



12th BALKAN KENDO CUP 2022, THESSALONIKI GREECE

Rules & Regulations of the 12th Balkan Kendo Cup 2022

1. HOST ORGANIZATION: Hellenic Kendo Iaido Naginata Federation (HKINF)

2. PLACE & DATE: Thessaloniki, GREECE
DAK Kalamarias, Tripoleos 27, Kalamaria, 55131
Thessaloniki, Greece
From Friday 1st April to Sunday 3rd April 2022.

3. EVENTS & SCHEDULE:

Friday	1st April 2022	19:00-21:00	Welcome keiko
Saturday	2nd April 2022	07:30-08:30	Registration, shinai check, warm-up
		08:45-09:00	Opening ceremony
		09:00-17:00	Individual Championships (Senior Male, Senior Female, Junior A, Junior B, Veteran)
		17:00-18:00	Awards, closing ceremony
Sunday	3rd April 2022	07:30-08:30	Registration, shinai check, warm-up
		08:45-09:00	Opening ceremony
		09:00-15:00	Team Championships (Senior Male, Senior Female, Junior)
		15:30-16:15	Awards, closing ceremony
		16:30-18:00	Dan examination (1-5 dan)

*Schedule is subject to change if necessary for the smooth running of the event.



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4. GENERAL REFEREEING RULES.

The regulation of the matches will be made according to "***The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan (September 2nd, 2017 - "The Regulations" and its subsequent amendments***", published by International Kendo Federation (F.I.K.), except for the points specified hereafter. In addition, Shinpan will apply the Provisional Match and Referee Rules as developed by ZNKR

(<https://www.kendo.or.jp/en/information/20210516/>).

A competitor who does not show up at the court within 5 minutes after the caller has called out his or her name is regarded as default and is disqualified.

Due to the remaining impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Rules might need to be adapted to the applicable Greek government rules in force during the time of the event. This may affect the placement of shiai-jo, distances between competitors and teams, special arrangements behind the competition area and in the audience area, checks for vaccination, hygiene requirements, use of protective equipment such as face masks and shields etc. These rules will be communicated to the teams in advance, if possible. All local laws need to be complied with. The teams must commit themselves to full adherence to these laws and these rules and requirements and adapt their movements and behavior accordingly in all BKC related circumstances. This will include that all competitors shall use a plastic cover in lower part of men, and at the competition venue everybody not wearing men (competitors, officials, shinpan, coaches, managers etc) should be wearing an face mask covering mouth and nose.

5. CONTENT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The content of the BKC Championships is as follows:

- **Senior Male Team Championship** for **1 (one)** team composed of maximum 5 (five) men out of 7 (seven) inscriptions.
- **Senior Female Team Championship** for **1 (one)** team composed of maximum 3 (three) women out of 5 (five) inscriptions.
- **Junior Team Championship** for **1 (one)** team composed of maximum 3 (three) persons out of 5 (five) inscriptions.
- **Senior Male Individual Championship** for maximum **10 (ten)** men.
- **Senior Female Individual Championship** for maximum **10 (ten)** women.



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- **Junior A (9-14 years old) Individual Championship** for maximum **7 (seven)** persons.
- **Junior B (15-17 years old) Individual Championship** for maximum **7 (seven)** persons.
- **Veteran (40+ years old) Individual Championship** for maximum **7 (seven)** persons.

For the Junior A category, the participants should be **minimum 9 years and younger than 15 years old, at the date of the Championship**. For the Junior B category, the participants should be **minimum 15 years and younger than 18 years old, at the date of the Championship**. No exceptions will be granted.

After every championship there will be one first place, one second place and two equal third places. Also, for every championship, minimum one “Fighting Spirit” trophy will be awarded. Fighting Spirit Awards are decided by the shinpan.

6. SPECIFIC RULES FOR EACH CATEGORY.

6.1. Team Championships.

6.1.1 Senior Male Team Championship.

Every country is represented by a team of five, or by a minimum of three male fighters, chosen freely before every fight out of the maximum of seven official inscriptions arrived in due time. Every competitor should have at least the age of 18 at the time of the actual championship day.

