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EUROPEAN KENDO FEDERATION



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**Rules & Regulations of the
19th European Iaido Championships 2012 (E.I.C.) ó Stevenage, UK
27th - 28th of October 2012.**

1. Organisations

Promoter: European Kendo Federation (E.K.F.)
Host Organization: BRITISH KENDO ASSOCIATION (B.K.A.)
Technical Assistance: All Japan Kendo Federation (A.J.K.F.)

2. Place

Stevenage Arts & Leisure Centre
Lytton Way,
Stevenage,
Hertfordshire, SG1 1LZ
UNITED KINGDOM

3. Date

27 - 28 October 2012.

4. Events & Schedule

See schedule on [website](http://www.eic2012.co.uk) of Host Organisation: www.eic2012.co.uk



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5. General Refereeing Rules

The regulation of the matches will follow *the Rules and Regulations of Iaido Shiai and Shinpanō*, published by FIK, as closely as possible.

A competitor who does not show up at the court within 5 minutes after the caller called out his or her name is regarded as default and disqualified.

6. Content of the Championships

The content of the E.I.C. is as follows:

- **Individual National Championships** for maximum two competitors (male or female) divided into the following 7 categories:
 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". The grade of the competitors may range from Mudan up to, and including, Rokudan, but the total of the Dan of the three players shall not exceed ten. Mudan 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 = less than 10).

Every Championship gives right to the attribution of an official *European Championō* title, together with one *Vice-Championō* and two equal third places. Also, for every championship, minimum one so called *Fighting Spiritō* trophy is awarded.



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7. Individual Championships

7.1 Competitors

A maximum of two competitors per country (male or female) will be allowed to participate for each category. The competitors must have the exact grade of the category in which they participate at the time of the competition (see rule 09.4).

7.2 Pool system

The competitors will be divided into as many pools of three as possible. The 4 competitors who received the medals at the previous Individual Championships will be seeded into different pools and moved to the far end of the grid. As much as possible, competitors with the same nationality will be kept out of the same pool. The competitors in the pools of three will fight in the following order: 1 x 2, 1 x 3 & 2 x 3.

If the number of those registered competitors makes pools of four necessary, the competitors will fight in the following order: 1 x 2, 3 x 4, 1 x 4, 3 x 2, 3 x 1 & 4 x 2. The competitors that go on will be separated from then on into different grid locations.

The maximal combat time is **4 minutes for three kata (opening and closing reiho included)**.

The ranking of the individuals 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 ōknock outō match of only one Shitei Waza will be played. The Court Judge will announce the Shitei Waza before the start of the match.

7.3 Tournament

The tournament operates under the knock out system. The **first two out of every pool** will be entered on the tournament grid, respecting the principles of separation (refer to 7.2) as much as possible. The 1st placed of one pool will compete with the 2nd placed of another pool.

The maximal combat time is **6 minutes for five kata (opening and closing reiho included)**.



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8. Team Championships

8.1 Competitors

Every country is represented by a team of 3 or minimum 2 competitors, chosen freely before every fight out of the maximum of 4 officially entered inscriptions. The first one is Sempo, the second or vice-captain is Chuken, the third is the captain or Taisho. **In teams of two, the Chuken position remains vacant.**

The grade of the competitors may range from Mudan up to, and including, Rokudan, but the total of the Dan of the three players shall not exceed ten. Mudan are counted as a Shodan.

For the first round, the names and the order of combat will be handed in to the Head Judge of the Shiaijo or the administration table, at the official start of the competition, at the latest. Afterwards, this information will be handed in immediately after the end of the previous fight at the administration table.

8.2 Pool system

Teams will be divided by drawing into as many pools of three as possible. The 4 teams who received the medals at the previous Team Championships will be seeded into different pools and moved to the far ends of the grid. The competitors in the pools of three will fight in the following order: 1 x 2, 1 x 3 & 2 x 3.

If the number of those registered Teams makes pools of four necessary, the Teams will fight in the following order: 1 x 2, 3 x 4, 1 x 4, 3 x 2, 3 x 1 & 4 x 2. The first two 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 (opening and closing reiho included).

The ranking of the Teams 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 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 competitor of the supplementary match will be one of the competitors who competed in that pool.



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8.3 Tournament

The tournament operates under the knock out system. The first two out of every pool will be entered on the tournament grid, respecting the principles of separation as much as possible. The 1st placed of one pool will compete with the 2nd placed of another pool.

The fights will follow the knock out system. The maximal combat **time is 4 minutes for three kata (opening and closing reiho included)**. The refereeing rules and the principles for discerning the winner are the same as defined for the preliminary pools.

