

# THE 12TH WORLD KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS, GLASGOW 2003

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## PROGRAM AND REGULATIONS OF THE 12TH WORLD KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS (12WKC)

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1. **Promoting Organization:** International Kendo Federation (IKF)  
**Hosting Organization:** The British Kendo Association (BKA)  
**Supporting Organization:** All Japan Kendo Federation (AJKF)
2. **Place and Venue :** The Kelvin Hall International Sports Arena  
Glasgow, Scotland, Great Britain
3. **Events Term:** July 1 (Tuesday) through July 7 (Monday), 2003

(1) Competition Term: July 4 (Friday) to July 6 (Sunday), 2003

(2) Events:

Date	Events (Daytime)	(Evening)
July 1 (Tuesday)	Referee Seminar	
July 2 (Wednesday)	Referee Seminar (Referee Meeting) EKF General Assembly	
July 3 (Thursday)	Managers' Meeting Submission of team order list for each team's 1 <sup>st</sup> match for Team Championship IKF Board of Directors Meeting & General Assembly	IKF Reception
July 4 (Friday)	Opening Ceremony Women's Individual Championship Women's Team Championship Commendation Ceremony, Goodwill Keiko	
July 5 (Saturday)	Commencing Address Men's Individual Championship Commendation Ceremony, Goodwill Keiko	
July 6 (Sunday)	Commencing Address Men's Team Championship Commendation and Closing Ceremonies	Farewell Party
July 7 (Monday)	AJKF Kendo Seminar & AJKF Dan Examinations	

\* The drawings shall be conducted in the presence of some IKF officials after the Final Entry has been fixed. (See 6-(4).)

\* All participating organizations are requested to report its arrival to the hosting organization's 12WKC

headquarters office by July 3 and at least 1 person from its delegation must attend the Managers' Meeting on July 3.

#### **4 . Regulation of the Matches:**

All matches shall be conducted following "The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan of IKF (Revised on March 23, 2000 and thereafter)". The match duration is as defined in the 7-(2)-a and 8-(6)-a-1 below.

#### **5 . Qualifications:**

##### **(1) Participating Organizations:**

Only the IKF affiliated organizations are eligible for participating in the 12 WKC. A non-affiliated organization, whose IKF affiliation is approved at the IKF Board of Directors Meeting in the preceding year of the 12WKC, is also eligible.

##### **(2) Participants:**

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

- a. An official 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 (the passport serves as its proof). Concerning a manager or 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 IKF from the President of the country organization concerned. And only those who are approved by the IKF President before the Final Entry can participate in the 12WKC.

#### **6 . Entries, Competitors' Registration and Drawing**

##### **(1) Preliminary Entry**

Preliminary Entry is conducted so that IKF and the hosting organization can estimate the approximate number of the participating organizations as well as the scale and expenses of the 12WKC. All organizations that intend to participate in the 12WKC are requested to fill in the prescribed Preliminary Entry form and submit it to the IKF headquarters by the designated deadline below.

The items to be filled out in the prescribed Preliminary Entry form are as follows.

- a. Intention of the participation in the 12WKC
- 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 5 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: September 30, 2002**

##### **(2) Final Entry (Registration of the delegation members and the registration for the participating events)**

Each organization shall register its delegation officials (Delegation Leader, Managers and Coaches, up to 5 in total) and competitors (Up to 10 each for men and women) for the Final Entry of the 12WKC. The delegation members to be registered must meet the qualifications described in

above 5-(2). All organizations that participate in the 12WKC are required to fill in the prescribed Final Entry form and submit it to the IKF headquarters together with the photos of all delegation members by the designated deadline below.

The items to be filled out in the prescribed Final Entry form are as follows.

- 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 5 each for men and women)

Only competitors who have been registered for the Final Entry are allowed to participate in the 12WKC competitions. Once the Final Entry has been accepted and registered at the IKF 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 have been finally entered for men and women each.

**Deadline for the Final Entry: April 1, 2003**

**(3) Competitors' Registration**

This is to register 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 fill in the prescribed registration forms for the Individual Championships and the Team Championships, respectively, and submit them to the IKF headquarters 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 5 for each of the Men's/Women's Individual Championships.
- d. The number of the registered competitors for each of the Team Championships, both Men's and Women's, 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. Referees at the 12WKC are not allowed to participate as a competitor.

**Competitors' Registration for Individual Championships**

**Deadline : April 1, 2003 (concurrent with the Final Entry)**

**Competitors' Registration for Team Championships, Deadline: June 13, 2003**

**(4) Drawings**

After the Final Entry has been fixed, the drawings for the Men's/Women's Individual and Team Championships shall be conducted in the presence of some IKF officials and the President of the 12WKC 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 11WKC team competitions are placed in seeded groups for the tournament

as shown in the 8-(6)-b-3) and the diagram illustrated below.

