



*All United States Kendo Federation*

# ALL UNITED STATES KENDO FEDERATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

## APPENDIX B

### REGULATIONS FOR THE AUSKF KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## 15.01.01 REGULATIONS OF MATCHES

**15.01.01** Rules and regulations of matches will be according to the "Rules and Regulations of the International Kendo Federation." (FIK). The competition committee shall be responsible for setting and publishing all dates required to conduct the championships. The committee will also determine seeding of divisions and match times. The committee will publish the above details with the championship announcement to the member kendo federations.

## 15.02.00 QUALIFICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

**15.02.01** All competitors must be on the registration census of the member in good standing one year prior to the tournament and their dues paid by March 31, of the tournament year provided, however, that competitors in the following divisions must be on the registration census of the member in good standing for three (3) years prior to the tournament:

- Men's Individual
- Women's Individual
- Men's Team
- Women's Team

**15.02.02** Competitors need not be citizens of the USA

**15.02.03** A participant must be on the census of a recognized member of the AUSKF to participate

**15.02.04** A member in good standing is further defined to mean the applicant is listed on the census roster of the member federation by whatever means the member federation employs to establish their respective roster. If an individual can show that they have met the member federation requirements for being listed on the member federation census roster by whatever means the member federation employs, they shall be added to the member's roster for the appropriate time period in question. By example, if the means is by payment of dues to the member and the monies have been submitted to the responsible individual (e. g. dojo/club treasurer) within the organizational structure on the member federation. The individual may not be penalized and must be added to the member's roster establishing eligibility for application to the championships. This time period is defined by example as sometime between March 31st of the last collection requested by the AUSKF Treasurer for Member Federation dues and March 31st of the forth-coming collection request by the AUSKF Treasurer.

**15.02.05** The referees may not participate as competitors except where noted in these regulations.

**15.02.06** A competitor may participate in both the Team Championships and Individual Championships; hence, each tournament a maximum number of competitors per member will be set.

**15.02.06.01** The following Team divisions shall use the format: 3 members, 2 substitutes: Junior Youth Boy's, Junior Youth Girl's, Senior Youth Girl's, Senior Youth Boy's, Mudansha, and Senior's.

**15.02.06.03** Junior Youth Boy's, (age 15 years & under; Junior Youth Girls age 15 years & under), Senior Youth Boy' (ages 16 to 18), Senior Youth Girl's 5 individual match, 5 Jr/Sr, Youth team match = not more than 10 total. See entry form

Junior Girls team shall consist of 3 members, plus 2 substitutes. Senior Girl's team shall consist of 3 members, plus 2 substitutes Junior Boy's team shall consist of 3 members, plus 2 substitutes (ages 15 & below). Senior Boy's team shall consist of 3 members, plus 2 substitutes A max. of 5 players may be registered for each team.

**15.02.06.04** Women-7 individual match, 7 team match = not more than 14 total

**15.02.07.05** Men-7 individual match, 7 team match = not more than 14 total.

**15.02.06.06** Senior – 5 individual match, 5 team match = not more than 10 total. May not enter any other Individual Division, but may enter Men's/Women's Team match. **A Senior is limited to only one team division.** If a Senior is entered into either the Men's or Women's Team Championship, they may not referee for either of these two championships.

**15.02.06.07** Mudansha - 5 individual (mix = men or women) match, 5 Mudansha Team match = not more than 10 total. A Mudansha may not enter any other Individual Division, but may enter the Mudansha team match or Men's/Women's Team Championship match. A Mudansha is limited to only one team division

**15.02.07** Names of all competitors must be submitted by date determined and published by the Competition Committee.

**15.02.08** The competitor's nafuda must have their name in English

## **15.03.00 METHODS OF CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES**

**15.03.01** Individual Championship: Players will compete in a two-person "seeding" round in which players will determine their placement (either first or second) in the championship round based on the result of the "seeding" round. In the event that there are an odd number of participants in any given division, a participant will be randomly selected and automatically "seeded" into the championship round. The "seeding" round will continue in this method until all preliminary league play is completed. In the medal round, matches will proceed down the brackets as designed for the single elimination portion of the division.



**15.03.02** Division qualifications shall be as follows:

**15.03.02.01** Junior Youth Division (Boy's and Girl's).

**15.03.02.01.01** Maximum of 5 competitors from each regional federation member.

**15.03.02.01.02** Competitors must be between the ages of 12 to 15 years (inclusive) as of January 1, of the tournament year.

