

18th WORLD KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

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PROGRAM AND REGULATIONS OF THE 18TH WORLD KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS (18WKC)

1. Main Organizer: International Kendo Federation (FIK)
Host Organization: Comité National de Kendo et DR (CNKDR)
Supporting Organization: Fédération française de judo (FFJDA)
All Japan Kendo Federation (AJKF)

2. Venue : Grand Dôme
Villebon-sur-Yvette, France

3. Events Term: Tuesday, May 25th - Sunday, May 30th, 2021
(1) Competition Term: Thursday, May 27th - Sunday, May 30th, 2021

(2) Events:

Date	Daytime	Evening
May 25 Tuesday	Referee Seminar (Referee Meeting) Regional Federation (EKF/CLAK) General Assemblies	
May 26 Wednesday	FIK Board of Directors Meeting (BODM) & General Assembly (GA), Managers' Meeting	FIK Reception
May 27 Thursday	Opening Ceremony Women's Individual Championship	<i>Godo Geiko</i>
May 28 Friday	Men's Individual Championship	<i>Godo Geiko</i>
May 29 Saturday	Women's Team Championship (Preliminary heat) Men's Team Championship (Preliminary heat)	<i>Godo Geiko</i>
May 30 Sunday	Women's Team Championship (Final tournament) Men's Team Championship (Final tournament) Closing Ceremony	Sayonara Party

4. Regulation of the Matches

All matches shall be conducted following "The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan of FIK" (revised on September 2, 2017. Any amendments made to the regulations hereafter shall be included) as well as any items stipulated in this document and decided at the FIK BODM.

5. Competition Categories

The category of 18WKC with number of participants from each participating organization is as follows:

- Women's Individual Championship with maximum 4 competitors.
- Men's Individual Championship with maximum 4 competitors.
- Women's Team Championship with teams composed of maximum 5 women out of 7 inscriptions.
- Men's Team Championship with teams composed of maximum 5 men out of 7 inscriptions.

6. Qualifications:

(1) Participating Organizations

FIK affiliated organization is eligible to participate in the WKC. A non-affiliated organization, whose FIK affiliation is approved at the BODM in the preceding year of 18WKC, is also eligible.

(2) Competitors

Competitors participating in 18WKC are required to have;

- a. Officially registered membership of the participating organization.
- b. Nationality of a country the participating competitor represents at the time of the Final Entry (Presentation of passport may be requested). Competitor who does not have a nationality of the country he/she represents, an official request letter in writing with explanation must be submitted to FIK from a President of the organization concerned. Only those who receive an approval from FIK President before the Final Entry may participate in the WKC.
- c. Competitors must have been born on and before May 27, 2005.

7. Entries, Competitors' Registration

(1) Preliminary Entry

Preliminary Entry is conducted to have a rough estimation in the number of participating organizations as well as a volume and expenses of the WKC. All organizations that intend to participate in the WKC are requested to submit the following information at the FIK member site.

- a. Intention to participate in 18WKC
- b. Expected number of the delegation officials (Delegation Leader, Managers and Coaches, up to 5 in total) and competitors (Up to 10 each for men and women).
- c. Intention to participate in the Competition Categories listed in 5.
- d. Expected number of competitors to be registered to each Category (Up to 4 for Men's/Women's Individual Championship and up to 7 for Men's/Women's Team Championship)

Deadline: September 27, 2020

(2) Final Entry (Member list of the delegation and the Competition Category registration)

Each organization shall submit the information of its delegation officials (Delegation Leader, Managers and Coaches, up to 5 in total) and competitors (Up to 10 each for men and women) at the FIK member site. The final entry registration covers the following items.

- a. Title, Name of all the delegation officials.
- b. Name, gender, age, dan/kyu and nationality of all the competitors.
- c. Intention to participate in each Category of the Competition.
- d. Number of competitors of Individual Championships (maximum 4 for men and women)

Only registered competitors at the Final Entry can participate in 18WKC. No further change of officials/competitors will be accepted after the final entry. For organizations registered to the Men's/Women's Team Championships, 5 or more competitors must be registered for each men and women.