Neither re-drawing nor alteration in the matching will 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 would be absent on the day of the event. However, concerning the Team Championships, if a team is confirmed as being absent at the time of the Managers' Meeting, the matching within the preliminary heat group to which the absent team belongs only shall be changed.

Ex.: If absence of team 'c' of group A (consisting of 5 teams, 'a' to 'e') is confirmed at the Managers' Meeting, the matching within the group A is changed. The team 'd' shall move up and become team 'c', the team 'e' shall become team 'd' and the matching within the group A is changed as the matching in a group consisting of 4 teams. (See 8-(6)-b-3) and the diagram below.)

## **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.

(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 3 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. (Chart omitted.)

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 a representative to the final tournament from each group:

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 breaks even, the competitor who has the higher number of the points scored shall be the winner.

3) When the number of the matches won and the number of the points scored break even, a sudden death play-off by "Ippon-Shobu" will be made between the competitors.

(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 IKF President shall select the Fighting Spirit Competitors.

## **8. Method of Team Championships**

(1) One division system is applied and one team is to represent one organization.

(2) For Men's and Women's team, respectively, only those with 5 or more and 7 or less registered competitors shall be eligible for the Team Championships.

(3) Each team (both Men's and Women's) 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.)

(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) A team must submit its order list in each match to the presiding referee (Shinpan-shunin) before the beginning of the immediately preceding match in the court where the team plays. No submission will indicate that the order in the previous match will remain unchanged. (As for the order list for the first match for each team, each team is required to submit it to the headquarters immediately after the Managers' Meeting.)

(6) Method of Matches:

a. Each match

- 1) 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 3 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) The participating teams shall be divided into 8 groups (A to H).

- ① If the number of the participating teams is 24 or less, each group shall consist of 2 or 3 teams.
- ② If the number of the participating teams is between 25 and 32, each group shall consist of 3 or 4 teams.
- ③ If the number of the participating teams is more than 32, each group shall consist of 4 or 5 teams.

2) Method of Preliminary Heats:

- ① If the number of the teams in one group is 3 or less, round robin is applied.
- ② If the number of the teams in one group is 4 or more, the matching as in the following manner is applied. (Each team competes two matches in the preliminary.)

Example: presuming that teams within a group are named "a~e";

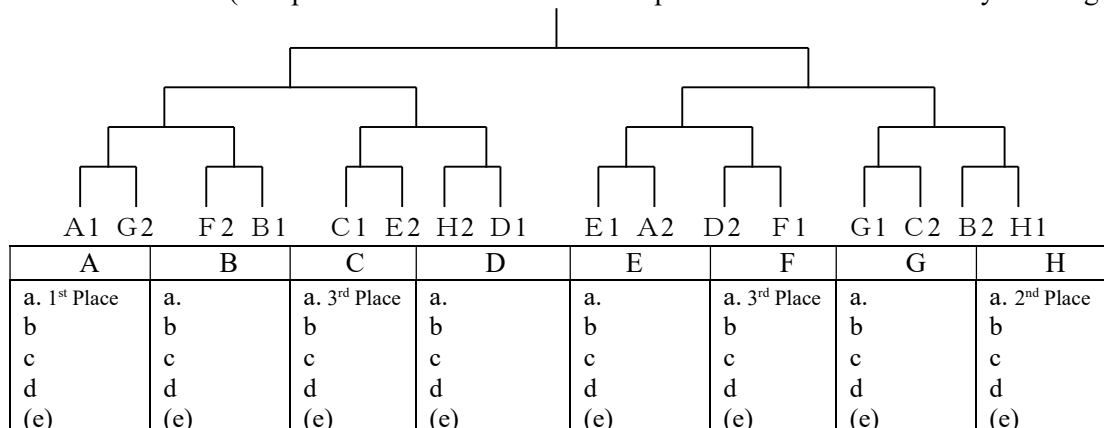
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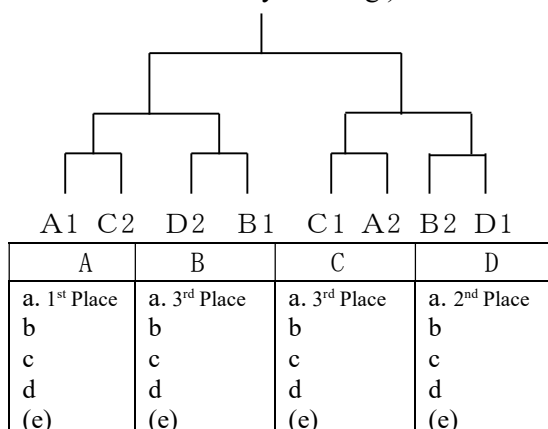
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e vs. a

- 3) The placement of the teams in each group is determined by drawing. However, the 4 semi-finalist teams in the 11WKC shall be placed in different groups as shown in the diagram below. (The placement for the 11WKC 3rd place teams is determined by drawing.)



