KENDO · TECHNICAL & SHIAI

Belgian Kendo Kyu Championships 2026

Official Programme · Mons

ALL BELGIUM KENDO FEDERATION

ABKF

La Maison Provinciale des Sports
Rue Saint-Antoine 7021
Mons, Belgium

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Welcome

Dear kendoka, dear friends, welcome to Mons, and welcome to the Belgian Kendo Kyu Championships.

As president of the ABKF, it is my privilege to welcome you to today's championships.

Today belongs to the kyusha. Some of you are here for the very first time. Some of you have been counting the days, and some of you hardly slept last night. Good. It means this matters to you. Being nervous is normal. Every kendoka in this hall, even those with the highest grades, once stood exactly where you stand now, with a pounding heart and a shinai that suddenly felt a little too heavy.

So here is what I ask you to remember today. Winning is nice, but it is not the point. The point is to give everything you have: a strong kiai, a straight posture, and a real attempt at every attack, even when you are afraid. A men thrown with courage that misses is worth more than a perfect men that was never tried.

There is a famous Japanese saying: nana korobi ya oki. Falling down seven times, getting up eight times.

In kendo you will miss techniques, you will lose matches, and you will have days that feel like a step backwards. That is not failure, that is the road we all walk. What counts is that you get up, breathe, and try again. Every step you take, is just one more step on a path that never really ends, and today you are walking it in front of your friends and family. Be proud of that.

Now, a word to the yudansha who are with us today: our shinpan, our motodachi, our teachers, and all the supporters here. Thank you. You could have spent this Sunday on your own keiko, or at home with your family. Instead you are here, receiving the strikes of beginners with patience, judging with care, and showing by example what kendo can become. The kyusha learn less from what we say than from how you stand, how you bow, and how you treat others. Every child in this hall is watching you today and thinking: one day, I want to be like that. Thank you for being that example.

My thanks also go to our hosts here in Mons, to our organizing team, and to our volunteers. A championship does not happen by itself, and we are grateful for every hour you gave.

And now, to all our competitors, young and not so young: bow with respect, give kiai with great spirit, and enjoy every moment. The people you are facing today you are not your enemy. They are your partner, and they make you better. Win or lose, you will leave today's championship a better kendoka than you entered it.

Let today be a championship of courage, good spirit, and mutual respect. Let us honor the values we share, and let us enjoy the day together.

Nicolas Pauwelyn
President, All Belgium Kendo Federation

Welcome

Chers kendoka,

C'est avec un plaisir tout particulier que, au nom de la BKR, je vous souhaite la bienvenue Belgian Kendo Kyu Championship à Havré.

Cette journée est la vôtre. Vous qui portez encore le grade de kyu, vous êtes au début d'un long chemin, et c'est précisément ce qui rend votre présence ici si précieuse. Vous êtes l'avenir de notre discipline. Les dojos de demain, les arbitres de demain, les enseignants et les champions de demain se trouvent aujourd'hui parmi vous. Sans vous, le kendo belge ne pourrait ni se renouveler, ni se transmettre.

Je sais que monter sur le shiai-jo pour la première fois, ou l'une des premières, n'est pas simple. Le trac, l'émotion, la crainte de mal faire sont normaux, et chaque kendoka, même le plus expérimenté, les a connus. Je voudrais vous dire que l'essentiel n'est pas de gagner. Il est d'oser, de donner le meilleur de vous-mêmes, de garder un kamae solide et un kiai franc, et de tirer de chaque combat un enseignement. Une défaite bien vécue vous fera souvent plus progresser qu'une victoire facile.

Le kendo, comme tout budo, est un chemin qui se parcourt sur toute une vie. Aujourd'hui, vous en franchissez une étape importante, entourés de camarades qui partagent la même passion que vous. Profitez de cette journée, observez, apprenez, encouragez-vous les uns les autres, et gardez à l'esprit le respect de l'adversaire, qui est la base de notre pratique.

Je remercie chaleureusement les arbitres, les motodachi et le kakari-in qui vous accompagnent dans cette journée et rendent cet événement possible.

À toutes et à tous, je souhaite un excellent championnat. Donnez tout, avec cœur et sincérité !

