Dear Friends,

Please find below the information for the

35th EKF Referee Seminar, Brussels, Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th of February 2027.

Around this, there will be *ji-geiko* sessions in the presence of a ZNKR delegation. There will also be a Kendo examination session from 1st to 7th Dan on Sunday 7th February 2027.

The Referee Seminar is organised for **Referee Candidates** to be proposed for future European Kendo Championships. **In the absence of an immediate need for selection for an EKC in 2027 (due to the WKC), there will be a special emphasis on high-level referee training, in particular for refereeing international championships.**

Please note that the maximum number of Referee Candidates is 100 in total. The minimum grade for the Referee Candidates is YONDAN (4th DAN). By exception, a 3rd Dan kenshi, could be considered as a candidate. A request should be raised directly to the EKF Technical Director.

The seminar (for all participants) will be conducted in hakama, keikogi and tare. All referees shall bring their own flags to the seminar and should be familiar with the Provisional Shiai and Shinpan Rules April 1, 2023 (see http://www.ekf-eu.com/documents/provisional_shiai_and_shinpan_rules_en_20230401.pdf and https://www.ekf-eu.com/documents/questions_and_explanations_20230401.pdf)

As the number of Candidates for the Seminar is limited (to 100), please do not book plane tickets before the participation is confirmed (one week after registration deadline).

EKF invites and sponsors **30 experienced national team level fighters** of **at least 18 years old**.

EKF reserves the right to verify the fighter entries and modify registrations even if the formal requirements are met. Any such modification will be notified at the latest one week after the registration deadline. Please do not book plane tickets before the participation is confirmed.

Fighters will be subsidised by the EKF by providing free accommodation, free lunches, and free Dinner Party. Only travelling costs remain to be paid by National Federations.

Other persons, i.e.

- kendoka not in national team fighter category,

- kendoka wishing to participate in dan examinations,

- accompanying persons

are invited to **participate in ji-geiko only** (Friday evening, Saturday evening, Sunday after seminar). They are welcome to join the dinner party on Saturday evening at a price of 50 EUR. Dinner party shall be reserved via the registration tool by Federations.

We look forward to meeting you all next year in Brussels.

Sincerely Yours,

Kathryn Cassidy
EKF Secretary-General

1. Information on the seminar:

The venue is the

ADEPS Sports Centre "Forêt de Soignes",
Chaussée de Wavre 2057, 1160 BRUSSELS (Auderghem).
Telephone: +32.2.672.22.60 | Fax: +32.2.672.19.39.
http://www.csfds.be/ info@csfds.be

Seminar price:

- S**eminar fee for Referee Candidates** is EUR 7**0,00** (including Dinner Party on Saturday).

- Fighters of national-team level, subject to EKF approval of the registration, will be subsidised by the EKF by providing free accommodation for **two nights** (FRI - SAT / SAT - SUN), lunches and Dinner Party. Only travelling costs remain to be paid by these fighters or their countries. National Federations shall confirm the adequate level and condition in the registration. **No maximum number of fighters per country will be enforced at registration time, but the total number is thirty (30), and selection may be done to allow a good quality representation from multiple countries.**

  EKF admin reserves the right to verify the entries and modify registrations even if the formal requirements are met. Any such modification will be notified by one week after Registration deadline (see point 3. below) at the latest.

BOOKING OF ACCOMMODATION:

EKF provides accommodation for the ZNKR Delegation, all fighters and for the seminar organisation. This accommodation is already reserved at ADEPS.

EVERYBODY ELSE (REFEREE CANDIDATES, ACCOMPANYING PERSONS) need to make their bookings directly with ADEPS using the following link:

https://www.auberge3fontaines.be/

It is advised to make reservations in groups, to fill a whole room (2 persons, 4 persons, 8 persons rooms) for the same period of time.

Prices and conditions and contact information is given on the ADEPS website.

ADEPS reservation works naturally on a "first come, first served" basis. After the capacity is fully booked, participants need to find hotels or Airbnb or similar outside. All participants are naturally free to use accommodation outside ADEPS.

Meals:

- Breakfasts at ADEPS are included with the accommodation.
- Saturday and Sunday lunch are offered free of charge **ONLY for ZNKR Delegation, and the fighters, naturally.**
- **There will be no organised meals for other participants. ADEPS Cafeteria is informed of a major event. There is the possibility to order food from outside via Deliveroo, Uber Eats, or other delivery services (not to be eaten in the cafeteria).**
- Dinner Party on Saturday night at ADEPS is included in the seminar fee for the Referee Candidates. For others, the price is EUR 50 per person, to be ordered upon registration.
- The dinner party on Saturday is free for fighters.

