

Rules & Regulations of the 7th European Jodo Championships 2008 (E.J.C.).

1. **PROMOTER:** EUROPEAN KENDO FEDERATION (E.K.F.)
HOST ORGANISATION: SWISS KENDO IAIDO (JODO) (S.K.I.)
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: ALL JAPAN KENDO FEDERATION (A.J.K.F.).
2. **PLACE:** NATIONAL SPORTSCENTER MACOLIN / MAGGLINGEN SWITZERLAND
3. **DATE:** 5th & 6th of December 2008.
4. **EVENTS & SCHEDULE:** Will be distributed by the Swiss Kendo Iaido
5. **GENERAL REFEREEING RULES.**
The regulation of the matches will follow "The Rules and Regulations of Jodo *Shiai* and *Shinpan*", published by A.J.K.F., as closely as possible.
6. **CONTENT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.**
The content of the E.J.C. is as follows:
Individual National Championships for maximum two participants (male or female) divided into the following 6 categories:

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

National Team Championship with teams composed of 3 persons and a maximum total of "10 *dan*" (*madan* 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 an official "European Champion" title, together with one "Vice-Champion" and two ex aequo third places. Also, for every championship, *minimum one* so called "Fighting Spirit" trophy is awarded.

7. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

7.1 Participants.

A maximum of two participants per country (male or female) will be allowed to participate for each category. The participants must have the exact grade of the category in which they participate at the time of the competition.

7.2 Kata.

For every match in all categories, 3 *kata* shall be performed. The *kata* for the categories *Mudan* through *Godan* will be selected from the A.J.K.F. *Jodo Kata* (*Shitei Waza*). These *Shitei Waza* will be announced to the participants before the start of the Individual Championship.

7.3 Judging.

Only the *Shidachi* (*Jo* side) will be judged. The *Uchidachi* may be any of the participants who are not competing at that moment. All registered participants have to be available to act as *Uchidachi*. However, the *Shidachi* may choose any registered participants to act as his/her *Uchidachi*. The *Dan* of the *Uchidachi* may not exceed the *Dan* of the *Shidachi* by two and shall be limited to *Godan*.

7.4 Pool System.

The participants will be divided into as many pools of three as possible. The 4 participants who received the medals at the previous Individual Championships will be seeded into different pools and moved to the far end of the grid. As much as possible, participants with the same nationality will be kept out of the same pool. The participants in the pools of three will fight in the following order:

1 x 2

1 x 3

2 x 3

If the number of those registered makes pools of four necessary, the participants will fight in the following order:

1 x 2

3 x 4

1 x 4

3 x 2

3 x 1

4 x 2

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

7.5 Tournament.

The tournament operates under the knock out system. The first two out of every pool will be entered on the tournament grid, respecting the principles of separation (refer to Section 07.4.) as much as possible. The 1st placed of one pool will compete with the 2nd placed of another pool.

8 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS.

8.1 Participants.

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 first one is *Sempo*, the second or vice-captain is *Chuken*, the third is the captain or *Taisho*. The grade of the participants may range from *Mudan* up to, and including, *Godan*, but the total of the *Dan* of the three players shall not exceed ten. *Mudan* are counted as a *shodan*.

For the first round, the names and the order of combat will be handed in to the Head Judge of the *Shiai* or the administration table, at the official start of the competition, at the latest. Afterwards, this information will be handed in immediately after the end of the previous fight.

8.2 Kata.

For every match, 3 Kata shall be performed. Kata will be selected from the A.J.K.F. Jodo Kata (*Shitei Waza*) and communicated to the countries **just after the date set for the final entry** (See article 14 hereafter).

8.3 Judging.

On the 1st match, the *Sempo* is judged with the *Taisho* as *Tachi*. On the 2nd match, the *Chuken* is judged, again with the *Taisho* as *Tachi*. On the 3rd match, the *Taisho* is judged with the *Fukusho* as *Tachi*.

8.4 Pool System.

Teams will be divided into as many pools of three as possible. The 4 Teams that received medals at the previous Team Championships will be seeded into different pools and moved to the far end of the grid. The Teams in the pools of three will fight in the following order:

- 1 x 2
- 1 x 3
- 2 x 3.

If the number of the registered Teams makes pools of four necessary, the Teams will fight in the following order: 1 x 2

- 3 x 4
- 1 x 4
- 3 x 2
- 3 x 1
- 4 x 2.

The ranking of the Teams 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 **by the *Taisho* with *Sempo* or *Chuken***. The Court Judge will announce the *Shitei Waza* before the start of the match. The first two Teams out of each pool will move on to the Tournament matches.

8.5 Tournament.

The tournament operates under the knock out system. The first two out of every pool will be entered on the tournament grid, respecting the principles of separation (refer to Section 6.5.) as much as possible. The 1st classified of one pool will compete with the 2nd placed of another pool.

9 RULES AND CONDITIONS FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 Every competitor must have the nationality of the country he or she represents (the passport serves as proof) and be **at least 18 years old** at the time of the Championships.
- 9.3 Any competitor may participate in both the Team and the Individual Championships.
- 9.4 **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.**

10 REFEREES.

- 10.1 The participating countries are invited to inform the E.K.F. **before the 1st of September 2008** of the names of the selection of Referees they are willing to send to the European Judo Championships. **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 to the S.K.I.)

- 10.2 The final list of referees will be established by E.K.F., according to these pre-inscriptions.
- 10.3 Appointment of Referees of the European Jodo Championships 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.
- 10.4 Referees may not participate as competitors.
- 10.5 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.
- 10.6** The expenses for the referees (lodging, meals, local transport & sayonara party) are covered by the organizing country for three nights, starting from **Thursday evening the 4th December until the Sunday morning the 7. December 2008**
- 10.7 Each referee shall bring his own set of flags.

11 MANAGERS.

The Manager of each team is responsible for the behaviour and attitude of the team members and for the correct way of handling and wearing their equipment.

12 DRAWING.

- 12.1 The drawing will be held under the authority of the E.K.F., in co-operation with the Swiss organisers, on Saturday the **22th of November 2008** at the headquarters of the Swiss Kendo + Iaido.
- 12.2 Every country may be **represented** by one person specifically designated; every other person is excluded.

13 COMPLAINTS.

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

14 DEADLINES FOR PRE-ENTRY AND FINAL ENTRY.

- 14.1 Pre-Entry: **1st September 2008.**
- 14.2 Final Entry: **10th of November 2008.**
- 14.3 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