



**Rules & Regulations of the
18th European Jodo Championships 2019 (E.J.C.)
Zawiercie, POLAND
21st-22nd September 2019**

1. Organisations:

Promoter:	European Kendo Federation	(E.K.F.)
Host Organization:	Polish Kendo Federation	(PZK/PKF)
Technical Assistance:	All Japan Kendo Federation	(A.J.K.F.)

2. Place

Sports Hall:

Main location: Blanowska 40, 42-400 Zawiercie
Supporting sport hall: Moniuszki 10, 42-400 Zawiercie

Hotel: **Villa Verde:** Mrzygłodzka 273, 42-400 Zawiercie
<http://www.villaverde-hotel.com/>

3. Date

Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd September 2019. Saturday is seminar day, Sunday competition and exam day.

Arrival of delegations and registration will be opened on Friday 20th September 2019.

4. Events & Schedule

See draft schedule on host organisations website <https://www.ejc2019.pl/>. Host organisation is best reached via the website.



5. General Refereeing Rules

The regulation of the matches will follow “*The Rules and Regulations of Jodo Shiai and Shinpan*”, published by A.J.K.F., 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.J.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)

National Team Championship with teams composed of 3 persons.

Every Championship gives right to the attribution of an official “European Champion” title, together with one “Vice-Champion” and two *ex-aequo* third places. Also, for every championship, minimum one **personal** so called “Fighting Spirit” trophy is awarded. Fighting Spirit Awards are decided by EKF upon proposal of the shinpan-shunin.

Individual Championships

6.1 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. The grade is verified at the registration in the final entry. The grade or the category cannot be changed after the final entry is closed. In**



case the competitor is promoted to higher grade after the final entry, he/she will not be able to participate in the competition. (See also rule 09.4).

6.2 Kata

For every match in all categories, 3 kata shall be performed. The kata for the categories Mudan through Godan will be selected from the A.J.K.F. Jodo Kata (Shitei Waza). These Shitei Waza will be announced to the competitors before the start of the Individual Championship.

6.3 Judging

Only the Shidachi (Jo side) will be judged. The Uchidachi may be any of the competitors who are not competing at that moment. All registered competitors have to be available to act as Uchidachi. However, the Shidachi may choose any registered competitor to act as his/her Uchidachi. The Dan of the Uchidachi may not exceed the Dan of the Shidachi by two and shall be limited to Godan.

6.4 Pool system

The competitors will be divided into as many pools of three as possible. **If the inscriptions make it necessary, pools of two (2) or pools of four (4) will be included.**

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 order of matches will be announced. Pools can be combined respecting the principle of separation as mentioned above in the previous subparagraph.

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.

The first two out of each pool will move on to the Tournament matches.



6.5 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 Section 07.4.) as much as possible. The 1st placed of one pool will compete with the 2nd placed of another pool.

7. Team Championships

7.1 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 is Chuken, the third is Taisho. **In teams of two, the *Chuken* position (middle position) remains vacant.**

The grade of the competitors may range from Mudan up to, and including, Godan , 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

7.2 Kata

For every match, 3 Kata shall be performed. Kata will be selected from the A.J.K.F. Jodo Kata (Shitei Waza) and will be announced to the competitors before the start of the competition.

7.3 Judging

On the 1st match, the Senpo is judged with the Taisho as Tachi. On the 2nd match, the Chuken is judged, again with the Taisho as Tachi. On the 3rd match, the Taisho, is judged with the Chuken as Tachi.

Match	Judged	Tachi
1	Senpo	Taisho
2	Chuken	Taisho
3	Taisho	Chuken (or Senpo in a team of two)



7.4 Pool system

Teams will be divided into as many pools of three as possible. **If the inscriptions make it necessary, pools of two (2) or pools of four (4) will be included.**

The 4 teams who received the medals at the previous Team Championships will be seeded into different pools and moved to the far end of the grid.

The order of matches will be announced. Pools can be combined respecting the principle of separation as mentioned above in the previous subparagraph.

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

1. The number of **team** matches won;
2. **If this is equal, the number of individual fights won is counted;**
3. If this is equal, the number of flags is counted;
4. If this is equal as well, a “knock out” match of only one Shitei Waza will be played by the Taisho with Senpo or Chuken. The Court Judge will announce the Shitei Waza before the start of the match.

The first two teams out of each pool will move on to the tournament matches.

7.5 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 Section 08.4.) as much as possible. The 1st placed of one pool will compete with the 2nd placed of another pool.

8. Rules and Conditions for the Qualification of the Competitors

8.1. 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.

8 .2. Every competitor must have the nationality of the country he or she represents (the passport serves as proof) and be **at least 18 years old** at the time of the Championships. No exceptions on age will be granted.

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 prior to pre-entry



deadline. In handling the applications, the EKF President will follow the guidelines of EKF General Assembly at Skopje on 31st March 2016.

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

8.4. A competitor may participate in a category shodan to yondan while holding the respective grade for a time period that is equal to the grade in years plus 12 months as per the day of the championship. Participation in godan category is not limited to time period in grade. Participation in the mudan category is possible only one time.

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

8.6. During the online registration procedure of competitors, the EKF database shall only provide the names of possible competitors whose last grading date is not in violation with rule 09.4.

8.7. 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 jodogi.

9. Referees

9.1 The EKF Member Countries are invited to nominate the candidates for Referee selection to the EKF **before Pre-Entry-Deadline**. The nomination shall be done on the EKF website with the relevant event registration, at the “Flag-Icon – Nominate Shinpan”.

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

Appointment of referees to semi-finals and finals is done by EKF Technical Director or his/her representative during the competition.

9.3. Referees may not participate as competitors.

9.5. 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.



9.6. The onsite expenses for the referees (lodging in single rooms, meals, local transport & sayonara party) are covered by the organizing country for **three nights**, starting from **Friday evening the 28th September until Monday morning of the EJC week-end**.

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

10. 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.

11. Drawing

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

12. 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.

13. Insurance

Every delegation will see to it that all its members are insured against any possible mishaps. Host Organization **shall have** 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.

14. 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 amended May 28th, 2016 in Tokyo) 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 Lists



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.

All TUE exemption requests must be submitted to EKF Vice-President (vice-president@ekf-eu.com) prior to the pre-entry deadline.

15. Deadlines for Pre-Entry and Final Entry, Pictures

Pre-Entry and Referee nomination: 23 JUNE 2019

Register at: <http://www.ekf-eu.com>

At pre-entry, delegations should estimate as precisely as possible the number of competitors per category, participation in team tournament and number of officials. Total number of persons in the delegation must also be estimated. Referees shall be nominated.

Final Entry: 2 AUGUST 2019

Payments have to be RECEIVED by SAME DATE.

Register at: <http://www.ekf-eu.com>

The final entry registration covers:

- Competition per category (competitors only);
- Team Members (if team registered);
- Seminar participants;
- Hotel accommodation;
- Dinners in the hotel;
- Sayonara party participants;
- Lunch at Competition.

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. President.



Portrait photo files of all official participants (Delegation Leader, Manager, Team Manager, Coach, Competitor and Referee) should **be uploaded in the EKF online system (Person / "Picture Icon") by Final Entry Date.** 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.

By registering, all participants and officers agree that their names, gender, tournament category, results and pictures as filed or taken during the event may be published on the internet or in print media and that there may be videos taken during the event, stored and live streamed. All personal data will be handled according to EKF Privacy Statement published on EKF website.

The *EKF* Board of Officers

