



Organisation of Belgian Kendo Championships (Dan)

Who can join?

Any correct registered member of VKIJF & BKR. Both regional federations will check the list of participants before the final drawing. All participants who are selected for the final drawing are supposed to be regular members and cannot be taken out of the grids afterwards.

Participation in individual matches are supposed to be sent one week before the drawing and each dojo manager is supposed to pay the full amount of the subscription fees by bank to ABKF account BE76 0011 1992 3095 before this moment (D-day – 7). Dojo who haven't paid their subscription fees on time will be considered as not taking part in the event. No refund of subscription fees is possible without the permission of ABKF Board and must be asked by letter or e-mail until maximum one week after the event.

Participation in the team competition, all candidates have to follow the same subscription procedure as for the individual matches. All those who aren't declared as taken part in the tournament are not authorised in taking part in the event. Both regional federations will check the list of participants before the final drawing. All dojo participants who are selected for the final drawing are supposed to be regular members and cannot be taken out of the grids afterwards. All dojo who aren't not following this rule can be taken out of the competition after the final draw.

All participants are supposed to have correct acknowledge of the regional regulations concerning doping and other specific rules.

Drawing will be held at ABKF HQ or at any place chosen by the ABKF Board in cooperation with the BKR & VKIJF TC Kendo.

Belgian Kendo "Dan" Championships.

Competitions divided in 4 categories (Ind. Ladies, Ind. Men, Ind. Juniors & Team)

At least 2 shiaijo will be set up.

At least 11 referees will be necessary for the tournament (1 shinpan-cho – 2 shinpan-shunin – 8 shinpan).

The rules used for this competition are the common IKF-rules. Exceptions to these will be specified by shinpan-cho at the beginning of the day.



Specifications regarding referees:

Referees candidates will be appointed by each dojo by using the ad-hoc form only. Shinpan-cho will be appointed by ABKF President. Selected referees will be informed by ABKF prior to the tournament. Shinpan-cho will indicate the shinpan-shunin at that time as well. Shinpan-cho will be informed about the global organisation at least one week before the event and will have the highest possible rank. He will be assisted by one (1) shinpan shunin for each shiai-jo. The minimum rank of these referees will be at least 6th dan. All other referees will hold at least 4th dan. The presence of all the candidate referees at an annual referee seminar organized by ABKF (BKR – VKIJF) is mandatory. Referees will wear formal dress as described in the FIK rules and possess their own referee flags. The specific rules set up by Zen Ken Ren in time of the pandemic COVID19 will be applied by referees and players.

Individual matches:

All participants in the individual matches are supposed to hold at least the rank of 1st dan, at least one full year member of BKR/VKIIF and declaring not taking part in any other national championship.

- A: juniors from 14 until 17(*) years old
 - B: men from 18(*) years old
 - W: women from 18(*) years old
- (Minimum 6 participants – if less they will be integrated in category B)
(*) age at the day of competition

Technical part:

All competitors are supposed to wear correct fitting equipment with identification of family name in romanji and bring their own shiai-tasuki (red & white ribbon). They use these correctly by themselves during the entire competition.

All categories will be set up in pool system (pool of 3, 4 or 5 players)

2 players will pass the first round and enter the final grid.

No encho declaration will be possible during the pool matches.

If any result at the end of the entire pool makes that the first and/or second place is not clearly identified, the concerned players will be requested to play a supplementary match (ippon shobu with possible encho) to determine their rank inside of the concerned pool.

Decision is made by counting the number of victories and if these are equal, the number of scored points.

All shiai will be held in 3 minutes during the entire tournament except for the semi-finals & finals where the maximum time would be 5 minutes.

Encho will always be without time limit.



Team matches:

All dojo can enter maximum two teams composed by either male or female registered BKR or VKIJF members not taking part in any other national (foreign) tournament. All team members must be minimum 18 years of age at the day of the tournament.

If one Team is not complete, only 4 competitors in the Team, the vacant place will be Fukusho. If there are only 3 competitors in the Team, the vacant places will be Fukusho and Jiho.

Technical part:

All competitors are supposed to wear correct fitting equipment with identification of family name in romanji and their own shiai-tasuki (red & white ribbon). They use these correctly by themselves during the entire competition.

Timing for shiai will be:

1. Pools in 3 minutes
2. Tournament in 3 minutes
3. Semi-finals and finals 5 minutes
4. ABKF (BKR-VKIIF TC) can decide to change the timing if necessary due to exceptional circumstances within the week before the tournament. This change has to be communicated at the start of the day.

If at the end of the entire team matches the winner is still not declared, a supplementary match will be organised. Decision will be made by ippon-shobu, at this moment encho will be possible without time limit.

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 para-graph) 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 be 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.
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 should be determined by a pool played by a representative of each team.