

Belgium Iaido Championship

2025





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Welcome

Message from the Vice-president ABKF

It is with great pleasure and sincere admiration that I address you on the occasion of this Belgian Iaido Championship. As Vice President of the ABKF, and also as a kendo practitioner, I fully appreciate the depth and richness that Iaido brings to our federation.

Iaido is a unique discipline. Through the precise and controlled act of drawing and cutting within a codified frame work, it invites us to explore not only technique, but above all, mindset, constant awareness, and the pursuit of precision in both movement and intention. It is a demanding path, often quiet, yet deeply expressive—where each motion becomes a form of meditation in action.

In a world of constant distraction and noise, Iaido offers us a rare space: one of introspection, discipline, and inner calm. It shapes practitioners who are patient, respectful, and focused, qualities that lie at the very heart of budo.

This championship is much more than a competition. It is a gathering of passionate individuals, a chance to grow together, to challenge oneself as much as others, in a spirit of humility and mutual respect. It is also a showcase of the dedication of our sensei, our dojos, and all those who bring this art to life with heart and perseverance here in Belgium.

I would like to warmly thank the organizers, the referees, the teachers, and of course all the participants, for their commitment and presence. May this event be a celebration of the path we have walked and a renewed motivation to continue on the way of the sword. I wish you all a championship rich in learning, emotion, and inspiring encounters.

Ismail Bozok

ABKF Vice President



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Message from the VKIJF President.

Beste Iaidoka, beste scheidsrechters, beste trainers, beste coaches,

Welkom op het Belgisch Kampioenschap!

Eens per jaar strijden jullie allemaal samen voor 1 titel: Belgisch Kampioen. Daar gaat veel aan vooraf. Jullie trainers hebben samen met jullie een lang parcours afgelegd om hier vandaag te staan. Iedereen hoopt dat het harde werk vandaag zal lonen.

Het wordt een lange dag vol emoties die hopelijk zal leiden tot voldoening. Houd de focus op het gevecht en geef niet op: een gewonde krijger is geen dode krijger!

Dit alles hopen wij te kunnen laten verlopen in een sfeer van wederzijds respect, fair play en fighting spirit.

Vive la fête du iaido!

Xavier Foulon

Voorzitter VKIJF



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Estimated Timetable

9h00 Doors open
 9h45 Briefing competitors
 10h00 Opening ceremony
 10h15 Start competition

Shiai A

ROKUDAN	Pool 1	24
YONDAN	Pool 1	24
SANDAN	Pool 1	12
	Pool 2	12
	Pool 3	24
SHODAN	Pool 1	12
SHODAN	Pool 2	12

Shiai B

GODAN	Pool 1	24
	Pool 2	24
MUDAN	Pool 1	24
	Pool 2	24
NIDAN	Pool 1	12
	Pool 2	4

Lunch+ Examination conformation

Starting KO 13:30

GODAN	KO	12	SANDAN	KO	24
SHODAN	KO	12	NIDAN	KO	12
MUDAN	KO	12	YONDAN		

ROKUDAN

FINALS 40

ENBU 12

CLOSING CEREMONY 16h

EXAMINATIONS 16h30



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Referees

SHINPANCHO

Emilio Gomez 7th Dan Kyoshi

Shimpanshunin A

Shimpanshunin B

Michael Simonini 7th Dan Kyoshi

Philippe Bruwier 7th Dan Kyoshi

Defraeye Luc 7th Dan Kyoshi

Kanto Yuki 7th Dan Renshi

Vaes Nicolas 6th Dan Renshi

Loncelle Guy 6th Dan Renshi

Vlad Liviu 6th Dan Renshi

Pauwelyn Nicolas 6th Dan

Vandenbussche

Carlier Freddy 6th Dan Renshi

Jonathan 6th Dan

Tremblay Jean 5th Dan

Yano Chieko 5th Dan

Damoiseau David 5th Dan

Croes Kim 5th Dan

Boujraf Maya 4th Dan

Jovicic Milos 4th Dan

Bataillie Dimitri 4th Dan

Basu Primit 4th Dan



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Competition

Mudan

Pool1
Lucas Fragiadakis (BTK)
Jordan Deboeuf (SSK)
Xander Madou (KMK)
Davide Cucino (BTK)