Yuki Kanto
Présidente, Belgian Kendo Renmei

Referees

SHINPAN-CHO

HENDRICKX Serge K7	
FUKU-SHINPAN-CHO:	GOMEZ Emilio K7

SHINPAN

MAES Chris	K7	YANO Chieko	K7	D'HONT Peter	K7
MORIO Kenji	7	POUSSEUR Xavier	R6	VAN BOVEN Stefan	R7
FORESI Simone	7	MAEMOTO Kensaku	6	VAN LAECKEN Lisa	6
BUYSSE Rachel	6	D'HONT Dirk	6	CORCOBA Arsenia	6
MOTIEJUNAS Aurelijus	5	KOHIRA Hiroyuki	5	GROSFILS Makoto	5
CHA Kyeong-Seon	5	DE BACKER Jimmy	5	SPAEPEN Didier	5
VAN LAECKEN Sara	5	VAN LAECKEN Ken	5	LUNSKENS Jean Marie	4
MIYAZAKI Tetsuro	5				

Schedule

The day is divided into preparation, competition, ceremonies, and examinations. Please arrive in time for your category's call.

08:00 – 08:15	For organizers, shinpan and kakari-in: installation of the hall, shiaijo setup, shinpan meeting.
08:15 – 09:00	Opening of the hall, warming up
08:45 – 09:00	Shinai Check & shinpan meeting
09:10 – 09:25	Opening ceremony.
09:30 – 12:00	Start of the competition (Technical categories, including finals)
12:00 – 13:00	Break for lunch (lunch free for shinpan and kakari-in). (The break can be adjusted based on the progress made)
13:00 – 16:00	Start of the competition (Shiai categories, including finals).
16:15 – 16:45	Closing ceremony.
16:45 – 18:00	Examinations for ikkyu & shodan.
18:30	Closing of the hall.

Note This schedule is subject to change on the day of the event.

Competition

See the pool and knockout grids on the following pages, organized by category. Grids are also posted at each shiaijo and at the main administration table.

TECHNICAL COMPETITION · UP TO AND INCLUDING 4TH KYU

A Children (mixed)

Ages 5 – 9 (inclusive, on the day of competition)

B Children (mixed)

Ages 10 – 13 (inclusive, on the day of competition)

C Juniors (mixed)

Ages 14 – 17 (inclusive, on the day of competition)

D Adults (mixed)

Minimum 18 years old on the day of competition

SHIAI DIVISION · 3RD KYU TO 1ST KYU

E Children (mixed)

13 years old or younger on the day of competition

F Juniors (mixed)

Ages 14 – 17 (inclusive, on the day of competition)

G Adults (mixed)

Minimum 18 years old on the day of competition

Mixed = boys and girls.

Grids follow on the next pages.

Program by Shiaijo

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SHIAIJO A		SHIAIJO B		SHIAIJO C	
P A — Pool 1	3 fights · 10'	P D — Pool 1	3 fights · 10'	P D — Pool 6	3 fights · 10'
P A — Pool 2	6 fights · 20'	P D — Pool 2	3 fights · 10'	P D — Pool 7	6 fights · 20'
P B — Pool 1	10 fights · 30'	P D — Pool 3	3 fights · 10'	P D — Pool 8	6 fights · 20'
P C — Pool 1	6 fights · 20'	P D — Pool 4	3 fights · 10'	KO D — KO (7)	7 fights · 25'
KO A — KO (2)	2 fights · 10'	P D — Pool 5	3 fights · 10'		
		KO D — KO (7)	7 fights · 25'		
	27 fights · 90'		22 fights · 75'		22 fights · 75'
Break · 10'					
		F A — Final (1)	1 fight · 5'		
		F B — Final (1)	1 fight · 5'		
		F C — Final (1)	1 fight · 5'		
		F D — Final (1)	1 fight · 5'		
	0 fights · 0'		4 fights · 20'		0 fights · 0'
Lunch break · 45'					
P E — Pool 1	3 fights · 10'	P F — Pool 1	3 fights · 10'	P G — Pool 5	3 fights · 10'
P E — Pool 2	3 fights · 10'	P F — Pool 2	3 fights · 10'	P G — Pool 6	3 fights · 10'
P E — Pool 3	3 fights · 10'	P F — Pool 3	6 fights · 20'	P G — Pool 7	3 fights · 10'
P E — Pool 4	3 fights · 10'	P G — Pool 4	3 fights · 10'	P G — Pool 8	3 fights · 10'
P G — Pool 1	3 fights · 10'	KO F — KO (4)	4 fights · 15'	P G — Pool 9	3 fights · 10'
P G — Pool 2	3 fights · 10'	KO G — KO (10)	10 fights · 30'	P G — Pool 10	6 fights · 20'
P G — Pool 3	3 fights · 10'			KO G — KO (8)	8 fights · 25'
KO E — KO (6)	6 fights · 20'				
	27 fights · 90'		29 fights · 95'		29 fights · 95'
Break · 10'					
		F E — Final (1)	1 fight · 5'		
		F F — Final (1)	1 fight · 5'		
		F G — Final (1)	1 fight · 5'		
	0 fights · 0'		3 fights · 15'		0 fights · 0'
Total	**54 fights · 180'**	**Total**	**58 fights · 205'**	**Total**	**51 fights · 170'**