6.1.2 Senior Female Team Championship.

Every country is represented by a team of three, or by a minimum of two female fighters, chosen freely before every fight out of the maximum of five official inscriptions arrived in due time. Every competitor should have at least the age of 18 at the time of the actual championship day.

6.1.3 Junior Team Championship.

Every country is represented by a team of maximum three, or by a minimum of two fighters, chosen freely before every fight out of the maximum of five official inscriptions arrived in due time. Every competitor should have at least the age of 15 and also be younger than 18 at the time of the actual championship day.



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6.1.4 Participation.

Senior men can only participate at the Senior Male Team Championship, senior women only at the Senior Female Team Championship. Both male & female are allowed in the Junior and Veteran categories.

For the Senior Male Team Championship: In case of a 4 Competitor team, the 2nd position remains free. In case of a 3 Competitor team, the 2nd and the 4th position remain free. For the Senior Female Team Championship and the Junior Team Championship: In case of a 2 Competitor team, the 2nd position remains free.

6.1.5 Common rules for the Team Championships.

6.1.5.1 Preliminary contests (Pool system).

All teams that entered their official inscriptions 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 order of matches will be announced, and pools can be combined, respecting the principle of separation as mentioned in the foregoing paragraph.

If the inscriptions make it necessary, **pools of two (2) or four (4)** will be included. The **first two out of every pool** will be entered on the tournament grid. The 1st placed of one pool will compete with the 2nd placed of another pool.

6.1.5.1.1 Specific pool system rules.

For the first round the names and the order of combats shall be handed in at the managers' meeting, all others at the administration table of the shiai-jo immediately after the end of the previous fight of the respective team.

The combats are played by "*sanbon-shobu*" and the duration is **3 minutes for Junior** and **4 minutes for Senior categories**. Equality (*hikiwake*) will be declared in case no points are scored or if the score is one to one.

If two teams remain even at the end of the pool, a supplementary fight, between two of the team members will decide on the victory. This fight will be held according to the "*ippon-shobu*"-principle, without time limit.



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6.1.5.1.2 Team Classification.

Determination of the winning team in both pool and tournament matches will be made in the following order of precedence:

1. Highest number of individual winners; but, if it is a tie, then
2. Highest number of points scored.
3. Should 1. and 2. still be a tie, a draw will be declared in the pool matches (see next paragraph) and a play-off will be conducted in the tournament matches.
4. A default is regarded as a loss: the opponent is given 2 points.

Determination of the ranking of teams in the pool matches will be made in the following order of precedence:

1. Higher number of team matches won; but, if it is a tie, then
2. Lower number of team matches lost; but, if it is a tie, then
3. Higher number of draws in team matches (see above), if it is still a tie, then
4. Higher number of individual winners; if it is still a tie, then
5. Lower number of individual losses; but, if it is a tie, then
6. Higher number of individual draws (*hikiwake*), if it is still a tie, then
7. Higher number of points scored, if it is still a tie, then
8. Lower number of points lost.

If the situation is still a tie between two teams, either to determine the order between first and second or second and third team in the pool, a play-off (*ippon-shobu*) between representatives of the two teams will determine the ranking.

Should the situation be a tie between all three teams in the pool, the ranking of teams shall be determined by a pool played by a representative of each team in play-off (*ippon-shobu*) 3 Minutes, like in the individual tournament.

6.1.5.2 Tournament.

The tournament is using the knockout system. The refereeing rules and the principles for discerning the winners are the same as those defined for the pools. **The duration of fights is 3 minutes for Juniors and 4 minutes for Seniors. Senior categories Final matches will be 5 minutes.**



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6.2. Individual Championships.

6.2.1 Senior Male Individual Championship.

Every country may list a maximum of **10 (ten)** male competitors, following the rules set out earlier. The minimal age is **18 years** at the time of the actual championship day.

6.2.2 Senior Female Individual Championship.

Every country may list a maximum of **10 (ten)** female competitors, following the rules set out earlier. The minimal age is **18 years** at the time of the actual championship day.