Deadline: February 25, 2021

(3) Competitors' Registration to the Competition Categories

Each organization is requested to register the competitors to each Category of the Competition at the FIK member site.

- a. A competitor may participate in both Individual and Team Championships.
- b. The maximum number of the registered competitors is limited to 4 for each Men's/Women's Individual Championships.
- c. The number of the registered competitors for the Team Championships must be from 5 (minimum) to 7 (maximum).
- d. Any team in which the number of registered competitors is less than 5 is not allowed to register to the Team Championship.
- e. A Referee of the WKC is not allowed to participate as a competitor.

Deadline (Individual Championship): February 25, 2021 (at the same time as Final Entry)

Deadline (Team Championship): April 25, 2021

8. Drawings

After the Final Entry is fixed, drawings for all the Competition Categories shall be conducted in the presence of FIK officials, President of the WKC hosting organization and some observers as appropriate. The drawing results shall be immediately notified to all participating organizations.

Neither re-drawing nor alteration in the matching shall be made after the drawing even in the case of any withdrawal after the drawing or no-show at competition.

9. Method of Individual Championships

(1) Match Time

In the preliminary heats the match time will be 4 minutes for both men and women, and in the final tournament it will be 5 minutes. Matches will be *sanbon-shobu*.

In the preliminary heats, if the match is not decided within regulation time, the match will be declared a draw.

In the final tournament, if no winner is determined within regulation time, the match shall continue with *encho-sen* until the winner is determined by *ippon-shobu*. There is no time limit.

(2) Preliminary Heats

In the preliminary heats, groups will consist of 3 competitors and matches will be conducted in a round robin format. The 1st place competitor in each group shall progress to the final tournament.

Competitors will be placed into the preliminary heat groups by drawing lots. Competitors from the same organization, however, shall be placed in different groups. In addition, if a complete group cannot be made, a group may consist of 4 competitors.

(3) Method for Determining the Ranking in the Preliminary Heats

- a. Points will be awarded to competitors depending on the following results.
 - Win: 3 points
 - Draw: 1 point
 - Loss: 0 points
- b. The competitor with the most points will progress to the final tournament.
- c. If the points are even, the competitor with the most points (*ippon*) scored will finish top.
- d. When both the number of the points and the number of points scored are the same and the top competitor cannot be decided, a sudden death play-off by *ippon-shobu* shall be conducted between the competitors in question.
- e. When 3 competitors have the same ranking as the top, lots will be drawn to decide the order of a

knockout-style play-off and whoever wins two matches in a row will progress to the final tournament. When 4 competitors have the same ranking, the competitor that progresses to the final tournament will be decided by a tournament style play-off, the make-up of which will be decided by drawing lots.

- f. If a competitor in the final tournament is injured before the start of a match and cannot compete, the opponent will win by *fusen-gachi*.

(4) Commendations

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd (2 people) placed competitors and 8 “Fighting Spirit Awards” shall be commended. The selection committee members who are nominated by the FIK President shall select the Fighting Spirit Awards.

10. Method of Team Championships:

(1) Match Times

In the preliminary heats the match time will be 4 minutes for both men and women, and in the final tournament it will be 5 minutes. Matches will be *sanbon-shobu*.

To decide the ranking of the teams in the preliminary heats, or the winner of a team match that cannot be decided in the final tournament, there will be a sudden death *ippon-shobu* play-off. There is no time limit.

(2) Number of Members in the Team Championships

Both the men’s and women’s teams shall consist of 5 members. On the day of the competition, if registered members withdraw making the team short by 3, that team cannot take part in the Team Championships. If 1 member withdraws, that shall be in the *Jiho* position, and if 2 withdraw, they shall be in the *Jiho* and *Fukusho* positions.

- Withdrawal from a match for health or other reasons:

The competitor will lose the match and their opponent will be awarded 2 points. However, if both competitors withdraw, neither will be awarded a win or loss, nor receive points.

