



To: All BKR & VKIJF Dojo
From: ABKF President

Brussels, 27 November 2021

Dear members,

The unprecedented period, in which “everything changed” has continued to evolve. Our government and its experts are again asking us to limit our contacts and thus our social activities. We hoped to be able to organize the annual winter seminar under somewhat modified circumstances, without the presence of a Japanese delegation, but with peace of mind. We're not there yet. To ensure maximum safety for all our members and their guests while providing access to visible progress; we are forced to shorten this year's schedule.

Anyone who no longer wishes to participate in the seminar and who has already paid for their participation is invited to contact us by email to arrange the refund. Those who have registered for an exam and do not want to participate are also requested to make themselves known as soon as possible. Any refunds will be made by bank transfer before the end of 2021.

We invite all participants, insofar as they are able to come to the sports center in uniform (hakama & keikogi) with a mask for nose and mouth. A homemade mask is not enough and should at the very least be replaced with a disposable surgical mask. ABKF provides free copies. Upon entry, the CST check is checked. You will also be asked to submit duly completed the health document that you can download from our site.

Since the measures taken by the government severely limit access to the catering industry (cafeteria); we advise you to plan an alternative if necessary.

As for the training itself, the schedule that is maintained by the ABKF is as follows, as long as the decisions of the government do not change:

Friday 17/12/2021 :

- Cancellation of all training sessions.

Saturday 18/12/2021 :

- Cancellation of Kendo training sessions
- Iaido seminar only on Saturdays as per the schedule originally announced. The start of the seminar may be postponed depending on the pace of the checks at the entrance of the sports center.
- The different groups (mudan, 1st to 3rd dan, 4th to 6th dan) are divided among the three available rooms according to their number.
- The exams (1st kyu to 5th dan) will take place at the end of the day as planned.
- All practitioners must wear a mask covering their nose and mouth during the practice.

Sunday 19/12/2021 :


- Kendo & Jodo seminar according to the initially announced schedule. The start of the seminar may be postponed depending on the pace of the checks at the entrance of the sports center.
- The exams (1st kyu to 5th dan for kendo and 1st kyu to 3rd dan for jodo) will take place at the end of the day as scheduled.
- All practitioners must wear a mask covering their nose and mouth during the practice.

The ABKF has also invested in electronic payment solutions to limit the circulation of cash. This also guarantees the safety of the internship. Keep this in mind and prefer this payment method.

We understand that some will be disappointed by these decisions, but we hope that the efforts made will reduce the time spent fighting this issue. The ABKF advises you to get vaccinated because this is currently the most effective way to limit serious consequences for your health.

I am convinced that the future can only get better. I also urge you to remain vigilant as you continue to care for yourself and your fellow practitioners.

On behalf of the ABKF,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Hendrickx', written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

S. Hendrickx, President