In case where the total number of the participating teams for the Team Championship at the time of the Final Entry exceeds 40, the number of the preliminary heat groups or the final tournament ladder may be re-considered.

If the total number of the participating teams for the Team Championship at the time of the Final Entry is 20 or less, the participating teams shall be divided into 4 groups. (See below. The placement for the 11WKC 3rd place teams is determined by drawing.)



- 4) The winning team and the losing team in the preliminary heat is determined in 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 will be declared. A play-off between the representatives shall not apply.
- 5) Based on the results of the matches of the preliminary heat, the top two teams in each group shall move on to the final tournament.
- 6) The tournament finalists in each group are determined in the following order of precedence:
- ① The teams that have the first and second highest number of the matches won as a team shall be the finalists in the group.
  - ② In case the number of the matches won as a team breaks even, the team with less number of the matches lost as a team shall be in the higher place.

- ③ If the number of the matches won as a team and the number of the matches lost as a team break even, 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, the number of the matches lost as a team and the number of the individual winners are even, the team with the higher number of the points scored shall be in the higher place in the group.
- ⑤ If the number of the matches won as a team, the number of the matches lost as a team, the number of the individual winners and the number of the points scored above are still even;
  - The ranking of the 1st and 2nd places in a group is not determined by a play-off between them, but their placement in the final tournament matching is determined by drawing.
  - The ranking of the 2nd and 3rd places in a group shall be determined by a play-off between the representatives of both teams.
- ⑥ If 3 or more high-ranking teams of a group turn out to be even in the number of the matches won as a team, the number of the matches lost as a team, the number of the individual winners and the number of the points scored, the determination of the ranking order shall be made by round robin among the representatives of those teams.

c. Final Tournament:

- 1) In the first round of the final tournament, the 1st place team of one group shall, in principle, compete with the 2nd place team of another group. (See the aforementioned diagram.)
- 2) The determination of the winning team and the losing team in the final tournament shall be made in 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 with the higher number of the points scored is the winning team.
  - ③ If two teams turn out to be even 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.

(7) 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 IKF President shall select the Fighting Spirit Competitors.

**9. Appointment of the 12WKC Officials and Referees:**

- (1) Appointment of the 12WKC officials is entrusted to the IKF headquarters following the precedence of the former Championships.
- (2) Referee Group shall be composed of one referee director (Shinpan-cho), four 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 IKF affiliated organization shall recommend 6 or less candidates for the 12WKC referees, who satisfy the requirements stated in the ① through ⑤ below. The selection committee entrusted by the IKF President shall select the 12WKC referees from among the recommended candidates and some other candidates recommended by the IKF President.

The requirements for the 12WKC referee candidates are;

- ① Member of an IKF 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, 2003)
- 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 IKF, competent in refereeing as proved by sufficient experience at international competitions or equivalent competitions.
- ⑤ Having participated in the IKF Referee Seminar in a zone at least once after the 11WKC and also can participate in the 12WKC Referee Seminar held prior to the 12WKC competitions without fail.

b. Appointment of the referees

The IKF President shall notify the Presidents of the IKF 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 IKF 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 IKF 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, making reservations and payment for accommodations and meals shall be informed of by the hosting organization, BKA. Therefore, all participants are requested to follow the instruction given by BKA.
- (2) IKF shall bear the expenses of the hotel and meals for the authorized referees during the following duration, from the supper of June 30 to the breakfast of July 3. IKF 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 12WKC and the related events, the IKF headquarters and the hosting organization, BKA, discuss and determine how to shoulder the expenses between them.

**11. Others:**

- (1) All participants including the delegation members, the referees and the IKF officials are requested to report his/her arrival in Glasgow 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) The 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) The competitor who is judged to be under the influence of illegal drugs (alcoholic beverages included), following Gogi of the referees will be disqualified. In case a dope test is conducted during or before/after the Championship period, the hosting organization, BKA, will provide each participating organization with the detailed information on the test in advance.
- (4) The competitors must insure themselves against accident.

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