



Dear Friends,

Please find below and attached the information for the

**28th EKF/FIK European Zone Referee Seminar, Brussels,
Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of February 2019.**

Around this, there will be *ji-geiko* sessions, partly in the presence of a ZNKR delegation. There will also be a Kendo examination session from 1st to 7th Dan on Sunday 3rd February 2019.

The International Kendo Federation (FIK) will again support the seminar by dispatching 10 fighters from Japan and Korea.

The Referee Seminar is organised for:

- **Official Referees** to be proposed for the next European Kendo Championships 2019 in Belgrade, Serbia (23-26 May 2019). Presence in 2019 Referee Seminar is an obligatory condition for selection as 2019 EKC Referee. (So-called **RED GROUP**)

Please note that the maximum number of official candidates is five (5) per country.

Please also note that the minimum grade for the RED GROUP is ROKUDAN (6th DAN).

Please further note that for the RED GROUP, the seminar will be conducted in OFFICIAL REFEREE TENUE (navy blue jacket, grey trousers, white shirt, burgundy tie).

- **Referees** (5th Dan or over) with international or confirmed national refereeing experience; possible exceptions to this rule may be granted by the EKF on duly justified special demand to the EKF Technical Director. (So-called **BLACK GROUP**)

All referees shall bring their own flags to the seminar.

- **20 experienced national team level fighters of at least sandan level. Maximum number of national team level players is three (3) per country.**

Preference will be given to players and countries that reached best 8 positions and FS awards at the latest World Kendo Championships. (Preferred Fighters) In the first place, the registration will be possible for these country administrators. The countries concerned are: Belgium, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Serbia and Sweden. Even in those countries the registration is not “free”, but need to cover the best qualified players.



EKF admin reserves the right to verify the entries and reject registrations even if the formal requirements are met. Any such rejection will be notified by Registration deadline (see 3) at the latest.

Total number of fighters will be limited to 30 fighters, FIK fighters included. Registration will close when the number of 30 fighters is reached.

Fighters will be subsidised by the EKF by providing free accommodation, free lunches and free Dinner Party. Only travelling costs remain to be paid by National Federations.

Other persons, i.e.

- kendoka not in national team fighter category,
- kendoka willing to participate in dan examinations,
- accompanying persons

are invited to participate in **ji-geiko only** (Friday evening, Saturday evening, Sunday after seminar). They are welcome to join the dinner party on Saturday evening at price of 30 euro. Dinner party is reserved via the registration tool.

There is also an additional hall (G2) reserved for organised ji-geikos, warming-up and free practice (like preparing the examination) during the most part of the seminar. See seminar schedule for availability of G2 hall. Organised ji-geikos will be announced.

We look forward to meeting you all next year in Brussels.

Sincerely Yours,

Pekka NURMINEN
EKF Secretary-General



1. Information on the seminar:

The venue is the

ADEPS Sports Centre “Forêt de Soignes”,
Chaussée de Wavre 2057, 1160 BRUSSELS (Auderghem).
Telephone: +32.2.672.22.60 | Fax: +32.2.672.19.39.
<http://www.csfds.be/> info@csfds.be

Seminar price:

- **Seminar fee for Referees (Official and others)** is EUR **40,00** (including Dinner Party on Saturday). The fee remains the same as in previous years.
- Fighters who are confirmed national team members with at least sandan level, up to the level of 30 fighters first come first served, subject to EKF approval of the registration, will be subsidised by the EKF by providing free accommodation for two nights (FRI / SAT / SUN), lunches and Dinner Party. Only travelling costs remain to be paid by these fighters or their countries. National Federations shall confirm the adequate level and condition in the registration. **Maximum number of fighters per country is three (3) and total number is thirty (30), including the fighters dispatched by FIK.**

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IMPORTANT CHANGES ON BOOKING OF ACCOMMODATION:

EKF provides accommodation for the ZNKR Delegation, all fighters and for the seminar organisation. This accommodation is already reserved at ADEPS.

EVERYBODY ELSE (RED GROUP, BLACK GROUP, ACCOMPANYING PERSONS) need to make their bookings directly at ADEPS, by using the following link (FR and EN possible):

<https://www.auberge3fontaines.be/fr/>

AND

the promotional code: stageEKF (to be inserted on the left with the dates).

It is advised to make reservations in groups, to fill a whole room (2-person, 4-person, 8-person rooms) for the same period of time.

Prices and conditions will be given on the ADEPS website.



ADEPS reservation works naturally on “first come, first served” basis. After the capacity is fully booked, participants need to find hotels or AirB&B or similar outside. All participants are naturally free to use accommodation outside ADEPS.

Meals:

- Breakfasts at ADEPS are included with the accommodation.
- Saturday and Sunday lunch is offered free of charge ONLY for ZNKR Delegation, and the fighters, naturally.
- **There will be no organised lunches for other participants. ADEPS Cafeteria is informed of a major event. There is a possibility to command food from outside via Deliveroo, Uber Eats, or other delivery services (not to be eaten in the Cafeteria). EKF will investigate a possibility to order bento boxes.**
- Dinner Party on Saturday night at the ADEPS is included in the seminar fee for the two groups of referees. For the others, the price is 30 euros per person, to be commanded upon registration.
- The dinner party on Saturday is free for fighters.

