

## All Japan Kendo Federation

### [Provisional Match and Officiating Methods]

1. Until the Covid-19 pandemic is brought under control, provisional match and Shinpan rules are to be included in the regulations for the tournament.
2. Due to the necessity of masks, measures should be taken to mitigate heat stroke by shortening match time and including breaks when match time is extended.
3. Abiding by the guidelines set out by the All Japan Kendo Federation, competitors should avoid *tsuba-zeriai*. If *tsuba-zeriai* is unavoidable, both competitors should separate immediately, or attempt *hiki-waza*. Competitors should not shout at each other (*kakegoe*). (*Hassei* will be permitted in the case of *hiki-waza*. If the competitors do not separate forthwith, the Shinpan should announce “Wakare” without delay.
4. When Shinpan enter or leave the Shiai-jo, they should maintain a distance of at least 1 metre of separation. Fukushin should move to their positions by walking on the outside of the Kaishi-sen (start line).
5. Gogi (deliberations) between Shinpan shall be held at intervals of not less than 1 metre.
6. When debriefing after officiating, Shinpan should maintain a distance of 1 metre or more of separation.
7. Shinpan shall wear masks while officiating matches. Shinpan should also bring and use their own Shinpan-ki (flags). Sanitizer should be placed in the Shinpan waiting area to disinfect hands.

Note: English translation is not the final version. It is intended here to provide the concept for minimizing the risk of infection.