(3) Team Order List

The team members for each match are selected from among the competitors registered for the Team Championships. The team members may be changed for each match.

The deadline for submitting the team order list will be indicated at the managers’ meeting.

- If a competitor’s order is different from the one described in the submitted order list is noticed during a match:

If it is noticed before the declaration of “*Hajime*” by the chief referee (*Shushin*) to start the match, the order can be changed without any penalty. However, if it is discovered after the declaration of “*Hajime*” by the chief referee, the referees of that match will immediately stop the match. For the competitor whose order is incorrect in that match, and consequently another competitor whose order is incorrect due to that error, they shall both lose their matches and their respective opponents shall be awarded 2 points. If an error is confirmed after the end of all the matches in which the wins and losses of all competitors have been determined, but before the final bow by both teams at the end of the match (*Sogo-no-rei*), all competitors whose orders were incorrect shall lose their matches and their respective opponents shall be awarded 2 points. If the error is confirmed after the bow by both teams at the end of the match (*Sogo-no-rei*), the result shall not be changed.

(4) Preliminary Heats

As a basic rule, in the preliminary heats groups shall consist of 3 teams and shall be contested in a round robin format. The teams in each group shall be decided by drawing lots. A group of either 4 or 2 teams can be made depending on the number of participating teams.

For each group, the distribution and arrangement of teams shall be decided by the drawing of lots. However, the four teams that finished from 1st to 3rd place in the previous WKC shall be treated as seeded teams and shall be placed in groups so that they cannot face each other until the semifinal.

(5) Method of Matches in the Team Championship Preliminary Heats

In each individual match of the team championships, if there is no result within the allotted time, the match is declared a draw.

The winning team and losing team in a preliminary heat match is determined in the following manner:

- a. The team with the higher number of individual winners is the winning team.
- b. If the number of the individual winners is even, the team with the higher number of points scored is the winning team.
- c. If the number of individual winners and the number of points scored is even, a draw shall be declared. A play-off between representatives shall not be conducted.

(6) Method for Determining the Ranking of Teams in the Preliminary Heats

- a. Points will be awarded to teams depending on the following results.

Win: 3 points

Draw: 1 point

Loss: 0 points

- b. The team with the most points will be ranked higher.
- c. If the points are even, the team with the most individual winners will be ranked higher.
- d. If the points and number of individual winners are even, the team with the most points (*ippon*) scored in their matches will be ranked higher.
- e. If the points, individual winners, and points (*ippon*) scored are even and the team that will progress to the final tournament cannot be decided, a play-off match will decide the ranking.
 - 1) The final ranking will be decided by a representative of each team.
 - 2) The manager of each team will inform the Presiding Referee (*Shinpan-shunin*) of the name of the representative player.
 - 3) The match to decide the winner between two teams shall be decided by a sudden death play-off (*ippon-shobu*) by a representative of each team with no time limit.
 - 4) If 3 teams in the group have the same ranking, lots are drawn to decide the order in which the representatives fight with a knockout-style. The first to win 2 matches in a row will be ranked higher. In the case where 4 teams have the same ranking, lots will be drawn to decide the make-up of a tournament style play-off to be conducted to decide the ranking.

(7) Method for Determining the Teams that Progress to the Tournament Stage

- a. In each group of both the men's and women's preliminary heats, the team that finishes 1st shall progress to the final tournament stage.
- b. There is a possibility depending on the total number of the participating teams that a team that finishes 2nd could progress to the final tournament stage.
- c. In that case, the focus shall be on teams that finished 2nd in a group that has a seeded team. When there is more than one 2nd place team that could progress to the final tournament, ranking shall be allocated in the order that the seeded teams within their group finished in the previous WKC (in this order: 2nd place team in the number 1 seeded team's group; 2nd place in the number 2 seeded team's group).

(8) Method of Matches in the Final Tournament

Winning and losing teams in the final tournament of the team championships shall be determined in the following manner.

- a. The team with the higher number of individual winners will be declared the winner.