ALL OTHER MEALS (for example lunches and dinners on Thursday and Friday and on Sunday evening) must be organised individually by participants.

Registration to seminar is made on-line via EKF website. Please note, that registration of a person in Official Referee category S1 (RED GROUP) means official nomination as EKC Referee Candidate. The registration to the Red Group is also considered as declared availability to referee at the EKC. Please make sure that this is the case.

Official referee candidates might also be requested to be members of an examination jury in Brussels or at the EKC. Composition of panels will be confirmed well in advance, once number of examination candidates is known.

2. Information on the examination:

The Dan grading examination from 1st to 7th Dan will be held on Sunday 3rd February 2019 in the afternoon (subscription & registration fees according to the **EKF Grading Rules on EKF website**).

Registration to dan examinations is done via EKF website by the National Federations. See registration info below.



All candidates for dan examination - without exception - are asked to confirm their registration/payment and presence at the latest on Sunday by 12.00 with the EKF Secretariat in ADEPS. This can be done by country or club representative.

NOTE: Non-confirmed and non-paid candidates will be eliminated from the list of candidates after the deadline.

The candidates must be ready in the Hall H2 one hour before the start of the examination on Sunday. The provisional starting time of the examination is 14:00 (i.e. please be there at 13.00 at the latest). Please follow the announcements for possible changes of timetable.

3. Registration, Payment and Cancellation Policy

- **Registration to the Seminar will open on**
 - **12th November 2018 for Preferred Fighters Registration /see p.1 and on**
 - **26th November 2018 for all and will end for all**
 - **10th December 2018.**
 - **You can download an invoice upon closing the registration.**
- **Deadline for the seminar related payments is 23rd December 2018.**
- **Registration deadline for dan examinations and payments is 15th January 2019.**
- **Deadlines will be respected.**
- **Registrations are done via EKF website.**

Seminar: Please go to “Event Registration” and select “EKF Kendo Referee Seminar 2019” and follow the instructions there. Most important is the selection of registration type (“Shinpan S1, S2, Fighter F). You can print a (PDF) list of registered persons that will show the amounts that need to be transferred to the EKF account after checking period.

Please check that the pictures of the Red Group Shinpan are uploaded to the EKF Website and change / upload as necessary!

Examination: Normal procedure via EKF website

Payments shall be made **exclusively** to the EKF account in advance **by the deadline (see above)**, preferably grouped by country. Otherwise, the registration cannot be accepted. For payments from outside Eurozone it is already possible to pay via PayPal to treasurer@ekf-eu.com, however a cash payment (in Euro) on the spot can be agreed, but agreement must be made before respective deadline.



Please clearly indicate the exam by date/country/person and refer to the respective information on the transfer:

EKF Bank account information: BNP Paribas Fortis Bank, Brussels
Account holder's name: EKF AISBL
Account number: BE45 0016 9470 5689 BIC code: GEBABEBB

And please send details of your transfer (who paid for whom and for what) via e-mail to treasurer@ekf-eu.com with cc.: vice-president@ekf-eu.com

SEMINAR CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Cancellations made until 14th January 2019 are fully reimbursed.
- Cancellations made between 15th January and 28th January 2019 (these days included) are reimbursed apart from the costs incurred.
- Cancellations made after 29th January 2019 will not be reimbursed.

Cancellations to accommodation according to ADEPS conditions.

4. Important notice:

Please pass this information on to the clubs in your country, mentioning especially that all subscriptions to the seminar and the examinations have to be made by the **National Federation**. It is not advised for private practitioners to contact EKF directly.



SEMINAR SCHEDULE

PLEASE BE AT THE HALL H2, 10 MIN BEFORE THE START OF EACH TRAINING!

Friday

1st February 2019

ARRIVAL & INSTALLATION

19:00-21:00 FREE JI-GEIKO

Dinner (individual organisation or in the Cafeteria)

ADEPS

H2 HALL

Saturday

2nd February 2019

08:00-09:00

Breakfast for those staying at

ADEPS

Cafeteria

09:30-12.00

REFEREE SEMINAR

H2 HALL

12:30

Lunch Break

14:00-17:00

REFEREE SEMINAR

H2 HALL

17:10-18:00

KEIKO

H2 HALL

19:30

Dinner party

Cafeteria

Sunday

3rd February 2019

08:00-09:00

Breakfast for those staying at ADEPS

Cafeteria

09:30-11:30

REFEREE SEMINAR

H2 HALL

11:30-12:30

KEIKO & CLOSING CEREMONY

H2 HALL

12.00

DEADLINE FOR CONFIRMATION OF
PRESENCE IN THE EXAMINATION

H2 HALL

13:00

Lunch Break

13:00

DISTRIBUTION OF EXAM NUMBERS

H2 HALL

14:00-17:00

DAN GRADING EXAMINATION

H2 HALL

HALL G2, LOCATED AT THE SAME FLOOR THAN H2, IS AVAILABLE:

- FRIDAY: 20:30 - 23:00
- SATURDAY: 9:00 - 11:00 / 12:30 - 14:00 / 16:00 - 22:00
- SUNDAY: 9:00 - 16:00

ORGANISED JI-GEIKOS WILL BE ANNOUNCED. OTHERWISE G2 IS AVAILABLE FOR WARMING-UP AND FREE PRACTICE.