Registration to the seminar is made on-line via the EKF website.

Referee Candidates might also be requested to be members of an examination jury in Brussels or at the EKC. Composition of panels will be confirmed well in advance, once the number of examination candidates is known.

2. Information on the examination:

The Dan grading examination from 1st to 7th Dan will be held on Sunday 7th February 2027 in the afternoon (subscription & registration fees according to the **EKF Grading Rules on the EKF website**).

Registration to dan examinations is done via the EKF website by the National Federations. See registration info below.

All candidates for dan examination - without exception - are asked to confirm their registration/payment and presence at the latest on Sunday by 12.00 with the EKF Secretariat in ADEPS. This can be done by country or club representative.

NOTE: **Non-confirmed, and non-paid candidates will be eliminated from the list of candidates after the deadline.**

The candidates must be ready in the Hall H2 one hour before the start of the examination on Sunday. The provisional starting time of the examination is 14:00 (i.e. please be there at 13.00 at the latest). Please follow the announcements for possible changes of timetable.

3. Registration, Payment and Cancellation Policy

Registration to the Seminar will be open from 1st November to 1st December 2026.

- **Confirmation of registrations will be made on 15th December 2026 at the latest.**
- **You can download an invoice upon closing the registration.**
- Deadline for **seminar related payments** is **15th January 2027.**
- Registration deadline for dan **examinations and payments** is **24th January 2027**.
- Deadlines will be respected.
- **Registrations are done via EKF website.**

Seminar: Please go to "Event Registration" and select "35th EKF Kendo Referee Seminar 2027 Brussels" and follow the instructions there. Most important is the selection of registration type (Referee, Fighter , Others). You can print a (PDF) list of registered persons that will show the amounts that need to be transferred to the EKF account after checking period.

Please check that the pictures of the Referee Candidates are uploaded to the EKF Website and change / upload as necessary!

Examination: Normal procedure via EKF website.

Payments shall be made **exclusively** to the EKF account in advance **by the deadline (see above)**, preferably grouped by country. Otherwise, the registration cannot be accepted. If necessary, a cash payment (in Euro) on the spot can be agreed, but any such agreement must be made before the respective deadline.

Please clearly indicate the exam by date/country/person and refer to the respective information on the transfer:

EKF Bank account information:	BNP Paribas Fortis Bank, Brussels	
Account holder's name:	EKF AISBL	
Account number:	BE45 0016 9470 5689	BIC code: GEBABEBB

And please send details of your transfer (who paid for whom and for what) via e-mail to treasurer@ekf-eu.com with cc.: vice-president@ekf-eu.com

4. SEMINAR CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Cancellations made until **10th January 2027 are fully reimbursed.**
- **Cancellations made between 11th January and 24th January 2027 (these days included) are reimbursed apart from the costs incurred.**
- **Cancellations made after 24th January 2027 will not be reimbursed.**

Cancellations to accommodation are processed according to ADEPS conditions.

5. Important notice:

Please pass this information on to the clubs in your country, mentioning especially that all subscriptions to the seminar and the examinations must be made by the **National Federation**. It is not advised for private practitioners to contact the EKF directly about the Referee Seminar.

By registering, all participants and officers agree that their names, gender, tournament category, results and pictures as filed or taken during the event may be stored, processed, and published on the internet or in print media and that there may be videos taken during the event, stored and live streamed in connection with the event. All personal data will be handled according to the EKF Privacy Statement published on the EKF website.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

PLEASE BE AT THE HALL H2, 10 MIN BEFORE THE START OF EACH TRAINING!

Friday **5th February 2027**

ARRIVAL & INSTALLATION		ADEPS
19:00-20:30	FREE JI-GEIKO	H2 HALL
Dinner (individual organisation or in the cafeteria)		

Saturday **6th February 2027**

08:00-09:00	Breakfast for those staying at ADEPS	Cafeteria
09:30-12.30	REFEREE SEMINAR	H2 HALL
12:30	Lunch Break	
14:00-17:00	REFEREE SEMINAR	H2 HALL
17:10-18:00	KEIKO	H2 HALL
19:30	Dinner party	Cafeteria

Sunday **7th February 2027**

08:00-09:00	Breakfast for those staying at ADEPS	Cafeteria
09:30-11:30	REFEREE SEMINAR	H2 HALL
11:30-12:30	KEIKO & CLOSING CEREMONY	H2 HALL
12.00	DEADLINE FOR CONFIRMATION OF PRESENCE IN THE DAN EXAMINATION	H2 HALL
12:30	Lunch Break	
13:00	DISTRIBUTION OF EXAMINATION NUMBERS	H2 HALL
14:00-17:00	DAN GRADING EXAMINATION	H2 HALL