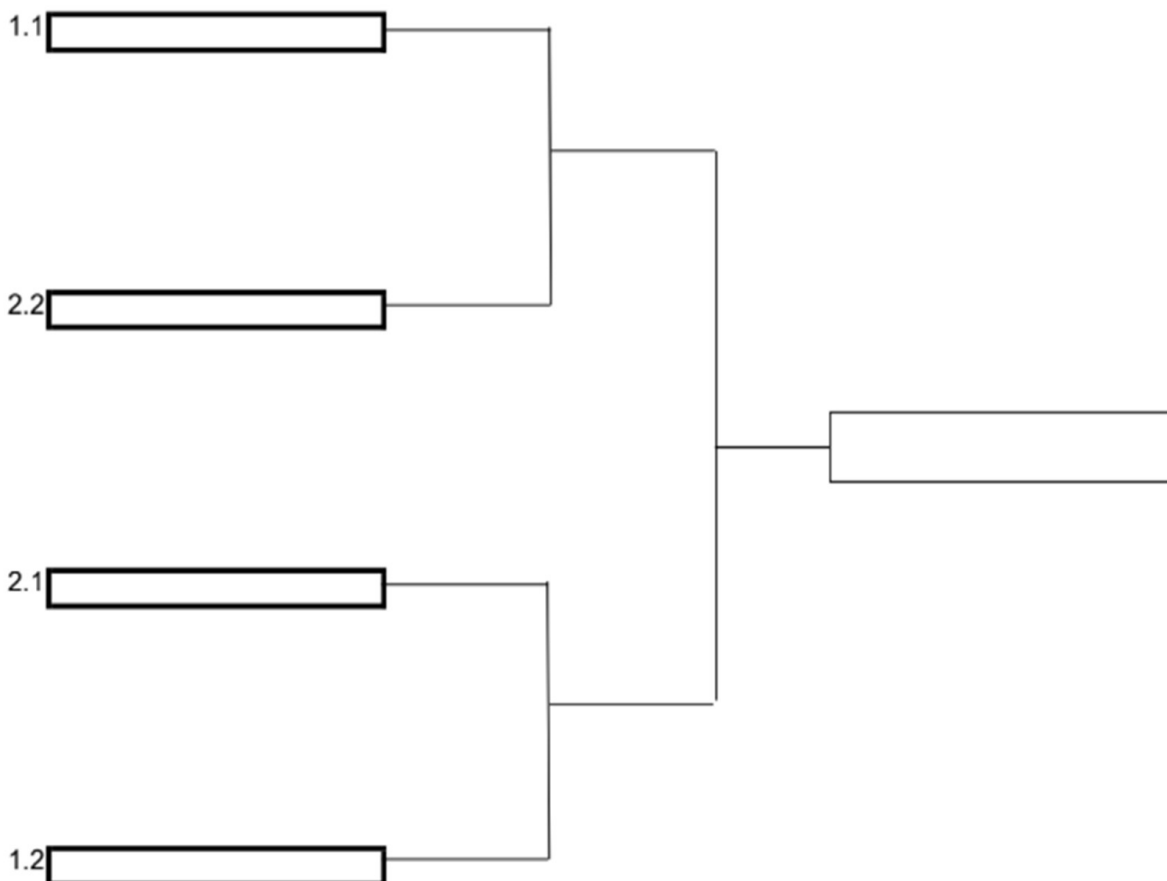
Pool2
Philip De Smedt (SSD)
Dieter Vermeiren (KMK)
Arne Hutsebaut (KHC)
Ruben De Mey (KMK)

