

Rules & Regulations of the 17th European Iaido Championships 2010.

01. **PROMOTER:** EUROPEAN KENDO FEDERATION.

HOST ORGANISATION: FÉDÉRATION FRANÇAISE DE JUDO & DISCIPLINES ASSOCIÉES (C.N.K.).

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: ALL JAPAN KENDO FEDERATION.

02. **PLACE:** PARIS, FRANCE.

03. **DATE:** the 13th and the 14th of November 2010.

04. **EVENTS & SCHEDULE:** Will be distributed by the C.N.K.

05. **GENERAL REFEREEING RULES.**

The regulations of the matches will follow "The Rules and Regulations of Iaido *Shiai* and *Shinpan*", published by IKF (revised October 1st, 1996) as close as possible.

06. **CONTENT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

The content of the EIC is as follows:

- Individual National Championship for maximum two participants (male or female) divided into 7 categories.

These categories are the following:

1. *Mudan* (kyu);
2. *Shodan* (1st dan);
3. *Nidan* (2nd dan);
4. *Sandan* (3rd dan);
5. *Yondan* (4th dan);
6. *Godan* (5th dan);
7. *Rokudan* (6th dan).

- National Team Championship with teams composed of 3 persons and a maximum total of "10 *dan*" (*madan* are counted as a *shodan*). (For example, player 1 may have *godan*, player 2 *shodan* and player 3 *yondan*: 5 + 1 + 4 = 10; but a team may also consist of three *shodan*: 1 + 1 + 1 is less than 10).

Every championship gives right to the attribution of official "European Champion" titles, together with the "Vice-Champion" and two ex-aequo third places.

Also, for every championship, *minimum one* so called "Fighting Spirit" trophy is awarded.

07. SPECIFIC RULES FOR EACH CATEGORY.

07.1. Individual Championships.

07.1.1. For all categories.

Every country may list a maximum of 2 competitors, following the rules set out earlier. The participant must have at the time of the actual championships the exact grade of the category he or she participates in.

07.1.2. Common Rules for Individual Championships.

07.1.2.1. *Preliminary contests (Pool system).*

Everybody having entered the official inscription in due time will be divided by drawing into as many pools of 3 as possible. However, the 4 fighters that got the medals at the previous Individual Championships will be seeded into different pools, and removed to the far end of the grid. Also during this drawing fighters with the same nationality will be kept out of the same pool.

The fighters in the pools of three fight in the following order: $1 > 2$, $1 > 3$ & $2 > 3$.

If ever the number of inscriptions makes pools of four necessary, everyone will fight the following three matches: $1 > 2$, $3 > 4$, $1 > 4$, $3 > 2$, $3 > 1$ & $4 > 2$. The ones that go on will be separated from then on into different grid locations.

The maximal combat time is **4 minutes for three kata.**

The classification of the individual out of the same pool will be based on the following:

1. The number of matches won;
2. If this is equal, the number of flags is counted;
3. If this is equal as well, a "knock out" match of only one *Shitei Waza* will be played. The Court Judge will announce the *Shitei Waza* before the start of the match.

The first 2 classified of each pool will move on to the Tournament matches.

07.1.2.2. *Tournament.*

After the pool system, the first 2 out of every pool will be put on the tournament grid, respecting the principle of separation (see 07.1.2.1.) as much as possible.

The tournament is using the knockout system. As two fighters come out of every pool, the 1st placed will, in principle, compete with the 2nd placed of another pool.

The maximal combat time is **6 minutes for five kata.**

07.2. Team Championships.

07.2.1. Composition of the team.

Every country is represented by a team of 3 or minimum 2 fighters, chosen freely before every fight out of the maximum of 4 officially entered inscriptions.

The total of the sum of the dan-grades of the 3 fighters will not exceed the number of 10 (see also Chapter 6).

For the first round the names and the order of combat will be handed in to the head judge of the *shiai-jo* and/or the administration table, at the latest at the official start of the competitions. Afterwards this information will be handed in immediately after the end of the previous fight.

07.2.2. Common rules for the team competition.

07.2.2.1. *Preliminary contests (Pool system).*

All teams that entered their official inscription in due time will be divided by drawing into as many pools of 3 as possible. However, the 4 teams that got the medals at the previous Team Championships will be seeded into different pools, and removed to the far end of the grid.

