

THE 11TH WORLD KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS SANTA CLARA, USA 2000

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PROGRAM AND REGULATIONS OF THE 11TH WORLD KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS 2000

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1. **Promoter:** International Kendo Federation
Host organization: All United States Kendo Federation
Supporter: All Japan Kendo Federation

2. **Place :** Santa Clara, California, U.S.A.

3. **Events Term:** March 21 (Tuesday) through March 27 (Monday), 2000
 (1) Competition Term: March 24 (Friday) through March 26 (Sunday), 2000
 (2) Events :

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
March 21 (Tuesday)		Referees Arrival (Registration) Open Keiko	
March 22 (Wednesday)	Referee Meeting / Seminar IKF/EKF Arrival (Registration) EKF Conference		Open Keiko
March 23 (Thursday)	Referee Meeting / Seminar, IKF BODM/GA Final Arrival (Registration)	Managers Meeting (Drawing) Open Keiko	IKF Reception
March 24 (Friday)	Opening Ceremony Women's Individual Championship Exhibitions, Extra Matches	Semi-official Women's Team Tournament Commending Ceremony Goodwill Keiko	
March 25 (Saturday)	Commencing Address Men's Individual Championship Exhibitions, Extra Matches	Commending Ceremony Goodwill Keiko	
March 26 (Sunday)	Commencing Address Men's Team Championship Exhibitions, Extra Matches	Commending Ceremony Closing Ceremony	Farewell Party
March 27 (Monday)	Kendo Seminars	Dan Examination	

Note: The goodwill Keiko is to be held after the event each day.

4. Regulation of the Matches:

Regulation of the matches will be according to "The Regulations of: Kendo Match and its Refereeing (Revised March 26, 1997)" of I.K.F. (including a later possible partial revision thereof). However, the women's match duration for Individual Championship and Semiofficial Team Tournament is 3 minutes.

5. Qualifications, Number and Entry of Competitors:

- (1) Managers & Competitors to participate in the Team Championship/Tournament or the Individual Championship are required to have the following qualifications;
 - a. Membership of the organization affiliated to IKF or its equivalent status as approved by BODM & GA, IKF.
 - b. Nationality of the country for them to represent (a passport serves as its proof) or its equivalent status as determined by IKF President.
- (2) Each organization must enter for registration a maximum of 10 competitors who are qualified as indicated in the above item (1) and their name lists must be submitted at IKF Hqs. by the prescribed date through the pre-entry indicated in article 10.
- (3) Competitors for men & women individual championships (maximum of 5, each) and those for men's team championship (maximum of 7 to 5) and those for women's semiofficial tournament (maximum of 7 to 3) must be nominated from among the registered competitors by each manager according to the match method/conditions specified in the following each item, and their name lists be submitted at the Managers Meeting of March 23, 2000.
- (4) Matching of every match (Individual/Team for men & women) is made by drawing at managers meeting. However, seeding system based on the results of 10th WKC is applied to the Team Championship/Tournament.
- (5) A competitor may participate in both the Team Championship/Tournament and the Individual Championship; however, men may not enter the women's matches, while women not enter the men's matches.
- (6) Referees are not allowed to participate as competitors in the Championships.

6. Method of Individual Championships (applied to both men and women)

- (1) Number of competitors:

Maximum of 5 nominated beforehand from among the registered competitors
- (2) Method of matches:
 - a. As for elimination contests, league matches will be held per group, each of which will consist of 3 competitors. The 1st place competitor of each group will move on to the tournament matches.
 - b. As for men's match, it is played by "3 Bon-Shobu" and its duration is 5 minutes, while as for woman's match, it is played by "3 Bon-Shobu" and its duration is 3 minutes. If no winner is determined within the indicated period of time, the match will be continued with an addition of Encho until a winner is determined by "Ippon-Shobu".
 - c. Matching of competitors for groups will be made by drawing. Competitors from the same organization will be seeded into different groups, however.

In addition, if the total number of competitors does not work out evenly, one group may consist of 2.
 - d. Determination of the ranking of individual competitors per group:
 - ① A competitor with highest number of matches won moves on to the tournament match.

