

Organisation of Belgian Kendo Championships (Kyu).

Who's organising?

Organiser is the "All Belgium Kendo Federation" in cooperation with both regional federations "VKIJF" and "BKR". The ABKF select the best date and location. All expenses for the organisation of these events are in charge of ABKF. ABKF informs & invites all dojo, motodachi & referee in due time.

Who can join?

Any correct registered member of VKIJF & BKR. Both regional federations are supposed to 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 is 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.

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's not following this rule can be taken out of the competition after the final draw by the organisers.

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 TC Kendo.

Belgian Kendo Kyu Championships.

Individual competitions divided in 8 categories

At least 2 and maximum 4 shiai-jo will be set up.

At least 9 motodachi will be necessary for the tournament

At least 13 referees will be necessary for the tournament (1 shinpan-cho – 12 shinpan).

Specifications regarding referees:

Shinpan-cho will be informed about the global organisation at least one week before the event and will have the highest possible rank. He'll be assisted if possible by one (1) shinpan shunin for each shiai-jo. These will be selected also in accordance with shinpan-cho. The minimum rank of these referees will be 5th dan. All other referees will hold at least 4th dan. The presence of all the candidate referees at the annual ABKF referee or EKF referee seminars are highly recommended. Referees are supposed to wear formal dress and bring their own referee flags and have a clear understanding of actual refereeing rules.

Technical competition (...kyu up to 4th kyu)

- A : technical competition for children from 5 up to 9(*) years old
- B : technical competition for children from 10 up to 13(*) years old
- C : technical competition for juniors from 14 up to 17(*) years old
- D : technical competition for people from 18(*) years old

(*) age at the day of competition

Technical part :

Motodachi will be selected by the ABKF TC, the names of the possible candidates are to be sent in by all dojo at least one month before the event. These candidates must be at least 1st dan and maximum 3rd dan and must have a size corresponding the best to child's size.

All participants must wear at least hakama & kendogi.

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

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

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

Announcements by referees :

Announcement by main referee : *Kirigaeshi hajime*

Execution : men kirigaeshi (x2 – without taiatari)

Announcement by main referee : *Uchikomi hajime*

Execution : uchikomi geiko (men, kote, do, kote-men, kote-do, kote-men-do, men – all with large movements)

Decision by the referees will be taken at the end of the execution, the main referee will call for *Hantei* .

Decision: number of victories and if equal the total number of winning flags.

Shiai division (3rd to 1st kyu)

- E: juniors from 14 until 17(*) years old
- F: men from 18(*) years old
- G: junior up to 13(*) years old
- W: women from 18(*) years old
(minimum 6 participants – if less they will be automatically integrated in category F)

(*) age at the day of competition

Technical part :

All competitors are supposed to bring their own meijirushi (red & white ribbon) and wear these correctly by themselves during the entire competition. Wearing a nafuda to easily identify the person (family name in romanji).

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 pools.

If any result at the end of the pool makes that the first and/or place is not clearly identified, the concerned players will be requested to play a supplementary match (ippon shobu + one (1) encho of 3 min; if the result is not determined hantei will be called) to determine their rank inside the concerned pool.

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

Encho will always be without time limit (except during pool system).