- b. If the number of individual winners is even, the team with the most points scored in matches will win.
- c. If the number of individual winners and the number of points scored is even, a play-off between representatives of each team shall be conducted.
- d. The manager of each team will inform the Presiding Referee (*Shinpan-shunin*) of the name of the representative player.
- e. The play-off will be sudden death (*ippon-shobu*) with no time limit.

(9) Commendations

In both the men's and women's competitions, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd (2 teams) place teams and 8 Fighting Spirit Awards shall be commended. The selection committee members, who are nominated by the FIK President, shall select the Fighting Spirit Competitors.

11. Appointment of 18WKC Officials and Referees:

- (1) Appointment of the WKC officials is entrusted to the FIK headquarters as in the case of the former Championships.
- (2) Referee Group shall be composed of one (1) referee director (*Shinpan-cho*), four (4) presiding referees (*Shinpan-shunin*), two (2) presiding referees (*Shinpan-shunin*) specialized for the preliminary heats and forty-two (42) or more referees (*Shinpan-in*), Forty nine (49) or more referees in total.

(3) Assignment of Referees

a. Recommendation of referee candidates

The President of each FIK affiliated organization shall submit the recommendation letter to the President of FIK for 6 or less candidates of the WKC referees who satisfy the following requirements. The selection committee entrusted by the FIK President shall select the WKC referees from among the recommended candidates and some other candidates recommended by the FIK President.

The requirements for the WKC referee candidates are;

- 1) Member of a FIK affiliated organization, and in principle, having the nationality of the country of the organization concerned.
- 2) Age between 35 and 70 years (as of January 1, 2021)
- 3) Kendo 6-Dan or above, in good health, and practicing Kendo regularly
- 4) Thoroughly familiar with "The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan of FIK", competent in refereeing as proved by sufficient experience at international competitions or equivalent competitions.
- 5) Having participated in the FIK Referee Seminar in a zone at least once after the previous WKC. Those who can participate in both the WKC Referee Seminar held in Japan several months before the WKC competitions and the WKC Referee Seminar held at the WKC venue during the event term without fail.

b. Referees Selection Committee

A selection committee entrusted by the FIK President will select WKC referees from among the candidates from each organization and a few more candidates recommended by the FIK President.

c. Appointment of the referees

The FIK President shall notify the Presidents of the FIK affiliated organizations of the appointees. The Presidents of the organizations to which the appointees belong are requested to send, in writing, the confirmation of acceptance of the appointment to the FIK headquarters, immediately.

- d. Referee director (*Shinpan-cho*), 6 presiding referees (*Shinpan-shunin*) and the Japanese referees shall be selected and appointed by the FIK President.

12. Financial Responsibilities:

- (1) All participants must bear their expenses of travelling between their own countries and the venue, also the expenses for accommodations and meals during their stay. Details of the expenses, how to make reservations and payment for accommodations and meals shall be informed by the hosting organization. Therefore, all participating organizations and the participants are requested to follow the instructions given by the hosting organization.
- (2) FIK shall cover the expenses for two nights of the hotel for the authorized referees from the day before the referee seminar. FIK shall refund the amount equivalent to the hotel expenses to the organization the referee belongs to. Each referee and/or the organization he/she belongs to shall bear the expenses of the hotel for them other than the aforementioned duration during the event term.
- (3) Concerning the expenses of 18WKC and the related events, the FIK headquarters and the hosting organization discuss and determine how to shoulder the expenses between them.

13. Specifications of Shinai:

The following items must be observed for shinai . Also be sure to have measurement and inspection on the day of the event.

- (1) The length (total length, length of *sakigawa*), weight, diameter (the minimum diameter from the shinai tip of the *sakigawa* as well as the minimum diagonal diameter of the *chikuto* of the area 8 cm from the shinai tip) are shown in the Figure A and B. Furthermore, the tip of the shinai is the thinnest part of the *chikuto*, and its thickness must increase as it gets closer to the *mono-uchi*.
- (2) Shinai with large gaps between the four slats when puts together must not be used, neither should those which have been altered in a way leaving them clearly unsafe to use, or if the form has been altered.