Name		1	2	3	4	5	6	won	Flags	Rang
Lucas Fragiadakis (BTK)	1									
Jordan Deboeuf (SSK)	2									
Xander Madou (KMK)	3									
Davide Cucino (BTK)	4									

Name		1	2	3	4	5	6	won	Flags	Rang
Philip De Smedt (SSD)	1									
Dieter Vermeiren (KMK)	2									
Arne Hutsebaut (KHC)	3									
Ruben De Mey (KMK)	4									



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Shodan

Pool1
Ayumi Awai (AGH)
Robin Alaerts (BYK)
Takehito Yamamoto (BTK)

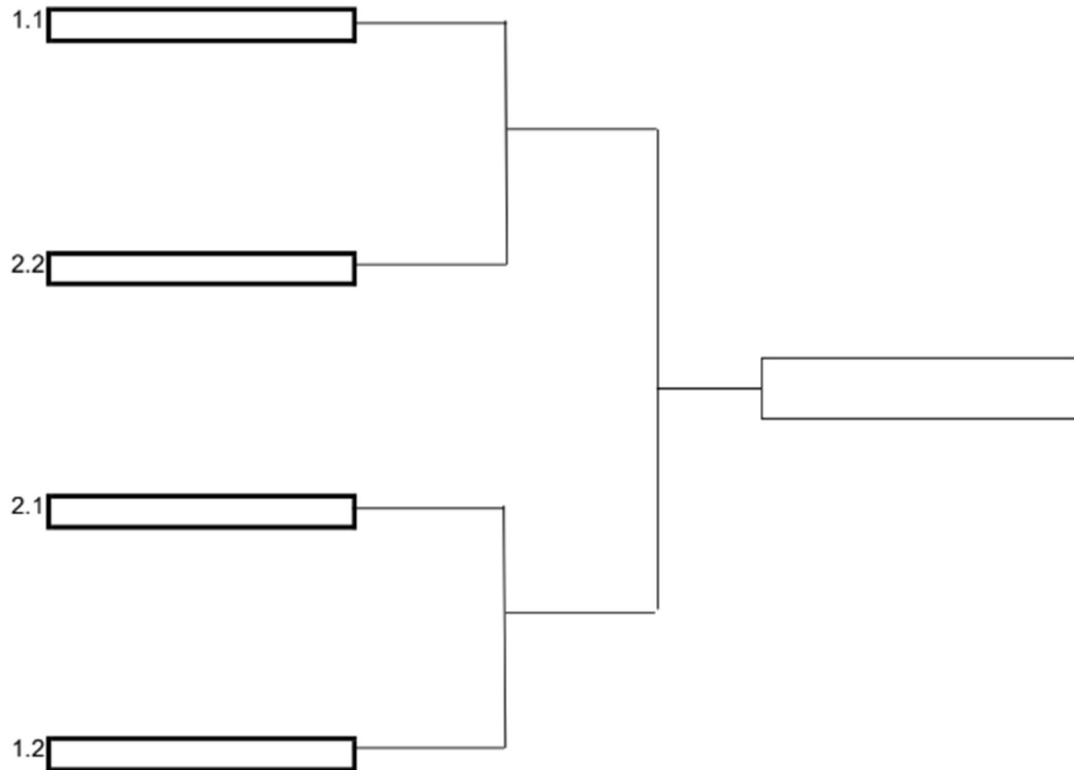
Pool2
Joël Daems (MSK)
Gerrit Van Costenoble (AGH)
Luc Permentier (KHC)

Name		1	2	3	won	Flags	Rang
Ayumi Awai (AGH)	1						
Robin Alaerts (BYK)	2						
Takehito Yamamoto (BTK)	3						

Name		1	2	3	won	Flags	Rang
Joël Daems (MSK)	1						
Gerrit Van Costenoble (AGH)	2						
Luc Permentier (KHC)	3						



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Nidan

Pool1
Jamie Bartels (BYK)
Alain Vanderstraeten (RTO)
Axel Demuynck (KMK)