9. Rules and Conditions for the Qualification of the Competitors

09.1. Every competitor must be a member of an organization adhering to the E.K.F., and be mentioned on the official inscription lists handed in for every category in due time by that organization.

09.2. Every competitor must have the nationality of the country he or she represents (the passport serves as proof) and be **at least 16 years old** at the time of the Championships. Exceptions as to nationality can be allowed by the EKF President and need to be given prior to registration. Applications for such exceptions shall be made four weeks before the final registration deadline at the latest.

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

09.4. A competitor may participate in a category while holding the respective grade for a time period that is equal to the grade (e.g. sandan during three years after sandan-exam as per the day of the Championship) and mudan one years from the first participation in a championship. Participation in the respective category after this period is only possible under the condition that the competitor has at least attempted the next higher grade once in a twelve month period leading up to the championships, or alternatively, register for and attempt the next higher grade at the grading attached to this Championship. By the latter alternative the period of participation in a category of the Championship must not be extended for more than three month.

09.5. Team entry and calculation of total dan numbers shall be based on compliance with rule 09.04.

09.6. By registering competitors to the Championships in the respective categories, the Presidents of the Member Countries promises, that every competitor has a grading history (including failed attempts) which complies with this rule. If challenged for non-



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compliance by a Member Country, the challenged Member Country is requested to produce details (date, place, head of Jury) of gradings, including unsuccessful attempts of his competitors. A competitor found to be in violation of this rule or for whom the grading details cannot be produced without undue delay or within the time period as set by the EKF Secretariat, shall be disqualified from participating in the Team and Individual event. **All challenges need to be filed with the EKF Secretariat within 7 days from the publication of registered competitors by email or fax. After that period no further challenge is possible.**

09.7. Every competitor must wear an official *nafuda* (name tag) on the left side of the gi (jacket), showing clearly in Roman characters the names of the country and the competitor. The size shall be 15 cm by 10 cm; the *nafuda* should be black (with white letters), blue (with white letters) or white (with black letters). Ideally the *nafuda* should be the same colour as the gi.

10. Referees

10.1 The participating countries are invited to inform the E.K.F. **before the 15th of July 2012** of the names of the selection of Referees they are willing to send to the European Iaido Championship. **Please use the correct reply form sent before (to be faxed to E.K.F. Technical Director) and send the pictures of the selected candidates directly to the Hosting Organisation.**

10.2. Appointment of Referees of the European Iaido Championship is entrusted to the E.K.F., assisted by the A.J.K.F.; they are chosen among those who are proposed by the E.K.F. Member Countries.

10.3. Referees may not participate as competitors.

10.5. The function of Referee is incompatible with that of Coach or Manager. Obviously, a certain reservation and neutrality remain required as general attitude for Referees.

10.6. The onsite expenses for the referees (lodging, meals, local transport & sayonara party) are covered by the organizing country for three nights, starting from **Friday evening the 26th October until Monday morning the 29th October 2012.**

10.7. Each referee shall bring his own set of flags.



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11. Managers

The Manager of each team is responsible for the behaviour and attitude of the team members and for the correct way of handling and wearing their equipment.

12. Drawing

12.1. The drawing will be held under the authority of the E.K.F. prior to the event.

13. Complaints

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

14. Insurance

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

15. Anti-Doping

The prescriptions and prohibitions established by the FIK (International Kendo Federation) will be of application at these championships. A competitor who is judged by decision of the referees to be under the influence of prohibited drugs or alcohol shall be disqualified, be ordered to retire from the match and shall lose the match. Additionally, the *FIK Anti-Doping Rules* (approved August 27th, 2009, Sao Paulo) and the *EKF Anti Doping Rules* (adopted April 8th, 2010, Debrecen, the later shall prevail in case of conflict ó together "The AD-Rules") including the respective updated and most recent WADA Prohibition List shall be applicable. Tests relating to the Championships shall be conducted according to the AD-Rules. In case of disqualification following any anti-doping violation, the shift of ranks method determined by FIK during the past WKC shall be applied.

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16. Deadlines for Pre-Entry and Final Entry

Pre-Entry: **15th July 2012.**

Final Entry: **31st August 2012.**

Competitors need to be registered on the EKF-Website (www.ekf-eu.com) by the same deadline. Further registration (Hotel, sayonara-party, supporters etc.) is to be done with the Host Organisation info@eic2012.co.uk .

In case of -superior forceø names of competitors may be altered until the date of the drawing for the event, after permission has been granted by the E.K.F. Technical Director.

The *EKF* Board of Officers

