

15th WORLD KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

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PROGRAM AND REGULATIONS OF THE 15TH WORLD KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS (15WKC)

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1. **Promoting Organization:** International Kendo Federation (FIK)
Hosting Organization: Confederazione Italiana Kendo (CIK)
Supporting Organization: All Japan Kendo Federation (AJKF)
2. **Place and Venue :** Novara Sporting Village Gym
Novara, Italy
3. **Events Term:** May 23 (Wednesday) through May 28 (Monday), 2012

(1) Competition Term: May 25 (Friday) to May 27 (Sunday), 2012

(2) Events:

Date	Events (Daytime)	(Evening)
May 23 (Wednesday)	Referee Seminar (Referee Meeting) Regional Federation (EKF/LAKC) General Assemblies	
May 24 (Thursday)	FIK Board of Directors Meeting (BODM) & General Assembly (GA) Managers' Meeting Submission of team order list for each team's 1 st match for Team Championships	FIK Reception
May 25 (Friday)	Opening Ceremony Men's Individual Championship Commendation Ceremony	Free Keiko
May 26 (Saturday)	Commencing Address Women's Individual Championship Women's Team Championship Commendation Ceremony	Free Keiko
May 27 (Sunday)	Commencing Address Men's Team Championship Commendation and Closing Ceremonies	Farewell Party
May 28 (Monday)	AJKF Kendo Dan Examinations (4-Dan – 7-Dan only)	

* Drawings shall be conducted after the Final Entry is fixed in the presence of some FIK officials and the applicants who desire to attend. (See 6-(4).)

* All participating organizations are requested to report their arrival to the hosting organization's WKC headquarters office by May 23 and at least 1 person from each delegation must attend the Managers' Meeting on May 24.

4 . Regulation of the Matches:

All matches shall be conducted following "The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan of FIK (Revised on December 7, 2006 and thereafter)". The match duration is as defined in the 7-(2)-a and 8-(7)-a-1 below.

5 . Qualifications:

(1) Participating Organizations:

Only the FIK affiliated organizations are eligible for participating in the WKC. A non-affiliated organization, whose FIK affiliation is approved at the FIK Board of Directors Meeting (BODM) in the preceding year of the 15WKC, is also eligible.

(2) Participants:

The competitors participating in the Championships are required to have the following qualifications;

- a. Officially registered membership of an organization, which is stated in the preceding paragraph 5-(1).
- b. Nationality of the country of the organization to which he/she belongs at the time of the Final Entry (Presentation of the passport could be requested as its proof). Concerning a competitor who does not have the nationality of the country he/she represents, an explanatory statement and an official request in writing must be submitted to FIK from the President of the country organization concerned. And only those who are approved by the FIK President before the Final Entry may participate in the WKC.

6 . Entries, Competitors' Registration and Drawings:

(1) Preliminary Entry

Preliminary Entry is conducted so that FIK and the hosting organization can estimate the approximate number of the participating organizations as well as the scale and expenses of the WKC. All organizations that intend to participate in the WKC are requested to submit the following information to the FIK headquarters in a prescribed method by the designated deadline below.

- a. Intention of the participation in the 15WKC
- b. Expected number of the delegation officials (Delegation Leader, Managers and Coaches, up to 5 in total) and the competitors (Up to 10 each for men and women).
- c. Intention of the participation in each Championship (Men's/Women's Individual, Men's/Women's Team)
- d. Expected number of the competitors who will be registered for each Championship (Up to 4 each for Men's/Women's Individual Championship and up to 7 each for Men's/Women's Team Championship)

Deadline for the Preliminary Entry: August 31, 2011

(2) Final Entry (Registration of the names of all delegation members and the registration for the participating events)

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) to the FIK headquarters as the Final Entry of the WKC. The delegation members to be entered must meet the qualifications described in above 5-(2). All organizations that participate in the WKC are required to submit the following information to the FIK headquarters together with the photos of all delegation members in a prescribed method by the designated deadline below.