- ② A competitor who gets higher number of points in the event of the same number of matches won.
 - ③ In the event of competitors ending up with the same score, they will continue the match, until a winner is determined by "Ippon-Shobu".
- (3) Awards:
Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd (2 competitors) place players and to 7 or less "Fighting Spirit Players" who will be determined by some selection Committee nominated by the IKF President.

7. The Team Matches (men's championship and women's semiofficial tournament):

- (1) One division system is applied and one team is to represent one organization.
- (2) Every men's team consists of 5 to 7 competitors registered beforehand, while every women's team consists of 3 to 7 competitors registered beforehand. Each team may compete by 5 members. However, should a men's team fail to have 5 competitors available, and should a women's team fail to have 3 competitors available, the team is not eligible to participate in the matches.
- (3) The team members are selected from the members registered beforehand. The members and the order of competitors in the team may be changed freely for every match. However, in case a women's team consists of four registered members available, they shall be placed in Senpo, Chuken, Fukusho, and Taisho positions, while in case it consists of three members available, they shall be placed in Senpo, Chuken, and Taisho positions.
- (4) An order list must be presented to Shinpan-Shunin (the presiding referee) just before the starting of immediately preceding match; If not presented in time, the last table is considered unchanged. (However, the order list for the first match must be delivered to the administration office at the beginning of managers meeting.)
- (5) Method of Matches:
 - a. Elimination contests:
 - 1) Elimination groups: eight (8) (A~H)
 - ① If participating teams are 24 or less, each group will consist of 2 or 3 teams.
 - ② If the teams are between 25 and 32, each group will consist of 3 or 4 teams.
 - ③ If the teams are more than 32, each group will consist of 4 or 5 teams.
 - 2) Method of matches:
 - ① If the number of teams consisting of a group is 3 or less, the ranking order in the group will be determined by round competitions.
 - ② If the number of teams consisting of a group is 4 or more, the ranking order in the group will be determined in the following manner.
(Each team conducts two matches in elimination contests)

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

in case of 4 teams

a vs. b
c vs. b
c vs. d
a vs. d

in case of 5 teams

a vs. b
c vs. b
c vs. d
e vs. d
e vs. a

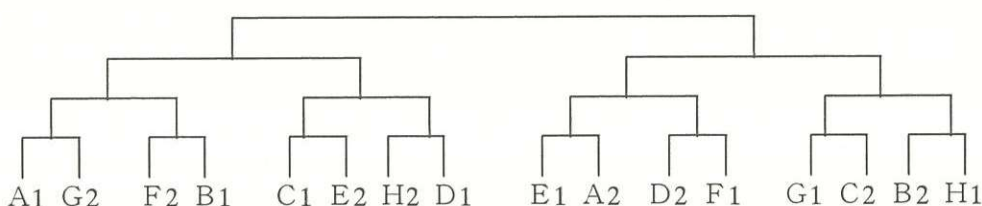
3) As for men's matches, the placement of teams to each group and matching of competitors within a group is made by drawing. However, the 8 teams that were placed in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd both in 1st division and 2nd division in the 10th WKC will be seeded into different groups.

Those seeding teams are seeded as shown in the diagram below.

4) The ranking of teams in elimination contests is determined in the following order of precedence:

- ① Higher number of individual winners
- ② Higher number of points scored, if the number of individual winners breaks even.
- ③ Should the above ① and ② break even, a draw will be declared; a play-off between representatives of both teams will not be applied.

5) The upper two teams based on the results of the elimination contests in a group will move on to the final tournament matches.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
a.1 st . 1-Div	a.3 rd . 2-Div	a.2 nd . 2-Div	a.3 rd . 1-Div	a.3 rd . 1Div	a.1 st . 2-Div	a.3 rd . 2-Div	a.2 nd . 1-Div
b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
d	d	d	d	d	d	d	d
(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)

6) The ranking of teams in each group will be determined in the following order of precedence:

- ① Higher number of matches won; (if it breaks even, 0.5 points will be given to each team.)
- ② Higher number of individual winners; should this still break even, then
- ③ Higher number of points scored.
- ④ If two teams turn out to be even in all of (5),6) ① through ③,
 - The ranking of the 1st and 2nd places in a group is not determined by a play-off between them, but the placement of them to the final tournament is determined by drawing.
 - The determination of ranking of the 2nd and 3rd places in a group will be made by a play-off between representatives of both teams.
- ⑤ If all the teams in a group turn out to be even, the determination of the ranking order will be made by round competitions among representatives of all the teams.

b. Tournament matches:

- 1) In the first round, the 1st place team will, in principle, compete with the 2nd place team of another group. (See the diagram.)
- 2) The determination of the ranking of teams will be made in the following order of precedence;
 - ① Higher number of individual winners
 - ② Higher number of points scored, if the number of individual winners breaks even.
 - ③ If two teams turn out to be even both in the number of individual winners and number of points scored, the determination will be made by a play-off between representatives of both teams.