**15.03.02.02** Senior Youth Division (Boy's and Girl's) 5 individual match, 5 Sr. Youth team match = not more than 10 total. A Senior Youth may not enter the Men's or Women's Individual if already entered into the Senior Boy's or Senior Girl's Individual Division, A Senior (Boy or Girl) Youth may enter into only one of the following: Men's team, Women's team, Senior Youth Boys team, Youth Girls team.

**15.03.02.03** Mudansha- 5 individual (mix=men or women) match, 5 Mudansha team members not more than 10 total. A Mudansha may not enter any other individual division, but may enter the Mudansha team match or Men's/Women's Team Championship match. A Mudansha is limited to only one team division.

**15.03.02.03.01** Maximum of 5 competitors (men or women) from each regional federation member and must be 19 years and older.

**15.03.02.03.02** Competitors must be rank 1-Kyu or lower as of the day of the tournament.

**15.03.02.04** Senior-5 individual (mix=men or women) match, 5 Senior team members not more than 10 total. A Senior may not enter any other individual division, but may enter the Men's/Women's Team Championship match. A Senior is limited to only one team division. If a Senior is entered into either the Men's or Women's Team Championship they may not referee for either of these two championships.

**15.03.02.05.01** Competitors must be 50 years or older the men's senior individual division January 1st of the tournament year. Competitors must be 45 years or older for the women's senior individual division on January 1st of the tournament year.

**15.03.02.05.02** Competitors must be of rank 3-dan or higher.

**15.03.02.05** Women- 7 individual match, 7 team match = not more than 14.

**15.03.02.06** Men- 7 individual match, 7 team match = not more than 14.

#### **15.04.00 PRELIMINARY CONTESTS FOR INDIVIDUAL MATCHES**

**15.04.01** League matches will be held per zone (zone defined as a court), which will consist of 2 competitors in a group.

**15.04.02** Matching competitors for group/zones will be made by a drawing or seeding members into various zones according to draw or seeds. Competitors from the same federations will be placed into different groups, but may be in the same zone (court).

**15.04.03** Both the 1st place competitor and 2nd place competitor of each group shall move on to the championship medal round tournament matches. They shall be placed in opposite flights or brackets. In the event that there are an odd number of participants in any given division, a participant will be randomly selected and automatically “seeded” into the championship round.

**15.04.04** The knockout system shall apply to the medal round tournament matches in that they will be single elimination.

## **15.05.00 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

**15.05.01** Composition of a team for team championships other than Women’s or Men’s  
Team Championships:

**15.05.02** One team is to represent each regional federation.

**15.05.03** The team members are composed of the following: 3 members, 2 substitutes.

**15.05.04** Should one team fail to have the required number of competitors available, it may compete with 2 members. If competing with less than the required amount of members, those available will fill from the Senpo, Taisho position first.

**15.05.05** Team members are selected from the list registered beforehand.

**15.05.06** The team members and the order of competitors may be changed freely for every match within the guidelines of the IKF rules. An order list of competitors must be presented to the court judge within the allotted time of their “immediately preceding” match. If not presented in time, the last order list is considered unchanged. The order list for the first match of the day, however, must be delivered at the manager/coach’s meeting.

## **15.06.00 COMPOSITION OF A TEAM FOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**

**15.06.01** One team is to represent each regional federation.

**15.06.02** The team members are composed of the following: 5 members, 2 substitutes.

**15.06.03** Should one team fail to have the required number of competitors available, it may compete with 4 or 3 members. If competing with less than the required amount of members,

those available will fill from the Senpo, Chuken, Taisho position first.

**15.06.04** Team members are selected from the list registered beforehand.

**15.06.05.** The team members and the order of competitors may be changed freely for every match within the guidelines of the FIK rules. An order list of competitors must be presented to the court judge within the allotted time of their “immediately preceding” match. The order list for the first match of the day however must be delivered at the manager/coach's meeting.

## **15.07.00 PRELIMINARY TEAM CONTESTS**

**15.07.01** Preliminary matches for teams other than Men's and Women's team championship divisions shall be configured according the number of teams submitted.

**15.07.02** Preliminary matches for the Women's and Men's team championship division shall use the following format.

**15.07.02.01** The participating teams shall be divided evenly into “zones”. If the number of teams are not even, one zone shall have one more team than the other one.

