



RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE BELGIAN INDIVIDUAL IAIDO

CHAMPIONSHIPS

The regulations of the matches will follow “The Rules and Regulations of Iaido Shiai & Shimpan” published by IKF (revised October 1, 1996) as close as possible.

Organisation of Belgian Iaido Championships

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 the championships are supposed to be sent by the deadline and each dojo manager is supposed to pay the full amount of the subscription fees by bank to ABKF account (<https://www.abkfevents.be/abkf-bank-account/>) before this moment (deadline day mentioned in the subscription). 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.

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 Iaido.

Organization of the Belgian Iaido Championships.

Participants will be divided into the following categories

- Mudan (kyu)
- Shodan(1st dan)
- Nidan (2nd dan)
- Sandan (3rd dan)
- Yondan (4th dan)
- Godan (5th dan)
- Rokudan (6th dan)

Every championship gives the right to the attribution of official “Belgian Champion” titles, together with “Vice-champion” and 2 ex-aequo third places.



RULES CONCERNING THE COMPETITION

1. POOLS

- All participants having entered the official inscription in due time will be divided by drawing into as many pools of 3 as possible.
- Also during this drawing fighters from the same dojo will be kept out of the same pool as much as possible.
- The maximal combat time is **4 minutes for three kata**.
- The fighters in the pools of 3 will fight in the following order : 1><2, 1><3 & 2><3. If ever the number of inscriptions makes pools of 4 necessary, the participants will fight the following 3 matches : 1><2, 3><4, 1><4, 3><2, 3><1 & 4><2.
- The first 2 classified of each pool will move on to the Tournament matches.
Classification will be based on the following :
 1. Number of matches won
 2. If this is equal, the number of flags will be counted.
 3. If this is equal as well, a “knock out” match of only one Shitei Waza will be fought.
The Court Judge will announce the Shitei Waza before the start of the match.

2. TOURNAMENT

After the pool system, the first 2 out of every pool will be put on the tournament grid, respecting the principle of separation as much as possible.

The tournament is using the knockout system. As 2 fighters come out of every pool, the 1st placed will in principle compete with the 2nd placed of another pool.

The maximum combat time is **6 minutes for five kata**.

RULES CONCERNING THE PARTICIPANTS

- Every competitor must be a registered member of VKIJF or BKR. Both regional federations will check the list of the participants before the final drawing.
- Every competitor should therefore have the Belgian nationality. However, residents with a foreign nationality, holding a Belgian license(VKIJF or BKR) for at least two(2) years will also be allowed to participate. Foreign members who are taking part in any other National Championship are not allowed to take part in the Belgian Championships.
- Every competitor must wear a neat and correct fitting costume : either kendo jacket or iaido jacket and hakama(skirt). The iaido jacket shall be tight sleeved.
- Every competitor must wear an identification of family name in Roman characters on the left side of the iaido jacket(starting from 01/01/2009).
- Every competitor must use a Japanese sword of good quality (mozô-to(=iaito) or shinken)
- All participants are supposed to have correct knowledge of the regulations concerning doping and other specific federation rules.



RULES CONCERNING DOJOMANAGERS

- Each Dojo Manager is supposed to pay the full amount of the inscription fees by bank to the ABKF-account BE76 0011 1992 3095 before the set date. 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 the ABKF Board and must be asked by letter or e-mail until maximum one week after the event.
- The manager of each dojo is responsible for the attitude & behaviour of his members, and the use of correct & save equipment (costume, sword-check, etc...)

REFEREES

- The list of referees will be established by the ABKF TC Iaido taking into consideration the attendance during an obligatory preliminary referee seminar.
- The Shinpancho (referee leader of the tournament) should have the highest possible rang and will be assisted by one Shinpanshunin (court referee) for each shiaiyo. The minimum rank of these referees will be at least 5th dan. All other referees (Shusin/chief-referee & Fukushin/assistant-referee) should hold at least 4th dan.
- Referees are supposed to wear formal dress.
- The function of referee is incompatible with that of coach or manager, as impartiality and strict neutrality is required.
- The referees should not mix with the competitors during the championships.
- The cost of drinks & meals of the referees will be taken in charge by the ABKF organization.

DRAWING

Drawing will be held at ABKF HQ or at any place choosen by the ABKF Board in cooperation with the ABKF TC Iaido.