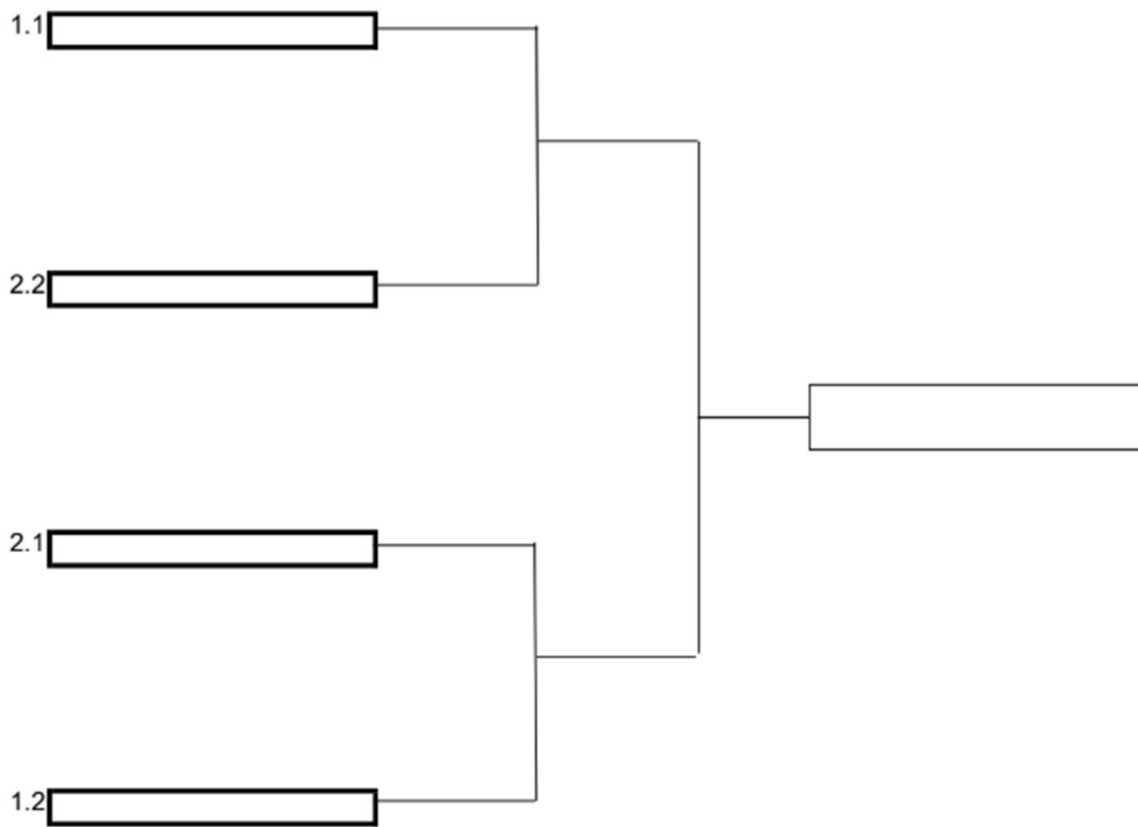
Pool2
Michel Arnould (SDK)
Claude Carroué (BTK)

Name		1	2	3	won	Flags	Rang
Jamie Bartels (BYK)	1						
Alain Vanderstraeten (RTO)	2						
Axel Demuynck (KMK)	3						

Name		1	won	Flags	Rang
Michel Arnould (SDK)	1				
Claude Carroué (BTK)	2				



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Sandan

Pool1
David Vanderhoven (MSK)
Ine Coppens (SSD)
Edgaras Platelis (BTK)

Pool2
Khang Nguyen (BTK)
Isabelle Begon (SSK)
Fadel Badiane (BYK)

Pool3
Jana Vujadinovic (BYK)
Baudouin Marsily (MSK)
Sam Schiettekatte (KIG)
Tuan Le (BTK)

