



## Rules & Regulations of the 24th European Kendo Championships 2011

- 1. PROMOTER:** EUROPEAN KENDO FEDERATION (**EKF**)
- HOST ORGANIZATION:** POLISH KENDO FEDERATION (**PZK**)
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:** ALL JAPAN KENDO FEDERATION (**ZNKR**)

- 2. PLACE & DATE:** **Gdynia, Poland;**  
**6th to 8th of May, 2011.**

**EVENTS & SCHEDULE:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2011:

Junior Team Championship  
Junior Individual Championship  
Senior Female Team Championship

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2011

Senior Male Team Championship

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2011

Senior Female Individual Championship  
Senior Male Individual Championship

Further details will be distributed by the Host Organization.

### **3. GENERAL REFEREEING RULES.**

The regulation of the matches will be made according to "*The Regulations of Kendo Matches and its Refereeing (Revised December 7th, 2006 - "The Regulations")*", published by International Kendo Federation (F.I.K.), excepted for the points specified hereafter.



## 5. CONTENT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

As decided by consecutive General Assemblies the content of the EKF Championships is as follows:

- **Senior Male Team Championship** with teams composed of maximum 5 persons out of 7 inscriptions;
- **Senior Female Team Championship** with teams composed of maximum 5 persons out of 7 inscriptions;
- **Junior Team Championship** with teams composed of maximum 3 persons out of 5 inscriptions.
- **Senior Male Individual Championship** for maximum 5 (five) men older than 18 years (at the time of the actual championship);
- **Senior Female Individual Championship** for maximum 5 (five) women older than 18 years (at the time of the actual championship);
- **Junior Individual Championship** for maximum 5 persons.

For the two junior categories, the participants should be **older than 15** and younger than 18 years (at the time of the actual championship). That means, the Birthdates of junior participants shall be not after **6<sup>th</sup> Mai 1996 and before 5<sup>th</sup> Mai 1993**, no exceptions will be granted.

After every championship the first placed will be awarded an official "European Champion" title and there will be one second place and two ex-æquo third places.

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



## **6. SPECIFIC RULES FOR EACH CATEGORY.**

### **6.1. Team Championships.**

#### **6.1.1. Senior Male Team Championship.**

Every country is represented by a team of five, or by a minimum of three male fighters, chosen freely before every fight out of the maximum of seven official inscriptions arrived in due time. Every competitor should have at least the age of 18 at the time of the actual championship day (\*).

#### **6.1.2. Senior Female Team Championship.**

Every country is represented by a team of five, or by a minimum of three fighters, chosen freely before every fight out of the maximum of seven official inscriptions arrived in due time.

Every competitor should have at least the age of 18 at the time of the actual championship day<sup>1</sup>.

#### **6.1.3. Junior Team Championship.**

Every country is represented by a team of maximum three, or, in default of, of minimum two fighters, chosen freely before every fight out of the maximum of five official inscriptions arrived in due time.

For the age, the rules of chapter 5 are applicable.

#### **6.1.4. Participation.**

Senior men can only participate at the Senior Team Championship, senior women only at the Senior Female Team Championship. Both men & female are allowed in the junior category.

For the Senior Team Championship and the Senior Female Team Championship: In case of a 4 Competitor team, the 2<sup>nd</sup> position remains free. In case of a 3 Competitor team, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> position remain free.

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<sup>1</sup> Outclassing: not foreseen yet.



For the Junior Team Championship: In case of a 2 Competitor team, the 2<sup>nd</sup> position remains free.

### **6.1.5. Common rules for the Team Championships.**

#### **6.1.5.1. Preliminary contests (Pool system).**

All teams that entered their official inscriptions 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.

In pools of 3 the order of matches is as follows: 1><2, 1><3 & 2><3.

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

It is possible that in this same order several pools will be combined.

A different system, respecting the pool system principle, with separation of the best results of the previous championships and a minimum of two fights, might be adopted if necessary.

The first two teams will move on to the tournament matches.

##### **6.1.5.1.1. Specific pool system rules.**

For the first round the names and the order of combats will be handed in at the managers' meeting, all others at the administration table of the shiai-jo immediately after the end of the previous fight of the respective team.

The combats are played by "sanbon-shobu" and the duration is 5 minutes for the senior categories and 4 minutes for the junior category. Equality (hikiwake) will be declared in case no points are scored or if the score is one to one.

If two teams remain even at the end of the pool, a supplementary fight between two of the team members, will decide on the victory. This fight will also take maximum five or four minutes, and be held according to the "ippon-shobu"-principle. If no decision is reached in time, one prolongation (encho) will be added until a decisive point is made.



#### **6.1.5.1.2. Team Classification.**

Determination of the winning team in both league and tournament matches will be made in the following order of precedence:

1. Highest number of individual winners; but, if it is a tie, then
2. Highest number of points scored.
3. Should 1. and 2. still be a tie, a draw will be declared in the league matches and a play-off will be conducted in the tournament matches.
4. A default is regarded as a loss: the opponent is given 2 points.

