

Rules & Regulations of the 15th European Iaido Championships 2008 (E.I.C.).

01. **PROMOTER:** EUROPEAN KENDO FEDERATION (E.K.F.).
HOST ORGANISATION: SWISS KENDO IAIDO (S.K.I)
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: ALL JAPAN KENDO FEDERATION (A.J.K.F.).
02. **PLACE:** NATIONAL SPORTSCENTER, MACOLIN / MAGGLINGEN , SWITZERLAND
03. **DATE:** 2.& 3.12.2008
04. **EVENTS & SCHEDULE:** Will be distributed by the SWISS KENDO IAIDO
05. **GENERAL REFEREEING RULES.**
The regulations of the matches will follow "The Rules and Regulations of Iaido *Shiai* and *Shinpan*", published by F.I.K. (International Kendo Federation) (revised October 1, 1996) as close as possible.

06. **CONTENT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

The content of the E.I.C. is as follows:

Individual National Championship for maximum two participants (male or female) divided into 7 categories.

These categories are the following:

1. *Mudan* (kyu);
2. *Shodan* (1st dan);
3. *Nidan* (2nd dan);
4. *Sandan* (3rd dan);
5. *Yondan* (4th dan);
6. *Godan* (5th dan);
7. *Rokudan* (6th dan).

National Team Championship with teams composed of 3 persons and a maximum total of "10 *dan*" (*mudan* are counted as a *shodan*). (For example, player 1 may have *godan*, player 2 *shodan* and player 3 *yondan*: $5 + 1 + 4 = 10$; but a team may also consist of three *shodan*: $1 + 1 + 1$ is less than 10).

Every championship gives right to the attribution of official "European Champion" titles, together with the "Vice-Champion" and two ex aequo third places.

Also, for every championship, *minimum one* so called "Fighting Spirit" trophy is awarded.

07. **SPECIFIC RULES FOR EACH CATEGORY.**

07.1 **Individual Championships.**

07.1.1 for all categories.

Every country may list a maximum of 2 competitors for each category, following the rules set out earlier. The participant must have at the time of the actual championships the exact grade of the category he or she participates in.

07.1.2 **Common Rules for Individual Championships.**

07.1.2.1 *Preliminary contests (Pool system).*

Everybody having entered the official inscription in due time will be divided by drawing into as many pools of 3 as possible. However, the 4 fighters that got the

medals at the previous Individual Championships will be seeded into different pools, and removed to the far end of the grid. Also during this drawing fighters with the same nationality will be kept out of the same pool.

The fighters in the pools of three fight in the following order: $1 > < 2$, $1 > < 3$ & $2 > < 3$.

If ever the number of inscriptions makes pools of four necessary, everyone will fight the following matches: $1 > < 2$, $3 > < 4$, $1 > < 4$, $3 > < 2$, $3 > < 1$ & $4 > < 2$. The ones that go on will be separated from then on into different grid locations.

The maximum combat time is **4 minutes for three kata**.

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 2 out of each pool will move on to the Tournament matches.

07.1.2.2 *Tournament.*

After the pool preliminary, the first 2 out of every pool will be entered on. The tournament grid, respecting the principle of separation (see 07.1.2.1.) as much as possible.

The tournament operates under the knockout system. As two fighters come out of every pool, the 1st placed will, in principle, compete with the 2nd placed of another pool. The Maximum combat time is **6 minutes for five kata**.

07.2 **Team Championships.**

07.2.1 Composition of the team.

Every country is represented by a team of 3 or minimum 2 fighters, chosen freely before every fight out of the maximum of 4 officially entered inscriptions.

The total of the sum of the dan-grades of the 3 fighters will not exceed the number of (see also Chapter 6).

For the first round the names and the order of combat will be handed in to the head judge of the *shiai-jo* and/or the administration table, at the latest at the official start of the competitions. Afterwards this information will be handed in immediately after the end of the previous fight.