6.2.3 Junior A Individual Championship.

Every country may list a maximum of **7 (seven)** competitors. Every competitor should have at least the age of 9 and also be younger than 14 at the time of the actual championship day. The same conditions as for the Junior team competition will apply for sex.

6.2.4 Junior B Individual Championship.

Every country may list a maximum of **7 (seven)** competitors. Every competitor should have at least the age of 15 and also be younger than 18 at the time of the actual championship day. The same conditions as for the Junior team competition will apply for sex.

6.2.5 Veteran Individual Championship.

Every country may list a maximum of **7 (seven)** competitors, following the rules set out earlier. The minimal age is **40 years** at the time of the actual championship day.

6.2.6 Common rules for the Individual Championships.

6.2.6.1 Preliminary contests (Pool system).

Every pool is in principle composed of three fighters, who fight in the following order: 1><2, 1><3, 2><3.

In the case of pools composed of four, each one will fight **3 (three)** times as follows: 1><2, 3><2, 3><4, 1><4, 1><3, 2><4.



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It is possible that in this same order pools may be combined, or a different order of fights is announced. The division into different pools will be handled by drawing, on condition that fighters of the same nation will be kept out of the same pool. Also, the 4 competitors that got the medals at the previous respective Championships will be seeded into different pools and moved to the corner of the elimination bracket.

The combat time is **3 minutes for Junior A/B and 4 minutes for Seniors/Veterans**, following the “*sanbon shobu*” rule. If appropriate an even match (*hikiwake*) may be the result.

The fighters of the same pool will be ranked as follows. The criteria will be applied in that order and the subsequent criteria will be only applied if a clear decision is not reached:

1. The higher number of fights won; if it is still a tie, then
2. The lower number of fights lost; if it is still a tie, then
3. The higher number of *hikiwake*; if it is still a tie, then
4. The higher number of points scored; if it is still a tie, then
5. The lower number of points lost.

In case of equality between two fighters, one supplementary fight will take place immediately after the normal pool fights, to establish the final order among the fighters. These fights will follow the rule of “*ippon shobu*”, without time limit. In pool of four players, supplementary fights will not take place to determine positions three and four, if first and second positions are clear.

In case of equality between all 3 or 4 fighters at the end of the pool, they will fight again the pool of 3 or 4 fighters following the “*ippon shobu*” principle. **If even after two such rounds the order among the fighters is not clarified, the result shall be determined by lot (*chusen*).**

6.2.6.2 Tournament.

After the pool system, **the first two** out of every **pool** will be put on the tournament grid. The fights will follow the knockout system.

The combat time is **3 minutes for Juniors A/B and 4 minutes for Seniors/Veterans**, following the “*sanbon shobu*” rule, with the possibility of one prolongation (*encho*). For seniors, there is no time limit on the “*encho*”. **For the Finals of Seniors/Veterans the combat time is 5 minutes.**



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For Juniors A/B, “*encho*” is a maximum of 3 (three) minutes. Thereafter the decisions will be taken by shinpan-decisions (*hantei*), except for semi-final and finals, where *encho* without time limit will apply.

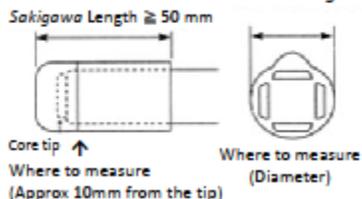
7. SPECIFICATIONS OF THE SHINAI.

The shinai will have the format explained in the following table out of "The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan (Revised September 2nd, 2017)", published by F.I.K. (see page 22) as amended 2018:

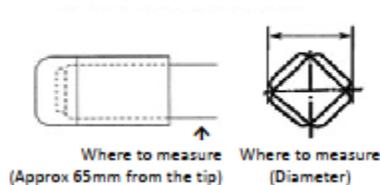
Specifications for competition use of one Shinai (Itto)				
	Sex	Junior	Senior	
Length	Male/Female	≤ 117 cm	≤ 120 cm	
Weight	Male	≥ 480 gr	≥ 510 gr	
	Female	≥ 420 gr	≥ 440 gr	
Diameter	Male	Sakigawa	≥ 26 mm	≥ 26 mm
		Chikotou	≥ 22 mm	≥ 22 mm
	Female	Sakigawa	≥ 24 mm	≥ 25 mm
		Chikotou	≥ 21 mm	≥ 21 mm

