

CLAK REGULATIONS FOR KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1. Competition Regulations:

All competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the FIK regulations (The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan of FIK), as well as the provisions established in these regulations and any supplementary rules issued by CLAK.

2. Requirements:

2.1. Participating Organizations:

All organizations affiliated with CLAK may participate. On an exceptional basis, non-affiliated organizations may be invited to participate.

2.2. Requirements for Competitors:

- 1) Be affiliated with the organization through which they are participating in the championship.
- 2) Hold the nationality of the country to which the participating organization belongs. Presentation of a passport or other document may be required for verification purposes.

Exception:

A competitor who does not hold the nationality of the country they represent may only participate if they meet all of the following conditions simultaneously:

- Have resided in that country for at least three (3) years prior to the event.
- Be affiliated with the organization of that country.

3. Categories:

- Men's Individual. Minimum age 17 years(*). Up to 10 competitors per country.
- Women's Individual, Minimum age 17 years(*). Up to 10 competitors per country.
- Men's Team. Minimum age 17 years(*). 5 starters and 2 alternates. Team members shall be drawn from the ten competitors registered per country.
- Women's Team. Minimum age 17 years(*). 5 starters and 2 alternates. Team members shall be drawn from the ten competitors registered per country.
- Masters. Minimum age 50 years. Mixed. Up to 5 competitors.
- Junior A. Ages 13 and 14, Mixed. Up to 5 competitors.
- Junior B. Ages 15 and 16, Men's. Up to 5 competitors.
- Junior C. Ages 15 and 16, Women's. Up to 5 competitors.

- Mixed Junior Team. Maximum age 16 years. 3 starters and 1 alternate. Team members shall be drawn from the competitors registered per country in the Junior categories.

(*)Note: For the Male Individual, Female Individual, Male Team and Female Team categories the minimum age is 17 years, but people who are 16 years old may also register provided they have the express authorization of the president of their National Federation. Each participant may register in only one individual category, without exception.

In the Junior and Masters Individual categories, at least eight (8) competitors from a minimum of three (3) countries must participate for the championship to be held.

In the Mixed Junior Team category, at least 3 teams must participate for the championship to be held.

The host country may register up to twice as many competitors as other countries in each of the individual categories.

4. Individual Championship Format:

4.1. The Individual Championship shall be contested in two divisions: Men's and Women's. Each country may register a maximum of ten (10) male and ten (10) female athletes, all of whom must have reached the age of seventeen (17) by the start date of the championship.

4.2. Match Format:

Individual matches ("Shiai") will be carried out under the Sanbon-Shobu format. The duration of each bout shall be determined based on the number of participants and the time available, ranging from 3 to 5 minutes for both the preliminary rounds and the final tournament.

The competition shall be conducted in 2 phases: a preliminary round and a final round.

Preliminary Round (group stage):

- Each group shall consist of 3 to 4 competitors. However, if the total number of competitors does not allow for an even distribution, some groups may consist of only 2 competitors.

- The assignment of competitors to preliminary round groups shall be determined by draw. However, wherever possible, competitors from the same organization shall be placed in different groups.

- This phase shall use the Round Robin system and bouts may end in a draw (Hikiwake).

At the conclusion of the preliminary round, results shall be determined as follows:

- In groups of 2 or 3 competitors, only the competitor finishing in 1st place shall advance.

- In groups of 4 competitors, those finishing in 1st and 2nd place shall advance.

To determine the winner or winners of each group, the following criteria shall be applied in order of priority:

I. Points shall be awarded to competitors based on the following results:

Win: 3 points

Draw: 1 point

Loss: 0 points

II. The competitor with the highest number of points shall advance to the final round of the championship.

III. In the event of a tie in points, the competitor who has scored the greatest number of valid points (*Ippon*), shall be ranked higher.

IV. When two competitors finish with the same number of scored points (*Ippon*), making it impossible to determine first place, a tiebreaker bout shall be held between them under the *Ippon-Shobu*. The bout shall last three (3) minutes and shall be repeated as many times as necessary until a winner is determined.