Determination of the ranking of teams in each zone of the league matches will be made in the following order of precedence:

1. Highest number of matches won; but, if it is a tie, then
2. Highest number of individual winners; should there still be a tie, then
3. Highest number of points scored.
4. If two teams turn out to be even in all of the cases 1. to 3., a play-off between a representative of each team will determine their position.
5. In all cases, independent of the type of counting used, the even match will be considered superior to a defeat

#### **6.1.5.2. Tournament.**

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

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

### **6.2. Individual Championships.**

#### **6.2.1. Senior Male Individual Championship.**

Every country may list a maximum of 5 (five) competitors, following the rules set out earlier.

The minimal age is 18 years at the time of the actual championship day.



### **6.2.2. Senior Female Individual Championship.**

Every country may list a maximum of 5 (five) competitors, following the rules set out earlier.

The minimal age is 18 years at the time of the actual championship day.

### **6.2.3. Junior Individual Championship.**

Every country may list a maximum of 5 competitors, following the rules set out earlier. The same conditions as for the team competition will apply for sex and age (see also chapters 5 & 6.1.4.).

### **6.2.4. Common rules for the Individual Championships.**

#### **6.2.4.1. Preliminary contests (Pool system).**

Every pool is in principle composed of three fighters, who fight in the following order: 1><2, 1><3 & 2><3. It is possible that in this same order pools will be combined.

In the case of pools composed of four, each one will fight three times: 1><2, 3><4, 1><4, 3><2, 3><1 & 4><2).

The division into different pools will be handled by drawing, on condition that fighters of the same nation will be kept out of the same pool.

The combat time is 4 minutes, following the "sanbon shobu" rule. If appropriate an even match (hikiwake) may be the result.

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

1. The number of fights won; but, if this breaks even, then
2. The number of points scored.

Note that an even match will be considered superior to a defeat.

In case of equality, one supplementary fight will take place immediately after the normal pool fights, to establish the final order among the fighters. These fights will be run for 4 minutes and follow the rule of "ippon shobu", with the possibility of one prolongation (encho) without time limit, when necessary. In case of equality between all 3 fighters at the end of the pool, they will fight again following the "sanbon shobu" principle.



#### **6.2.4.2. Tournament.**

After the pool system, the first out of every pool will be put on the tournament grid.

The fights will follow the knock out system.

The combat time is 5 minutes for seniors and 4 minutes for juniors, following the "san-bon shobu" rule, with the possibility of one prolongation (encho) without time limit, if necessary.

### **7. SPECIFICATIONS OF THE SHINAI.**

The shinai will have the format explained in the following table out of "*The Regulations of Kendo Matches and its Refereeing (Revised December 7th, 2006)*", published by F.I.K. (see page 22).

	Sex	Junior	Senior
Length	Male/Female	≤ 117 cm	≤ 120 cm
Weight	Male	≥ 440 gr	≥ 510 gr
	Female	≥ 400 gr	≥ 440 gr
Diameter	Male	≥ 25 mm	≥ 26 mm
	Female	≥ 24 mm	≥ 25 mm

### **8. RULES CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE COMPETITORS AND THE CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION. INCOMPATIBILITY & MISCELLANEOUS.**

8.1. Every competitor must be a member of an organization adhering to the EKF, and the inscriptions must be handed in by that organization.

8.2. Every competitor must have the nationality of the country he represents (a passport serves as proof). Exceptions can be allowed by the EKF President. Such exceptions need to be obtained prior to the Final Entry of Competitors.

8.3. Competitors must be chosen among the names that figure on the official inscription lists in every category that were handed in in due time.

8.4. Referees, Managers and Coaches may not participate as competitors in neither the Team nor the Individual Championships. Be careful for your official inscription.



8.5. Every other official may participate as a competitor keeping in mind the limited number in every category.

8.6. Any competitor may participate in both the Team and the Individual Championships.

## **9. REFEREES.**

9.1. Appointment of Referees of the European Championships is entrusted to the EKF, assisted by the ZNKR; they are chosen among those who are proposed by the EKF Member Countries.

9.2. Referees may not participate as competitors.

9.3. 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.

9.4. The cost of the referees (lodging, meals, bus transport, sayonara party) is taken in charge by the organizing country for four nights, starting from Thursday evening the 5th May 2011 to Monday morning the 9th of May 2011.

9.5. Each referee will bring his own set of flags.

9.6. All referees will wear the same uniform: a plain white shirt, a plain deep red necktie, plain light grey trousers, a plain dark blue pair of socks and a plain dark blue jacket.

## **10. MANAGER.**

The manager of each team is responsible for the attitude of every competitor (the correct way of wearing their bôgu, the length of the men-himo, etc.), and everything that may improve the harmonious flow of events during the championships. He or she will maintain a general attitude that corresponds with the Budo spirit.

## **11. DRAWING.**

11.1. The drawing for all categories will be made prior to the event. The date and place will be communicated after the reception of all pre-entry forms. The EKF will provide for the appropriate computer program.

11.2. Every member country may be represented by an especially indicated person; everybody else is excluded.