Specifications for competition use of two Shinai (Nito)				
Specification	Sex	Daito	Shoto	
Length	Male/Female	≤ 114 cm	≤ 62 cm	
Weight	Male	≥ 440 gr	280-300 gr (min/max)	
	Female	≥ 400 gr	250-280 gr (min/max)	
Diameter	Male	Sakigawa	≥ 25 mm	≥ 24 mm
		Chikotou	≥ 21 mm	≥ 20 mm
	Female	Sakigawa	≥ 24 mm	≥ 24 mm
		Chikotou	≥ 20 mm	≥ 20 mm

How to measure the diameters of *Sakigawa*



How to measure the diameters of *Chikuto*





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

8.1. Every competitor must be registered to the event through a participating organization. They should be registered members of that organization.

8.2. Each competitor shall wear during the competition a “zekken” (name-tag) on the centre piece of “o-dare” (hip-protector) showing his country (top), flag (centre) and family name (bottom), whereby country and person’s name shall be written in capital Latin letters, using the English name of the country.

8.3. Every other official may participate as a competitor keeping in mind the limited number in every category.

8.4. Any competitor may participate in both the Team and the Individual Championships provided that maximum number of persons provided for in Section 5 are not exceeded.

8.5. Every team shall bring their own set (5 minimum) of each red and white ribbons (tasuki /mejirushi) to be used in all tournaments for the labelling of competitors.

9. REFEREES.

9.1. Appointment of Referees is entrusted to the host organization. **Participating countries are encouraged to propose suitable referees (minimum 4 dan) through the registration procedure.**

9.2. Referees cannot participate as competitors.

9.3. **The function of Referee is also incompatible with that of Coach or Manager.**

9.4. Each referee will bring their own set of flags.

9.5. All referees will wear the same uniform: a plain white shirt, a plain deep red necktie, plain light grey trousers, a plain dark blue pair of socks and a plain dark blue jacket.

9.6. Referees lodging and meals will be covered by the host organization for two days and three nights.



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10. MANAGER.

The manager of each team is responsible for the attitude of every competitor (the correct way of wearing their *bôgu*, the **length of the “men-himo” (max 40 cm)**, good condition of *bôgu* parts and equipment, etc.), and everything that may improve the harmonious flow of events during the championships. He or she should maintain a general attitude that corresponds with the Budo spirit and *reigi*.

11. DRAWING.

The drawing for all categories will be conducted under the authority of the host organization prior to the event.

12. COMPLAINTS.

All complaints are to be handed in by the Manager or the Team Leader; all other people will be refused. Any complaint needs to be filed immediately, but by in any case not later than by the end of the possibly affected competition.

13. INSURANCE AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE.

Every delegation shall ensure that all its officials, all members and all participants are insured against any possible mishaps (sickness, injury, loss or theft, liability for damage....) during travel and stay. **Delegations are also responsible for proper conduct of their members in the context of the event, and liable to compensate all damage which has been affected by their members to or in the BKC premises, hotels and means of transport.**

14. APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 30 OF REGULATIONS OF KENDO SHIAI AND SHINPAN - (Injury or Accident).

Delegations must ensure that all their members (coaches, managers and competitors) are duly aware of the provisions of Article 30 of the FIK Regulation of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan, covering Injury and Accident during *shiai*.

When applying the provisions of Article 30, it is the duty of the referees to determine immediately, through a *gogi*, the responsibility of the opponent for the accident, keeping in mind that intent is not a necessary criterion.



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15. DOPING PREVENTION.

A competitor who is judged by decision of the referees to be under the influence of prohibited drugs or alcohol shall be disqualified, be ordered to retire from the match and shall lose the match (Art 15, 18 of the Regulations).