V. When three (3) or more competitors are tied for first place in a group, a new round-robin shall be held among the competitors involved. Bouts shall be conducted under the *Ippon-shobu*. La duración de cada combate será de tres (3) minutos, pudiendo concluir en empate si no se determina un ganador. Las posiciones se definirán aplicando los criterios establecidos anteriormente, desde “I” hasta “IV”. Si, tras esta nueva liguilla, tres (3) o más competidores continúan empatados en el primer lugar, se efectuará una segunda liguilla bajo las mismas condiciones. Si luego de esta segunda liguilla continúa el empate se efectuará una tercera liguilla y así sucesivamente hasta que haya un ganador.

VI. If a competitor sustains an injury before the start of a bout in the final phase and is unable to participate, their opponent shall be declared the winner by *Fusen-Gachi*.

-Final Round:

In the Play-off (single elimination) stages, if a winner is not determined within the regulation time, the fight will continue under the "Encho" modality until the winner is defined by *Ippon-Shobu*.

4.3 Awards: In both divisions, Men's and Women's, awards shall be presented to athletes reaching the following positions:

- 1st place,
- 2nd place;
- 3rd place, two (2).
- Premio al Honor al Mérito (“Kantoshō”).

5. Team Championship Format:

5.1. The Team Championship shall be contested in three divisions: Men's, Women's, and Mixed Junior.

Each country may register one Men's team and one Women's team, each comprising a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) competitors of the same gender, all of whom must have reached the age of seventeen (17) by the start date of the championship. Team members shall be drawn from the ten athletes registered per country.

Each country may register one Mixed Junior team consisting of 4 athletes of both genders, all under 17 years of age on the day of the championship. Team members shall be drawn from the competitors registered per country in the Junior categories.

5.2. Number of Members in Team Championships:

Both men's and women's teams shall consist of five (5) members in the following order: Senpo, Jiho, Chukun, Fukusho, and Taisho.

If a team presents only three (3) competitors, the positions of *Jiho* y *Fukusho*. If a team presents only four (4) competitors, the position of *Jiho*.

If a team does not present at least three (3) competitors at the time of the match, it shall be disqualified.

Mixed Junior teams shall consist of three (3) competitors in the following order: Senpo, Chukun, and Taisho.

If a team presents only two (2) competitors, the position of Chukun shall be vacant.

If a team does not present at least two (2) competitors at the time of the match, it shall be disqualified.

- Withdrawal from a bout due to health or other reasons:

The competitor shall lose the bout and their opponent shall receive 2 points. However, if both competitors withdraw, neither shall receive a win, a loss, or any points.

5.3. Team Order:

For the first match, each country must submit its team lineup no later than the day before the championship begins, as indicated at the technical directors' meeting.

The team lineup for subsequent matches may be freely modified from one match to the next.

During the preliminary round, each team must submit its lineup to the control table (to the match court director, *Shiai-jo Shunin*) before the start of each match.

In the final round, both teams must submit their lineups to the *Shiai-jo Shunin* as soon as the opposing team is determined. Even if there are no changes from the previous match, the lineup must be submitted.

If it is detected that the order of competitors differs from the submitted lineup:

Before the declaration of *Hajime* by the chief referee (*Shushin*): El orden incorrecto de los competidores podrá ser corregido sin ninguna penalidad.

After the declaration of *Hajime*: Los árbitros del combate suspenderán inmediatamente el encuentro y el competidor cuyo orden sea incorrecto, así como cualquier otro competidor en posición incorrecta, perderá su combate. Se otorgarán dos (2) puntos inmediatamente a los respectivos oponentes.

Before the final salutation (*Sogo-no Rei*) al concluir los encuentros: Si el error se detecta después de que se hayan determinado todas las victorias y derrotas, pero antes del saludo final, los competidores en posiciones incorrectas perderán sus combates, y a sus respectivos oponentes se les otorgarán dos (2) puntos.

After the final salutation (*Shuryo-no Rei*): Si el error se detecta después del saludo final, las victorias y derrotas de los competidores no serán modificadas.

5.4. Match Format:

The competition shall be conducted in 2 phases: a preliminary round and a final round.

In each team match, individual bouts (*Shiais*) shall be conducted under the *Sanbon-Shobu* and shall last 3 to 5 minutes, as determined by the organization and subject to modification. This applies to both the preliminary rounds and the final round of the tournament. If no winner is determined within the allotted time, the bout shall end in a draw (*Hikiwake*).

If a competitor fails to appear for a *Shiai* due to health reasons or other causes, they shall automatically lose the bout, and two (2) Ippon shall be awarded to their opponent. If both competitors fail to appear, there shall be no winner or loser, and no Ippon shall be awarded.