The teams in the pools of three fight in the following order: 1><2, 1><3 & 2><3.

If ever the number of inscriptions makes pools of four necessary, every team will fight the following three matches: 1><2, 3><4, 1><4, 3><2, 3><1 & 4><2.. The first 2 teams will move on to the tournament matches. They will be separated from then on into different grid locations.

The maximal combat time is **4 minutes for three kata.**

The classification of the teams out of the same pool will be handled as follows:

1. the number of team matches won;
2. if this should be equal, the number of individual victories is counted;
3. if this is equal as well, a supplementary match will be held (*daihyosen*). This match shall be held in the same way as a normal match in the pool system. The player of the supplementary match will be one of the players who competed in that pool.

07.2.2.2. *Tournament.*

After the pool system, the first 2 out of every pool will be put on the tournament grid, respecting the principle of separation (see 07.1.2.1.) as much as possible.

The fights will follow the knock out system. The maximal combat time is **4 minutes for three kata.**

The refereeing rules and the principles for discerning the winner are the same as defined for the preliminary pools.

08. RULES CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE COMPETITORS AND THE CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION. INCOMPATIBILITY & MISCELLANEOUS.

- 08.1. Every competitor must be a member of an organisation adhering to the EKF, and be mentioned on the official inscription lists handed in for every category in due time by that organisation.
- 08.2. Every competitor must have the nationality of the country he or she represents (the passport serves as proof).
- 08.3. Any competitor may participate in both the Team and the Individual Championships.
- 08.4. **Every competitor must wear an official *zekken* (name tag) on the left side of the *gi* (jacket), showing clearly in Roman characters the names of the country and the competitor.**

09. REFEREES.

- 09.1. The participating countries are invited to inform the EKF **before the 20th of September 2010** of the names of the selection of Referees they are willing to send to the European Iaido Championships. **Please use the correct reply form** included herein (to be returned to EKF Technical Director) and **send the pictures of the selected candidates** directly to the C.N.K. office in Paris.
- 09.2. The final list of referees will be established by EKF, taking into consideration these pre-inscriptions.
- 09.3. Appointment of Referees of the European Iaido Championships is entrusted to the EKF, assisted by the ZNKR; they are chosen among those who are proposed by the EKF Member Countries.
- 09.4. Referees may not participate as competitors.
- 09.5. The function of Referee is incompatible with that of Coach or Manager, even as far as a certain reservation and neutrality remain required as general attitude.
- 09.6. The cost of the referees (lodging, meals, local transport & sayonara) is taken in charge by the organising country for three nights, starting from Friday evening the 12th of November to Monday morning the 15th of November 2010.
- 09.7. Each referee will bring his own set of flags.

10. MANAGER.

The manager of each team is responsible for the attitude of everyone of the competitors he has selected for the event (the correct way of wearing their equipment, sword, etc.).

11. DRAWING.

- 11.1. From this year onwards, according to the decision taken by the EKF GA, the drawing will be held under the authority of the EKF by one of the new EKF web-masters, in co-operation with the French organisers, on Saturday the **23rd of October 2010**.
- 11.2. Because the drawing will be done by computer, it won't be possible anymore for the member countries to delegate representatives. On the other hand, the results of the drawing will be shown quicker than before on the web-sites and every reasonable complaint will be treated with the greatest attention.

12. COMPLAINTS.

All complaints are to be handed in by the Manager or the Team Leader to the EKF Technical Director or his representative; all other people will be refused.

13. INSURANCE.

Every delegation will see to it that all its members are insured against any possible mishaps.

14. DOPING PREVENTION.

The prescriptions and prohibitions established by the FIK (International Kendo Federation) will be of application at these championships.

15. DEADLINES FOR PRE-ENTRY AND FINAL ENTRY.

- 13.1. Pre-Entry: **1st of August 2010**.
- 13.2. Final Entry and accommodation booking will be possible from the 30th of July 2010 on the special web-site **<http://eic.france.free.fr>**, but must be completed at the latest by the **20th of September 2010**.
- 13.3. Payment deadline: all payments must be done by bank transfer at the latest by the **25th of September 2010**.
- 13.4. In case of 'superior force', names may be altered until the date of the drawing for the event, after permission has been granted by the EKF Technical Director.