the Rokudan exam	

3.2 As far as application and registration fees are concerned, independent of the fact if it is an examination held under the authority of the EKF or not, an application fee should be paid beforehand, whereas the registration fee is to be paid on place, immediately after the examination, at least if it was successful; we suggest that every organisation bases the fee amounts asked for on the EURO equivalents following on the next page, in order to avoid "cheap" and "expensive" exams; these sums are the about the same as the ones asked for by the All Japan Kendo Federation.

3.1.4. the listings of the complete examination results.

3.1.3. the filled-in Dan Registration forms, with a copy of the existing 'yellow cards' pasted on it, for the other applicants;

3.1.2. the 'yellow cards' of the successful Shodan applicants (and equivalents), duly signed by the head of the examination jury; these cards will be returned to the member's federation after having been registered by EKF;

3.1.1. the remainder of blanc 'yellow cards',

3.1 The following documents are to be returned or sent to the EKF:

3. After the examination

1 Kyu	Tachi ippon- to sanbonme (1-3)
1 Dan	Tachi ippon- to gohonme (1-5)
2 Dan	Tachi ippon- to nanahonme (1-7)
3 Dan and over	Tachi ippon- to nanahonme and Kodachi sanbon (1-10)
Kyu/Dan applied for: Examination subjects:	

2.5 The Kata examination is organised according to Article 4 (2) of the IKF-rules mentioned above:

1 Kyu	Matches and Kata
1 Dan up to 5 Dan	Matches, Kata and written test
6 Dan & 7 Dan	Matches, Kata, written test & Refereeing.
Kyu/Dan applied for: Examination subjects:	

2.4 The examination subjects are organised according to Article 4 (1) of the IKF-rules:

2.3 The examinees are ordered according to their age; the youngest comes first.

3.2.1. for your information, we repeat that the application fee is to be paid to the organising federation, before the examination, and can be used to pay the cost of the organisation; nevertheless we propose that the fees be based on the following amounts, in order to equalise all differences between different member countries:

1 Dan	10 EURO
2 Dan	15 EURO
3 Dan	25 EURO
4 Dan	30 EURO
5 Dan	40 EURO
6 Dan	60 EURO
Dan applied for:	
Amount:	

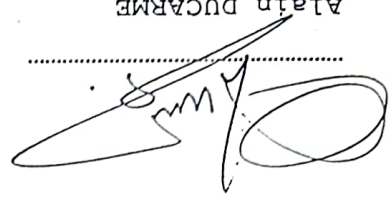
3.2.2. if it is an EKF exam, the following registration fees will be asked for after successful examinations; again we suggest to ask about the same amount in your own country:

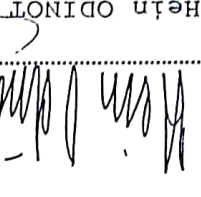
1 Dan	15 EURO
2 Dan	25 EURO
3 Dan	30 EURO
4 Dan	40 EURO
5 Dan	60 EURO
6 Dan	90 EURO
Dan applied for:	
Amount:	

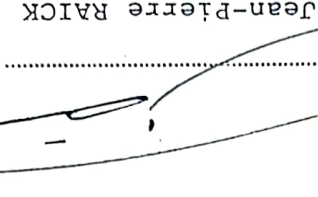
3.3 If your country doesn't have diplomas, you may ask the EKF for free *Menjo*. Until depletion, the present design will be distributed further on.

We hope you'll find this information useful and complete. If not, or if you have any other remarks, please feel free to send them to the EKF Secretary-General. It's still worthwhile as this information is published yearly in the Newsletter.

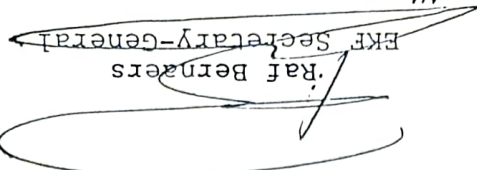
Signed for approval,


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