Additionally, the *FIK Anti-Doping Rules 2021* and the *EKF Anti-Doping Rules* (adopted April 8th, 2010, Debrecen) (together "The AD-Rules"), as well as the respective updated and most recent WADA Prohibition List, shall be applicable. In the case of conflict in the AD-Rules, the EKF Anti-Doping Rules shall prevail. In case of disqualification following any anti-doping violation, the shift of ranks method determined by FIK during the past WKC shall be applied.

Doping tests may be conducted according to the National Anti-Doping Rules of the Host Country. Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) files must be submitted by 15th March 2022 to the HKINF Secretary General (eokin.sec@gmail.com).

16. DATA

By registering, all participants and officers agree that their names, gender, tournament category, results and pictures as filed or taken during the event may be stored, processed and published on the internet or in print media and that there may be videos taken during the event, stored and live streamed in connection with the event. All personal data will be handled according to legislation in force.

17. DEADLINES.

17.1. Final Entry period: 20 February - 15 March 2022

Final Entry by the respective National Federations to **HKINF Secretary General (eokin.sec@gmail.com)**. **TUE forms should also be received by 20th February 2022.**

The final entry registration covers:

- Competition per championship (competitors only)
- Team Members (if team registered)

In case of 'superior force', names of competitors may be altered until the date of the drawing for the event.



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18. PARTICIPATION FEES.

The participation fees for the 12th Balkan Kendo Cup is as follows:

- 30 EUR per Participant for the individual categories
- 80 EUR per Team for the Senior Male category
- 50 EUR per Team for the Senior Female and Junior categories

All fees are due in EUR and are payable in cash on site, by each participating organization, at latest before the opening ceremony. Relevant invoices will be issued by HKINF, following Final Entry and will be sent to participating Organizations timely.

19. EXAMINATION KENDO 1-5 DAN.

On Sunday 3 April 2022, afternoon time, a Kendo examination 1-5 Dan, will take place. The Grading is organized by the Hellenic Kendo Iaido Jodo Naginata Federation, under EKF Rules.

The application for Grading should be done by Monday 21 March 2022. The Registration must be made through EKF website by their relevant Federations.

GRADING FEES:

Shodan	Application 10 EUR	Registration 20 EUR
Nidan	Application 20 EUR	Registration 30 EUR
Sandan	Application 30 EUR	Registration 40 EUR
Yondan	Application 40 EUR	Registration 60 EUR
Godan	Application 60 EUR	Registration 80 EUR

Responsible for the grading is Christos Anagnostopoulos, HKINF Deputy Secretary, eokin.depsec@gmail.com, to whom any questions or queries, should be addressed.

19. HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

The proposed Hotels for accommodation during the BKC are the following:

1) Queen Olga Hotel

Address: Vas. Olgas 42, 54641

Coordinates: 40°36'45.1"N 22°57'13.7"E (40.612518, 22.953807)

Telephone: +302310824621

Special Offer:

Single room: 45€ Double room: 60€ Triple room: 75€



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Breakfast is included in the room price.
Prices do not include a room tax of 1.50€ per room per night.

For reservations please contact reservations@queenolga.gr, stating that you will participate in the *Balkan Kendo Cup* to receive the above special prices.

2) Metropolitan Hotel

Address: Vas. Olgas & Fleming, 54642

Coordinates: 40°36'41.1"N 22°57'14.3"E (40.611429, 22.953966)

Telephone: +302310824221

Special Offer:

Single room: 70€ Double room: 78€

Breakfast is included in the room price.

Prices do not include a room tax of 3€ per room per night.

For reservations, please contact reservations@metropolitan.gr, stating that you will participate in the *Balkan Kendo Cup* to receive the above special prices.

Each delegation should make reservations and payment directly to a hotel of its choice.

Portrait photo files of all official participants (Delegation Leader, Manager, Team Manager, Coach, Competitor and Referee) should be sent to the HKINF Secretary General (eokin.sec@gmail.com) by Final Entry Date. Minimum size: 0.3 MB; Maximum size: 1.0 MB, Ratio: 4,5 - 3,5 [Standard for EU-passport-photos]; Orientation: portrait; Resolution: printable [300 dpi - 600 dpi]; One face per picture [No "group photos"]; The face should cover 2/3 of the picture.

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