- a. Names, Ages, Dan and Nationalities of all delegation members
- b. Intention of the participation in each Championship (Men's/Women's Individual, Men's/Women's Team)
- c. Expected number of the competitors who will participate in the Men's/Women's Individual Championships (Up to 4 each for men and women)

The competitors who have been registered for the Final Entry only are allowed to participate in the 15WKC competitions. Once the Final Entry has been accepted and registered at the FIK headquarters, no change of the officials or the competitors of the delegation is accepted. In order to participate in the Men's/Women's Team Championships, a team must have at least 5 competitors who are to be finally entered for men and women each.

Deadline for the Final Entry: February 28, 2012

(3) Competitors' Registration

This is to register the names of the participating competitors for each event. The participating competitors shall be chosen from among the competitors who were entered at the Final Entry. Each organization must register the competitors for the Individual Championships and the Team Championships respectively with the FIK headquarters in a prescribed method by the respective deadlines stated below.

- a. A competitor may participate in both Individual and Team Championships.
- b. A male competitor is not allowed to participate in the Women's Championships, and vice versa, a female competitor is not allowed to participate in the Men's Championships.
- c. The number of the registered competitors shall be up to 4 for each of the Men's/Women's Individual Championships.
- d. The number of the registered competitors for the Team Championships, for Men's and Women's each, must be from 5 (minimum) to 7 (maximum).
- e. Concerning the Team Championships, an organization that fails to have the sufficient number of the competitors stated in the preceding paragraph is not allowed to register for the Team Championship.
- f. A Referee of the WKC is not allowed to participate as a competitor.

Competitors' Registration for Individual Championships

Deadline : (concurrent with the Final Entry): February 28, 2012

Competitors' Registration for Team Championships, Deadline: April 25, 2012

(4) Drawings

After the Final Entry is fixed, drawings for the Men's/Women's Individual and Team Championships' preliminary heats shall be conducted in the presence of some FIK officials and the President of the WKC hosting organization. The result of the drawings shall be notified to each participating organization immediately after the drawings. In the Men's/Women's Team Championships, the semi-finalist teams of the previous WKC Team competitions are placed in seeded groups. (See the 8-(7)-C and the Charts attached.)

Neither re-drawing nor alteration in the matching shall be made, even if it turns out after the drawings that an individual or a team would not participate in the competition or even if an individual or a team is absent on the day of the event.

7 . Method of Individual Championships:

(1) The competitors who participate in the Individual Championships must be those who have been registered for the Individual Championship at the time of the Competitors' Registration.

(4 competitors at most per organization for Men/Women Championship respectively.)

(2) Method of matches:

a. As for a men's match, it is played by "3 Bon-Shobu" and its duration is 5 minutes, while as for a women's match, it is also played by "3 Bon-Shobu" but its duration is 4 minutes. This is applicable for both the preliminary heats and the final tournament. If no winner is determined within the indicated period of time, the match shall be continued with an addition of Encho until the winner is determined by "Ippon-Shobu".

b. As for the preliminary heats, round robin shall apply per group, each of which shall consist of 3 competitors. The 1st place competitor of each group shall be qualified for the final tournament.

c. Placement of the competitors in the preliminary heat groups shall be determined by the drawing. Competitors from the same organization, however, shall be placed in different groups. In addition, if the total number of the competitors does not work out evenly, some groups may consist of 2 competitors.

d. How to determine the winner of each group who advances to the final tournament:

1) A competitor who has won the highest number of the matches shall move on to the final tournament.

2) In case where the number of the matches won ties, the competitor who has the higher number of the points scored shall be the winner.

3) When both the number of the matches won and the number of the points scored are the same, a sudden death play-off by "Ippon-Shobu" shall be conducted between the competitors in question.

(3) Commendation:

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd (2 competitors) place competitors and 8 "Fighting Spirit Competitors" shall be commended. The selection committee members who are nominated by the FIK President shall select the Fighting Spirit Competitors.

8 . Method of Team Championships:

(1) One team each is to represent one organization for Men and Women each.

(2) For Men's and Women's team, respectively, only those with 5 or more and 7 or less registered competitors are allowed to register for the Team Championships.