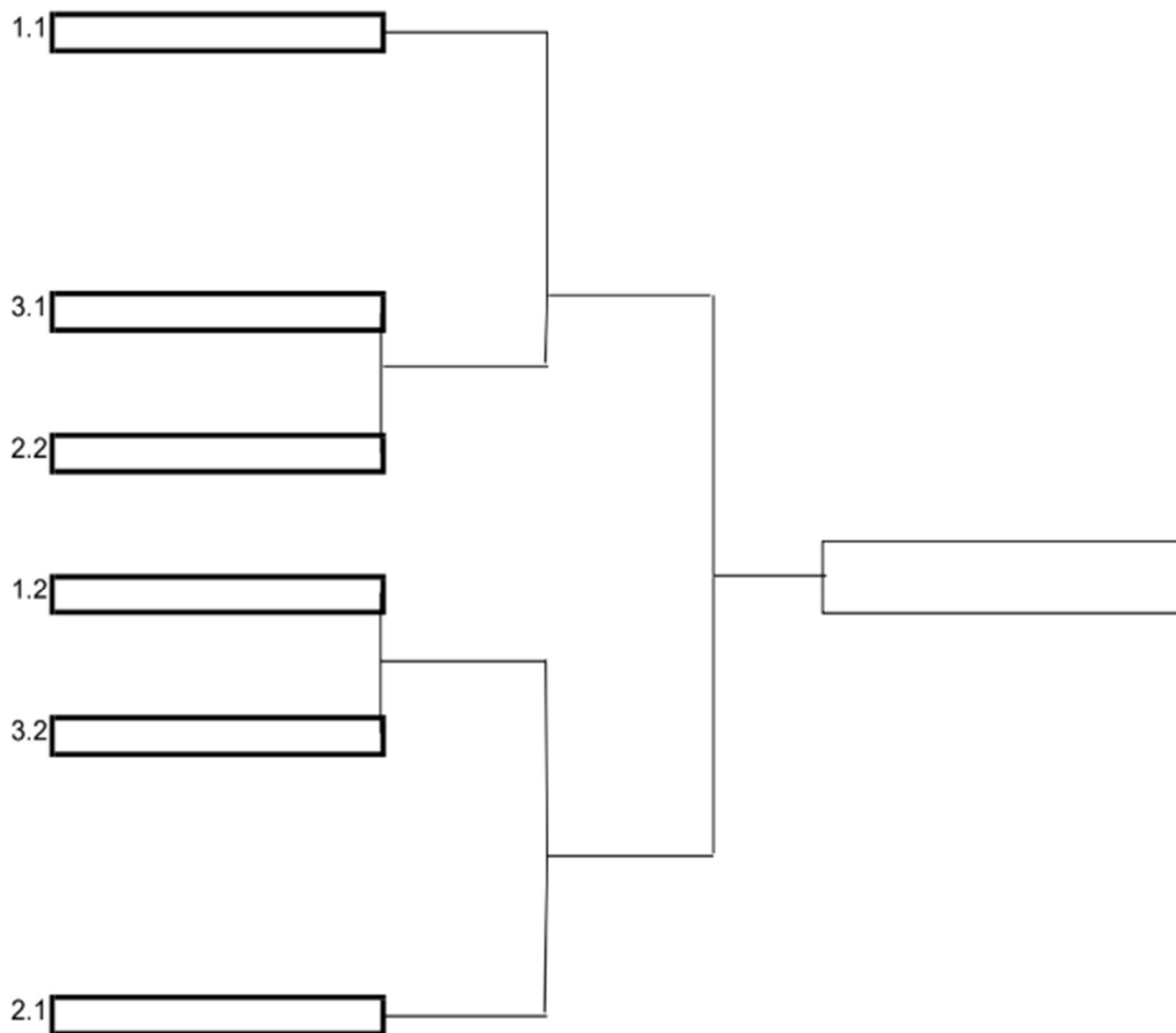
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David Vanderhoven (MSK)	1						
Ine Coppens (SSD)	2						
Edgaras Platelis (BTK)	3						