07.2.2 Common rules for the team competition.

07.2.2.1 *Preliminary contests (Pool system).*

All teams that entered their official inscription in due time will be divided by drawing into as many pools of 3 as possible. However, the 4 teams that got the medals at the previous Team Championships will be seeded into different pools, and removed to the far end of the grid.

The teams in the pools of three fight in the following order: $1 > < 2$, $1 > < 3$ & $2 > < 3$.

If ever the number of inscriptions makes pools of four necessary, every team will fight the following three matches: $1 > < 2$, $3 > < 4$, $1 > < 4$, $3 > < 2$, $3 > < 1$ & $4 > < 2$. The first 2 teams will move on to the tournament matches. They will be separated from then on into different grid locations.

The maximum combat time is **4 minutes for three kata**.

The ranking of the teams out of the same pool will be handled as follows:

1. The number of team matches won;
2. If this should be equal, the number of individual victories is counted;

3. If this is equal as well, a supplementary match will be held (*daihyosen*). This match shall be held in the same way as a normal match in the pool system. The player of the supplementary match will be one of the players who competed in that pool.

07.2.2.2. *Tournament.*

After the pool preliminary, the first 2 out of every pool will be entered on the tournament grid, respecting the principle of separation (see 07.1.2.1.) as much as possible.

The tournament operates under the knock out system. The maximal combat time is **4 minutes for three kata.**

The refereeing rules and the principles for discerning the winner are the same as defined for the preliminary pools.

8 RULES CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE COMPETITORS AND THE CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION. INCOMPATIBILITY & MISCELLANEOUS.

- 08.1 Every competitor must be a member of an organisation adhering to the E.K.F., and be mentioned on the official inscription lists handed in for every category in due time by that organisation.
- 08.2 Every competitor must have the nationality of the country him or she represents (the passport serves as proof).
- 08.3 Any competitor may participate in both the Team and the Individual Championships.
- 08.4 **Every competitor must wear an official *zekken* (name tag) on the left side of the *gi* (jacket), showing clearly in Roman characters the names of the country and the competitor.**

9 REFEREES.

- 09.1 The participating countries are invited to inform the **E.K.F. before the 1. September 2008** of the names of the selection of Referees they are willing to send to the E.I.C. **Please use the correct reply form** sent before (to be returned to E.K.F. Technical Director) and send the pictures of the selected candidates (to be returned directly to the S.K.I.).
- 09.2 The final list of referees will be established by E.K.F., taking into consideration these pre-inscriptions.
- 09.3 Appointment of Referees of the E.I.C. is entrusted to the E.K.F., assisted by the A.J.K.F.; they are chosen among those who are proposed by the E.K.F. Member Countries.
- 09.4 Referees may not participate as competitors.
- 09.5 The function of Referee is incompatible with that of Coach or Manager, even as far as a certain reservation and neutrality remain required as general attitude.
- 09.6 The onsite expenses for the referees (lodging, meals, local transport & sayonara party) are covered by the organizing country for three nights, starting from Monday evening the 1st of December to Thursday morning the 4th of December 2008
- 09.7 Each referee shall bring his own set of flags.

10 MANAGER.

The manager of each team is responsible for the attitude of every one of the competitors he has selected for the event (the correct way of wearing their equipment, sword, etc.).

11 DRAWING.

11.1 The drawing will be held under the authority of the E.K.F., in co-operation with the Swiss organisers, on Saturday the 22nd of November 2008 at the headquarters of the Swiss Kendo Iaido

11.2 Each country may be represented by one person specifically designated; every other person is excluded.

12 COMPLAINTS.

All complaints are to be handed in by the Delegation Leader or the Team Manager to the E.K.F. Technical Director or his representative; all other people will be refused.

13 DEADLINES FOR ENTRY AND FINAL ENTRY.

13.1. Pre-Entry: 1st September 2008.

13.2. Final Entry: 10th of November 2008.

13.3. In case of 'superior force', names may be altered until the date of the drawing for the event, after permission has been granted by the E.K.F. Technical Director.