(3) Each team, for Men's and Women's respectively, shall compete with 5 members. (If a team fails to have 3 or more registered competitors on the day of the event due to the registered competitors' default,

that team shall be disqualified. If there is one competitor who withdraws from the competition on the day of the event, he/she shall be placed in Jiho place. In case of two competitors' default, they shall be placed in Jiho and Fukusho places.)

- (4) The team members for each match are selected from among the competitors registered for the Team Championship. For each match, the team members and their order may be changed freely.
- (5) During the preliminary heats, a team must submit its order list for each match to the court manager (Shiai-jo Shunin) before the beginning of the immediately preceding match in the court where the team plays. (As for the order list for the first match for each team, each team is required to submit it to the WKC headquarters at the Managers' Meeting.) At the final tournament matches, as soon as the opponent team is determined, both teams shall submit the order lists at the same time to the court manager (Shiai-jo Shunin). Even if there is no change in the order from the one for its previous match, an order list must be submitted for each match.
- (6) In case where the competitors' order is different from the one described in the submitted order list, if it is noticed before the declaration of 'Hajime' by the chief referee (Shushin) for a match, the order of the competitors can be changed to the correct one without any penalty. However, if it is found after the declaration of 'Hajime' for a match by the chief referee, the referees of that match declares suspension of that match immediately. And the competitor whose order is incorrect at that match and also another competitor whose order would be incorrect due to that shall both lose the matches and the opponents respectively shall be given 2 points instantly. If it is proved before the bow of the end (Shuryo-no Rei) by both teams at the end of the matches after the winning and losing of all competitors of the team are determined, all competitors whose orders were incorrect shall lose his/her match and each opponent shall be given 2 points respectively. If it is found after the bow of the end (Shuryo-no Rei) by both teams, the winning and losing of them shall not be changed.

(7) Method of Matches:

a. Each match

- 1) Regarding each match of the Team Championships, a men's match is played by "3 Bon-Shobu" and its duration is 5 minutes, while a match for women is played also by "3 Bon-Shobu" but its duration is 4 minutes. This is applicable to both the preliminary heats and the final tournament. If no winner is determined within the prescribed time given, a draw will be declared.
- 2) In case where a competitor defaults a match due to his/her health or other reasons, he/she loses the match and the opponent shall be given 2 points. However, in case both competitors default a match neither of them shall be a winner or loser and neither of them shall be given any points.
- 3) A play-off between the representatives of the teams is carried out by "Ippon-Shobu" and shall be continued until a winner is determined.

b. Preliminary Heats:

- 1) Preliminary Heats of Men's Team Championship (See Chart I and Example attached.)
 - ① Basically the participating teams shall be divided into preliminary heat groups consisting of 3 teams. Depending on the total number of the participating teams, up to 2 groups shall consist of 4 teams. Round robin applies to all preliminary heat groups.
 - ② The 1st place team of each preliminary heat group shall advance to the final tournament. Based on the order of priority shown in the Chart I attached, some 2nd place teams shall advance to the final tournament. (The number of the 2nd place teams that can advance to the final tournament depends on the total number of the participating teams.)
 - ③ Neither re-drawing nor alteration in the matching shall be conducted, even if it turns out after the drawings that a team would not participate in the competition or even if a team

would be absent on the day of the event.

2) Preliminary Heats of Women's Team Championship (See Chart II and Example attached.)

- ① Based on the total number of the participating teams, the participating teams shall be divided into preliminary heat groups consisting of 2-4 teams. Round robin applies to all preliminary heat groups.
- ② The 1st place teams and the 2nd place teams shall advance to the final tournament in accordance with the attached Chart II.
- ③ Neither re-drawing nor alteration in the matching shall be conducted, even if it turns out after the drawings that a team would not participate in the competition or even if a team would be absent on the day of the event.

c. Placement of Each Team in Preliminary Heat Groups

The placement of the teams in each group is determined by drawing. However, the 4 semi-finalist teams in the previous WKC (seeded teams) shall be placed in different preliminary heat groups as shown in the charts attached. (The placement for the 3rd place teams is determined by drawing. See Chart I, II and the Examples attached.)

d. Methods of Determining the Winning/Losing Team and the Ranking in Preliminary Heat Groups

1) The winning team and the losing team in a preliminary heat is determined by the following order of precedence:

- ① The team that has the higher number of the individual winners is the winning team.
- ② In case where the number of the individual winners breaks even, the team that has the higher number of the points scored is the winning team.
- ③ If the number of the individual winners and the number of the points scored break even, a draw shall be declared. A play-off between the representatives shall not apply.