**15.07.02.02** Matching the teams for zones will be by drawing; however the 1st and 2nd place teams of the previous AUSKF Championship will be seeded into different zones.

**15.07.03** The 1st and 2nd place teams of each zone will move into the tournament round. League play shall be conducted in each zone to determine the 1st and 2nd place finishers of each zone.

## **15.08.00 TOURNAMENT TEAM MATCHES**

**15.08.01** The 1st place team of one zone shall compete with the 2nd place team of the other zone.

**15.08.02** The knockout system will be applied to the tournament.

**15.08.03** Determination of team winners in both preliminary and tournament matches in the following order of procedure:

**15.08.03.01** Highest number of individual winners per team. If even then 15.09.03.02.

**15.08.03.02** Highest number of Points scored per team. If even then 15.09.03.03.

**15.08.03.03** If teams remained tied after the above methods a play-off (Daihyo-sen) will ensue. Method of play-off will be announced at the manager's meeting. If no winner is between a representative of each team. If no winner is declared within the prescribed time limit, then the play-off shall be continued with the addition of unlimited “encho” until a winner is determined.



**15.08.03.04** A default is regarded as a loss and the opponent is awarded 2 points against the default.

## **15.09.00 TIME LIMITS**

**15.09.01** Preliminary League Round Individual Matches: 3 minutes w / no encho, there will be no hantei. Medal Round Tournament Matches: 4 minutes w / unlimited encho, there will be no hantei. Semifinal 4 minutes w / unlimited encho, there will be no hantei. Final: 5 minutes w / unlimited encho, there will be no hantei [includes: Senior and Mudansha divisions]. If Daiyosen it will be a 1 point match.

**15.09.02** Team Matches: 4 minutes w / no encho (hikiwake), except “play-offs” will be 4 minutes w / unlimited encho. Semifinal and Final: 5 minutes w / no encho (hikiwake), except “play-off” will be 5 minutes w / unlimited encho.

## **15.10.00 AWARDS**

**15.10.01** Individual Championship Awards

**15.10.01.01** All groups shall have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (2 places) place awards given in the tournament round.

**15.10.01.02** Four (4) “Fighting Spirit” awards will be given in each of the Junior Boy’s Youth, Senior Boy’s Youth, Junior Girl’s Youth, Senior Girl’s Youth, Senior, Mudansha, Senior Women’s and Men’s division, Women’s and Men’s division, Women’s and Men’s team, Senior team.

**15.10.02** Team Championship Awards shall break down as follows:

**15.10.02.01** One (1) award per member and coach (7 or 5) for each place and for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd in the tournament round of the Junior Youth Boy’s, Senior Youth Boy’s, Junior Youth Girl’s, Senior Youth Girl’s Yudansha, Senior Men, Senior Women , Women’s and Men’s team, Senior team.

**15.10.02.02** Four ( 4 ) “Fighting Sprit” awards will be given in each of the Junior Boy’s Youth, Senior Boy’s Youth, Junior Girl’s Youth, Senior Girl’s Youth, Mudansha, Senior, Women’s and Men’s division.

**15.10.03** Perpetual Trophies

**15.11.03.01** Designated trophies shall be given to the 1st place teams and individuals which shall be passed on at next championship.

## **15.11.00 MATCH REGULATIONS FOR THE MUDANSHA DIVISION**

Incorporated into 15.03.00





## **15.12.00 OFFICIALS AND REFEREES**

**15.12.01** The appointment and selection of officials and referees shall be entrusted to the ALL UNITED STATES KENDO FEDERATION.

**15.14.02** Any clarification or resolution required in the application of these regulations shall be by the decision of the AUSKF Competition Committee.

## **16.00.00 ANNUAL AUSKF JUNIOR TOURNAMENT -SEE APPENDIX C**

## TABLE OF REVISIONS

DATE SUBMITTED	PROCEDURE & TITLE	REVISION	DATE APPROVED BY DIRECTORS
11/9/2013	15-03.01	3-league round per zone	11/9/2013
	15.05.00	Stricken from regulations	11/9/2013
	15.09.00 TIME LIMITS	/ unlimited encho strike to no encho, added senior and mudansha divisions note Added DaiYoSen - 1 point match	11/9/2013
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1/15/19	Added & revised team divisions	JR. Girls team; SR Girls Team; SR Women Individuals	11/10/18