- c. The match for men is played by "3 Bon-Shobu" and its duration is 5 minutes, while the match for women is by "3 Bon-Shobu" and its duration is 3 minutes. If no winner is determined within the prescribed time given, a draw will be declared. Default or absence from competition due to insufficient competitors is regarded as loss, and 2 points will be given to the opponent. However, in case both sides withdraw from a competition, neither of them is given winning nor losing point.

A play-off between representatives of both teams is conducted by "Ippon-Shobu" and it will be continued until a winner is determined.

(6) Awards:

Awards will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (two teams) place teams, and to 7 or less "Fighting Spirit Players" who will be determined by some selection committee nominated by IKF President.

8. Appointment of Officials and Referees:

- (1) Appointment of officials is entrusted to IKF Headquarters in accordance with the former Championships.
- (2) Referees Group is expected to be composed of one Shinpancho, four Shinpan-shunin and twenty-four Shinpania : a total of 29 referees.
- (3) Assignment of Referees:

a. Selection:

Presidents of IKF affiliate organizations shall send the IKF President a list of recommended referees (4 or less per organization) who satisfy the requirements below, using a "Recommendation of WKC Referee Candidate for Registration" form, a copy of which is enclosed herein. In addition, a few candidates will be recommended by the IKF President. Competent persons from among the recommended candidates will be selected at the IKF Headquarters by the Referee Selection Committee members appointed by the IKF President.

The candidates need to have all of the following qualifications:

- ① Member of the IKF affiliate organization, and in principle, having the nationality of the country
- ② Age between 35 and 70 years (as of January 1, 2000)
- ③ Kendo 5-DAN or above, in good health, and engaged in regular Kendo practice
- ④ Thoroughly familiar with The Regulations of Kendo Match and its Refereeing of IKF, competent in refereeing as proved by sufficient experience at international or national level.

- b. A required number of Japanese referees will be selected and appointed by the IKF President.
- c. Appointment of Referees
The IKF President will notify the presidents of organizations of appointees. Presidents of organizations to which the appointees belong are requested to send, in writing, the confirmation of acceptance of appointment to the IKF Headquarters, immediately.
- d. A Referee Director and 4 Presiding Referees will be selected and appointed by the IKF President.

9. Allocation of Financial Responsibility:

- (1) All the participants must bear their expenses of travelling between their own countries and Santa Clara City, USA, also hotel and meals during their stay. The expenses of hotel, meals and the way how to pay thereupon will be separately informed of by All United States Kendo Federation .
- (2) IKF will bear the expenses of hotel and meals for the authorized referees during the duration of the referee seminar (from supper of March 21st till lunch of March 23rd), while each referee and/or its organization shall bear, in principle, the expenses of hotel and meals during the other duration.

10. Deadlines for Pre-Entry and Final Entry:

- (1) Pre-Entry: by April 30th, 1999 (Participate or not, and approx. number of participants)
- (2) Final-Entry: by October 31st, 1999 (Name lists of leader, manager, coach and registered competitors, officials and their half-length photographs, each 5cm × 5cm with full name and country name given on back)

11. Others:

- (1) In order to keep safety, the diameter of the tip of Shinai as covered by Sakigawa shall not be less than 26mm (not less than 25mm in case of woman).
- (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 a disqualified person and shall be dismissed from the match and lose it to the opponent.
- (3) The competitor who is found, as the results of Gogi of the referees in charge of his or her match, to be obviously under the influence of some drugs (alcoholic beverages included) is regarded as a disqualified person and shall be dismissed from the match and lose it to the opponent.
- (4) Registered competitors must insure themselves against accident during the trip in advance.

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