

**Rules & Regulations of the  
21st European Iaido Championships 2014 (E.I.C.) – Vantaa, Finland  
1st – 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2014.**

### **1. Organisations**

Promoter:	European Kendo Federation (E.K.F.)
Host Organization:	Finnish Kendo Association, Finland
Technical Assistance:	All Japan Kendo Federation (A.J.K.F.)

### **2. Place**

Tikkurilan Urheilupuisto (Tikkurila Sports Park)

Address: Läntinen Valkoisenlähteentie 52-54

01300 Vantaa, Finland

### **3. Date**

1st – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014.

The E.I.C will be preceded by two-day seminar on 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

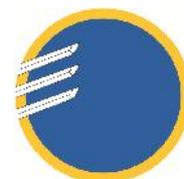
### **4. Events & Schedule**

See schedule on Host Organisation website: <http://www.eic2014.fi>

### **5. General Refereeing Rules**

The regulation of the matches will follow “*The Rules and Regulations of Iaido Shiai and Shinpan*”, published by ZNKR, 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 (1<sup>st</sup> dan)
  3. Nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> dan)
  4. Sandan (3<sup>rd</sup> dan)
  5. Yondan (4<sup>th</sup> dan)
  6. Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan)
  7. Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> 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 Champion" title, together with one "Vice-Champion" and two equal third places. Also, for every championship, minimum one so called "Fighting Spirit" trophy is awarded.

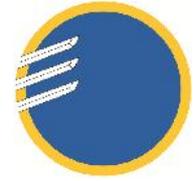
## 7. Individual Championships

### 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



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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 in principle 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 in principle fight in the following order: 1 x 2, 3 x 4, 1 x 4, 3 x 2, 3 x 1 & 4 x 2.

Another fight order can be applied or pools can mixed if this is required for smooth running of the competition.

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 “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.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> placed of one pool will compete with the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed of another pool.

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

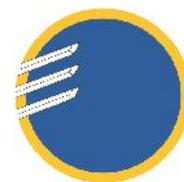
## 8. Team Championships

### 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 Shiai-jo or the administration table, at the official start of the competition, at the latest.



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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 in principle 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 in principle fight in the following order: 1 x 2, 3 x 4, 1 x 4, 3 x 2, 3 x 1 & 4 x 2.

Another fight order can be applied or pools can mixed if this is required for smooth running of the competition.

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). For the reiho see the Annex hereto.**

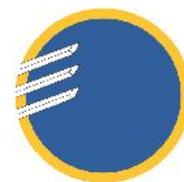
The ranking of the Teams out of the same pool will be based on the following:

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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> placed of one pool will compete with the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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). For the reiho see the Annex hereto.** 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 E.K.F 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.

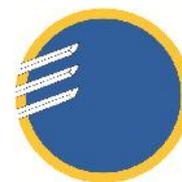
09.3. Any competitor may participate in both the Team and the Individual Championships.

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 by more than three month **or by more than six month for yondan or higher (grade applied for).**

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-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 periode 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 E.K.F 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



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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 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2014** of the names of the selection of Referees they are willing to send to the European Iaido Championship.

**Please use the correct reply form which is to be faxed to E.K.F. Technical Director and sent by e-mail to [secretary@ekf-eu.com](mailto:secretary@ekf-eu.com).**

**Send the pictures of the candidates to EKF to following address: [secretary@ekf-eu.com](mailto:secretary@ekf-eu.com) with following specifications:**

- Minimum size: 0.3 MB**
- Maximum size: 1.0 MB**
- Ratio: 4,5 : 3,5 (Standard for EU-passport-photos)**
- Orientation: portrait**
- Resolution: printable (300 dpi - 600 dpi)**
- One face per picture (No "group photos")**
- The face should cover 2/3 of the picture.**

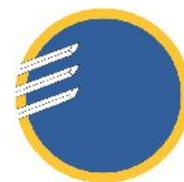
10.2. Appointment of Referees of the European Iaido Championship is entrusted to the E.K.F., assisted by the A.J.K.F.; they are chosen among those who are proposed by the E.K.F. Member Countries.

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 31<sup>st</sup> October until Monday morning the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014.**

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



## 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

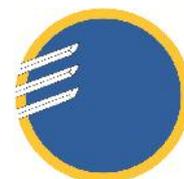
Every delegation will see to it that all its members are insured against any possible mishaps.

Host Organization is recommended to take an insurance against any civil liability.

In case of an accident or incident (like theft, traffic accident, accident not covered by travel or sports insurance, incident leading to civil liability...) which might lead to a claim against any third party except the insurance company of the delegation or requires a written attestation by the Host Organization or by the EKF, the event has to be notified to the Host Organization and the EKF before the departure of the delegation, unless this is impossible due to the circumstances of the accident or incident.

## 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 – 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.



## 16. Deadline for Entry of the Competitors

### 1. Pre-entry

Pre-entry is open at EKF website:

[http://www.ekf-eu.com/members/ekf\\_event.cfm](http://www.ekf-eu.com/members/ekf_event.cfm)

**Deadline for pre-entry is 15 June 2014.**

### 2. Final entry

Competitors and members of delegations shall be registered on the E.K.F website  
[http://www.ekf-eu.com/members/ekf\\_event.cfm](http://www.ekf-eu.com/members/ekf_event.cfm)

This registration covers:

- accommodation, food, seminar, sayonara party etc. (concerns all delegation members: competitors, delegation leader, coach, manager, seminar participant, supporters...) as well as for
- competition per category (competitors only).

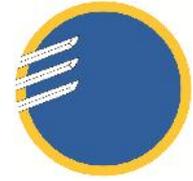
Please see more detailed directions on the website.

Final entry will be opened when pre-entry deadline is passed. Delegations will be informed of the opening of final entry.

**Deadline for final entry is 15 September 2014.**

In case of superior force, 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 E.K.F Board of Officers**



**ANNEX: The procedure of REIHO for Iaido team matches**

At the start of each team match, both teams line up facing each other outside the *shiai*jo, sit down, and do the “*sogo ni rei*” (sword at their right side). Then they stand up, and the first 2 competitors will enter the *shiai*jo in “*keito*” position while the others wait outside in “*keito*” position.

**1<sup>st</sup> bout**

On the command “*hajime*” all competitors will do the “*shomen ni rei*” and “*torei*” together.

The competitors inside the *shiai*jo perform the required *kata*, and the competitors outside stand up and wait. When the competitors inside have finished their *kata* they will remain standing with the sword in the belt and the left thumb on the *tsuba*.

At the command “*hantei*” the referees raise the flags to announce their decision.

**2<sup>nd</sup> bout**

The first competitors leave the *shiai*jo with the left thumb on the *tsuba* while the second competitors enter the *shiai*jo with the thumb on the *tsuba*.

On the command “*hajime*” the second competitors perform the required *kata*.

At the command “*hantei*” the referees raise the flags to announce their decision.

**3<sup>rd</sup> bout**

The second competitors leave the *shiai*jo with the left thumb on the *tsuba* while the third competitors enter the *shiai*jo with the thumb on the *tsuba*.

On the command “*hajime*” the third competitors perform the required *kata*.

Then they will sit down and together with the other competitors they will do the “*torei*” and “*shomen ni rei*”.

At the command “*hantei*” the referees raise the flags to announce their decision.

Finally, the last competitors leave the *shiai*jo and line up with the other team members to do the “*sogo ni rei*” (see start of the match).