2) Based on the results of the matches of the preliminary heat, the top one team (or two teams) of a preliminary heat group shall advance to the final tournament.

3) The ranking in each group is determined by the following order of precedence;

- ① The team with the higher number of the matches won as a team shall be placed in the higher rank.
- ② In case the number of the matches won as a team ties, the team with less number of the matches lost as a team shall be in the higher place.
- ③ If both the number of the matches won as a team (①) and the number of the matches lost as a team (②) are the same, the team that has the higher number of the individual winners shall be in the higher place.
- ④ If the number of the matches won as a team (①), the number of the matches lost (②) and the number of the individual winners (③) are the same, the team with the higher number of the points scored shall be in the higher place.
- ⑤ If above ① to ④ are still the same, the ranking of the 1st and 2nd places in a group shall be determined by a play-off between the representatives of both teams.
- ⑥ If 3 or more teams of one group turn out to be all square in above ① to ④, the determination of the ranking in that group shall be made by round robin among the representatives of those teams.

e. Final Tournament

1) The final tournaments for men and women are conducted by 16-ladder tournament. (See Chart I for the Men's Team Championship, Chart II for the Women's Team Championship and the Examples attached.)

2) The determination of the winning team and the losing team in the final tournament shall be made

by the following order of precedence;

- ① The team that has the higher number of the individual winners is the winning team.
- ② In case where the number of the individual winners ties, the team with the higher number of the points scored is the winning team.
- ③ If two teams turn out to be all square both in the number of the individual winners and the number of the points scored, the determination shall be made by a play-off between the representatives of both teams.

(8) Commendation:

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd (2 teams) place teams and 8 "Fighting Spirit Competitors" shall be commended. The selection committee members who are nominated by the FIK President shall select the Fighting Spirit Competitors.

9 . Appointment of the 15WKC Officials and Referees:

- (1) Appointment of the WKC officials is entrusted to the FIK headquarters following the precedence of the former Championships.
- (2) Referee Group shall be composed of one (1) referee director (Shinpan-cho), four (4) presiding referees (Shinpan-shunin) and twenty-four (24) or more referees (Shinpan): Twenty-nine (29) or more referees in total.
- (3) Assignment of the Referees:

a. Selection of the referees:

The President of each FIK affiliated organization shall recommend 6 or less candidates for the WKC referees, who satisfy the requirements stated in the ① through ⑤ below, to the FIK President in a prescribed method. 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 an 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, 2012)
- ③ Kendo 5-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. 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.

- c. The referee director (Shinpan-cho), the 4 presiding referees (Shinpan-shunin) and the Japanese referees shall be selected and appointed by the FIK President.

10. 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 bear the expenses of the hotel and meals for the authorized referees during the following duration, from the supper of the preceding day of the referee seminar (May 22) to the breakfast of the following day of the seminar (May 24). FIK shall refund the amount equivalent to the hotel and meal expenses for that period to the organization he/she belongs to. Each referee and/or the organization he/she belongs to shall bear the expenses of the hotel and meals for them other than the aforementioned duration during the event term.
- (3) Concerning the expenses of 15WKC and the related events, the FIK headquarters and the hosting organization discuss and determine how to shoulder the expenses between them.

11. 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) 'Free Keiko' is for those who desire to participate in.
- (6) Kendo 4-Dan, 5-Dan, 6-Dan and 7-Dan exams only are held by AJKF on the following day of the WKC.

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Attachments: Chart I: Preliminary Heat Groups & The Method for Advancing to the Final
Tournament of the Men's Team Championship

Chart II: Preliminary Heat Groups & The Method for Advancing to the Final
Tournament of the Women's Team Championship

Examples: Example of the Men's Team Championship in case of 38 teams' final entry and
Example of the Women's Team Championship in case of 20 teams' final entry

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