The winning team shall be determined as follows:

- The team with the greatest number of individual wins shall be the winner.
- In the event of a tie in individual wins, the team that has accumulated the greatest number of scored points (Ippon) shall be the winner.
- In case of a tie in individual wins and the number of points scored (Ippon):

If it is a group of two (2) teams in the preliminary round or during the final tournament, a *Shiai* shall be held between the representatives of both teams under the *Ippon-Shobu*, with no time limit.

If it is a group of three (3) or four (4) teams in the preliminary round, in case of a tie (“Hikiwake”).

Preliminary Round:

- Each group shall consist of three (3) or four (4) teams. If the total number of teams does not allow for an even distribution, some groups may consist of two (2) teams.
- For each group, the distribution and placement of teams shall be decided by draw.

However, the top three teams from the previous CLAK championship shall be seeded and placed in groups such that they cannot face each other until the semifinal.

- This phase shall use the Round Robin system and bouts may end in a draw (Hikiwake).

The winning team shall be determined as follows:

1. - The team with the greatest number of individual wins shall be the winner.
 2. - In the event of a tie in individual wins, the team that has accumulated the greatest number of scored points (Ippon) shall be the winner.
 3. If both the number of individual wins and the number of valid points scored are equal, a draw shall be declared. No tiebreaker bout shall be held between team representatives.
- At the conclusion of the preliminary round matches, the qualification of teams from each group to the final round shall be determined according to the following criteria:

- Teams finishing in 1st place in groups of 2 or 3 teams, and those finishing in 1st and 2nd place in groups of 4 teams, shall qualify for the next phase.

Depending on the number of registered teams and before the start of the championship, the organization may determine that the 2nd-place team from a group of 3 and/or the 3rd-place team from a group of 4 may also qualify, in addition to the other qualifiers.

- The method for determining team rankings in the preliminary rounds is as follows:

I- Points will be awarded to teams depending on the following results:

Win: 3 points

Draw: 1 point

Loss: 0 points

II- The team that accumulates the most points will have a higher ranking.

III- In the event of a tie in the number of points, the team with the most individual wins will be ranked higher (*Shiai*).

IV- In case of a tie in both the number of points and the number of individual victories, the team that has accumulated the most valid points (Ippon) in their matches shall be ranked higher.

V. If the points, individual wins and valid points (Ippon) remain tied and it is not possible to determine which team advances to the next round of the championship, the ranking shall be decided through a playoff:

a. The final ranking shall be decided with one representative from each team.

b. The coach of each team shall inform the Presiding Referee (*Shinpan-shunin*) of the name of their representative competitor.

c. The winner between the two teams shall be determined by a tiebreaker bout (*ippon-shobu*), with no time limit, contested by the designated representatives.

d. When three (3) or more teams are tied for first place in a group, a round-robin shall be held among the representative competitors (*daihyo-sha*). Bouts shall be conducted in the same manner as described above. If, after two round-robins, the 3 teams remain tied for first place, the final team ranking shall be decided by draw.

Final Round:

The winning and losing teams in the final round of the team championship shall be determined as follows:

1. The team with the greatest number of individual wins shall be declared the winner.

2. In case of a tie in the number of individual victories, the team that has accumulated the most valid points (Ippon) in their matches shall be ranked higher.

3. If the tie persists in the number of individual victories and the number of points scored, a tiebreaker will be held between the representatives of each team.

4. The coach of each team shall inform the chief referee (*Shinpan-shunin*) of the name of the representative player.

5. The tiebreaker shall be sudden death (ippon-shobu) with no time limit.

Awards:

In both divisions, men's and women's, awards shall be presented to the athletes of teams reaching the following positions:

- 1st place,
- 2nd place;
- 3rd place, two (2).
- Award of Honor for Merit ("Kantoshō").

6. Champion Country:

Points shall be awarded to each country for the results achieved by its athletes throughout the championship in all categories, as established below:

- 1st Place: 3 points.
- 2nd Place: 2 points.
- 3rd Place: 1 point.

The winning country shall be the one that accumulates the greatest number of points.

The championship flag shall be awarded to the champion country on a temporary basis, until the next championship is held.

Additional Note.-

Should any situation arise that is not covered by these regulations, it shall be resolved by consensus between the CLAK technical commission and the president of the host country (or their delegate).