Figure A: Specifications of Shinai

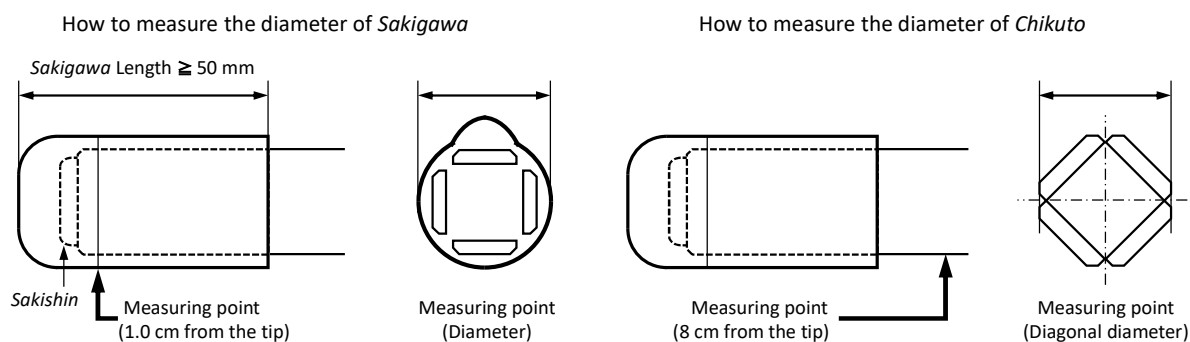
Specifications of Shinai (*Itto*)

	Sex	Junior High School (12-15yrs)	High School (15-18yrs) and the same age bracket	University and other Adults (18yrs and up)	
Length	Male/Female	≧ 114cm	≧ 117cm	≧ 120cm	
Weight	Male	≧ 440g	≧ 480g	≧ 510g	
	Female	≧ 400g	≧ 420g	≧ 440g	
Diameter	Male	Sakigawa	≧ 25mm	≧ 26mm	≧ 26mm
		Chikuto	≧ 20mm	≧ 21mm	≧ 21mm
	Female	Sakigawa	≧ 24mm	≧ 25mm	≧ 25mm
		Chikuto	≧ 19mm	≧ 20mm	≧ 20mm

Specifications of Shinai (*Nito*)

	Sex	University Students and other Adults (18yrs and up)		
		Daito (Longer sword)	Shoto (Shorter sword)	
Length	Male/Female	$\cong 114\text{cm}$	$\cong 62\text{cm}$	
Weight	Male	$\cong 440\text{g}$	280~300g	
	Female	$\cong 400\text{g}$	250~280g	
Diameter	Male	Sakigawa	$\cong 25\text{mm}$	$\cong 24\text{mm}$
		Chikuto	$\cong 20\text{mm}$	$\cong 19\text{mm}$
	Female	Sakigawa	$\cong 24\text{mm}$	$\cong 24\text{mm}$
		Chikuto	$\cong 19\text{mm}$	$\cong 19\text{mm}$

Figure B: Shinai measurement points



14. Others:

- (1) All participants including the delegation members, the referees and the FIK officials are requested to report his/her arrival in the hosting country to the WKC headquarters of the hosting organization for sure. They are also requested to receive a welcome package that includes the documents and the materials from the WKC headquarters of the hosting organization.
- (2) 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.
- (3) A competitor who is judged to be under the influence of illegal drugs (alcoholic beverages included) shall be disqualified by Gogi of the referees, shall be ordered to retire from the match and shall lose the match by Fusen-make. In case a dope test is conducted during or before/after the Championship period, it shall be conducted according to the FIK Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). In case of disqualification by anti-doping violation, the shift of the rankings method, which was determined at the previous WKC, shall be applied.
- (4) All participants including the delegation members, the referees and the FIK officials must insure themselves against diseases and accidents during the travel including the WKC period.
- (5) 'Godo Geiko' is for those who desire to participate in but must be WKC participants.

In case there are any contradictions between the Japanese and the English of the Program and Regulations of The World Kendo Championships, the Japanese version supersedes.