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Khang Nguyen (BTK)	1						
Isabelle Begon (SSK)	2						
Fadel Badiane (BYK)	3						

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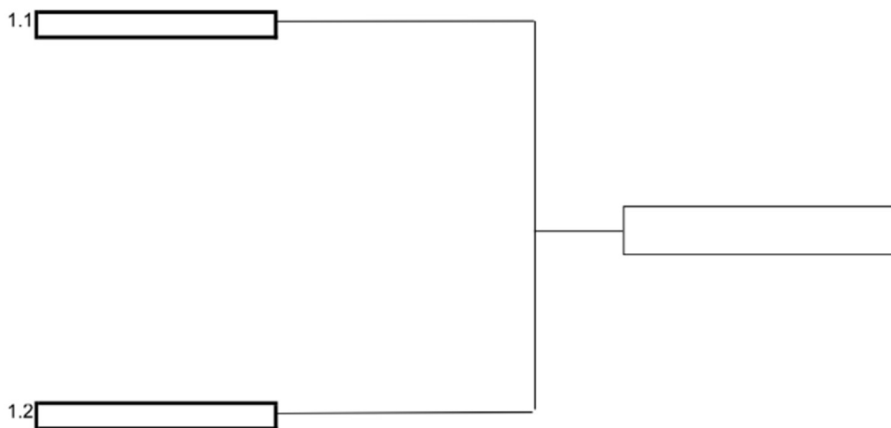


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Yondan

Pool1
Milos Jovicic (BYK)
Dimitri Bataillie (SSD)
Pramit Basu (KHC)
Maya Boujraf (BTK)

Name		1	2	3	4	5	6	won	Flags	Rang
Milos Jovicic (BYK)	1									
Dimitri Bataillie (SSD)	2									
Pramit Basu (KHC)	3									
Maya Boujraf (BTK)	4									



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Godan

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Chieko Yano (KIG)
Kim Croes (KHC)
Philippe Lesire (SDK)
Trung Phan (BYK)

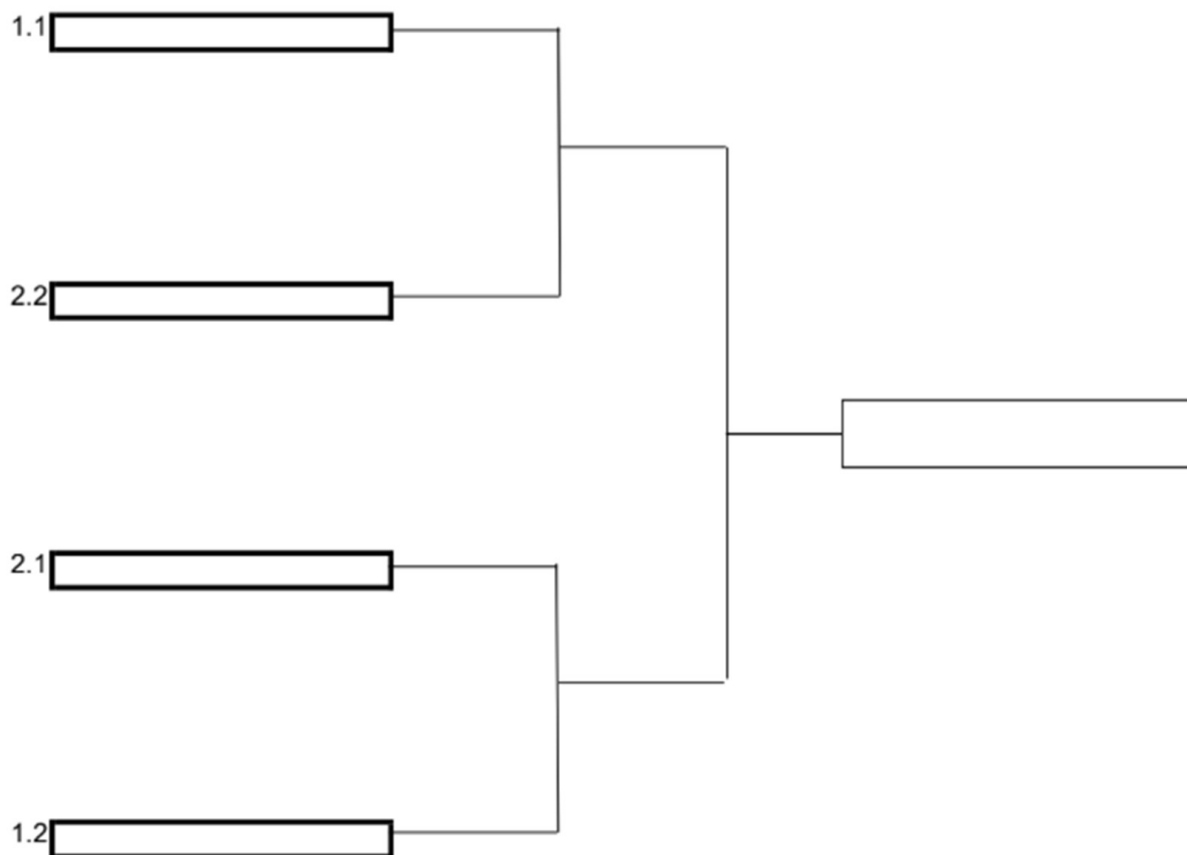
Pool2
Frédéric Hontoir (SSK)
David Damoiseau (BYK)
Grégory Van Gilsen (BYK)
Paul Wittoeck (KIG)

Name		1	2	3	4	5	6	won	Flags	Rang
Chieko Yano (KIG)	1									
Kim Croes (KHC)	2									
Philippe Lesire (SDK)	3									
Trung Phan (BYK)	4									

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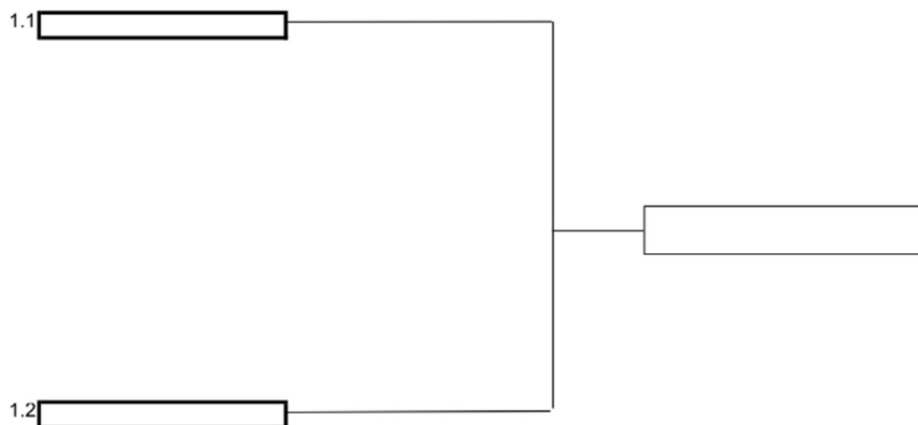


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Pool1
Liviu Vlad (AGH)
Jonathan Vandenbussche (AGH)
Nicolas Pauwelyn (KIG)
Nicolas Vaes

Rokudan

Name		1	2	3	4	5	6	won	Flags	Rang
Liviu Vlad (AGH)	1									
Jonathan Vandenbussche (AGH)	2									
Nicolas Pauwelyn (KIG)	3									
Nicolas Vaes	4									



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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 grid 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 knowledge 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 TClaido.



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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)
- New! 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.**



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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(VKIIF 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 acknowledge 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 shiai. 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.