BELGIUM KENDO KYU CHAMPIONSHIPS · 2026-11-22

A

2 POOLS · 7 PARTICIPANTS

A — Pools

Pool 1 — Shiaijo A

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Dierick Ubbe**	Ko Jika	
2	**Tobitsuka Lilas**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
3	**Allard Thomas**	Sen Ri No Michi	

Pool 2 — Shiaijo A

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Maemoto Yutaka**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
2	**Kawaue Ben Taiga**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
3	**D'hont Theo**	Ko Jika	
4	**Pauwelyn Hadrien Takumi**	Kenseikan	

A — Knockout Bracket



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B

1 POOL · 5 PARTICIPANTS

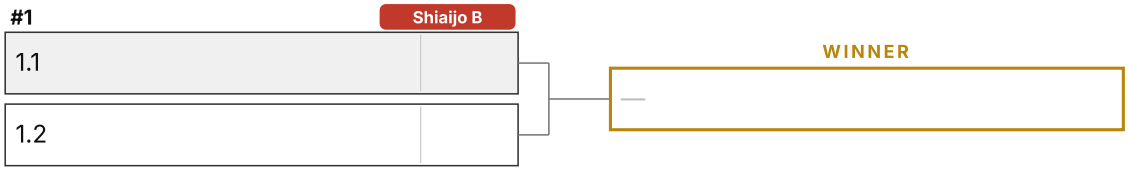
B — Pools

Pool 1 — Shiaijo A

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Hiet Robin**	Sen Ri No Michi	
2	**Degallaix Eliott**	Sen Ri No Michi	
3	**Bailleux Dorian**	Kendo Club Charleroi	
4	**Takeda Kaito**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
5	**Verhalleman Théo**	Ko Jika	

B — Knockout Bracket

Final



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C

1 POOL · 4 PARTICIPANTS

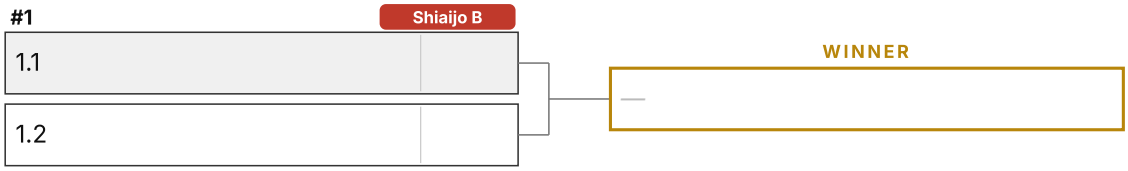
C — Pools

Pool 1 — Shiaijo A

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**De Baene Isidoor**	Ko Jika	
2	**De Meulenaere Lars**	Isshin Dotai	
3	**Haubourdin Alexandre**	Sen Ri No Michi	
4	**Lutjeharm Kobe**	Kendo Gent	

C — Knockout Bracket

Final



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D

8 POOLS · 26 PARTICIPANTS

D — Pools

Pool 1 — Shiaijo B

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Yi Sunjoi**	Ko Jika	
2	**Breem Perrine**	Sen Ri No Michi	
3	**Waegemans Stef**	Seishinkan	

Pool 2 — Shiaijo B

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Park Sunghyun**	Ko Jika	
2	**Dhaeyer Jérémy**	Sen Ri No Michi	
3	**Vermeulken Sky**	Seishinkan	

Pool 3 — Shiaijo B

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Everbroeck Robin**	Ko Jika	
2	**Lionti Guglielmo**	Sen Ri No Michi	
3	**Aziza Nordin**	Kendo Club Charleroi	

Pool 4 — Shiaijo B

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Woo Songhyun**	Ko Jika	
2	**Marchale Théo**	Sen Ri No Michi	
3	**Demir Mickael**	Kendo Club Charleroi	

Pool 5 — Shiaijo B

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Seo Jung Won**	Ko Jika	
2	**Naets Isabelle**	Sen Ri No Michi	
3	**Nguyen Vu**	Yu-Hi	

Pool 6 — Shiaijo C

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Jang Woowon**	Ko Jika	
2	**Huang Shun**	Seishinkan	
3	**Senna Toko**	Yu-Hi	

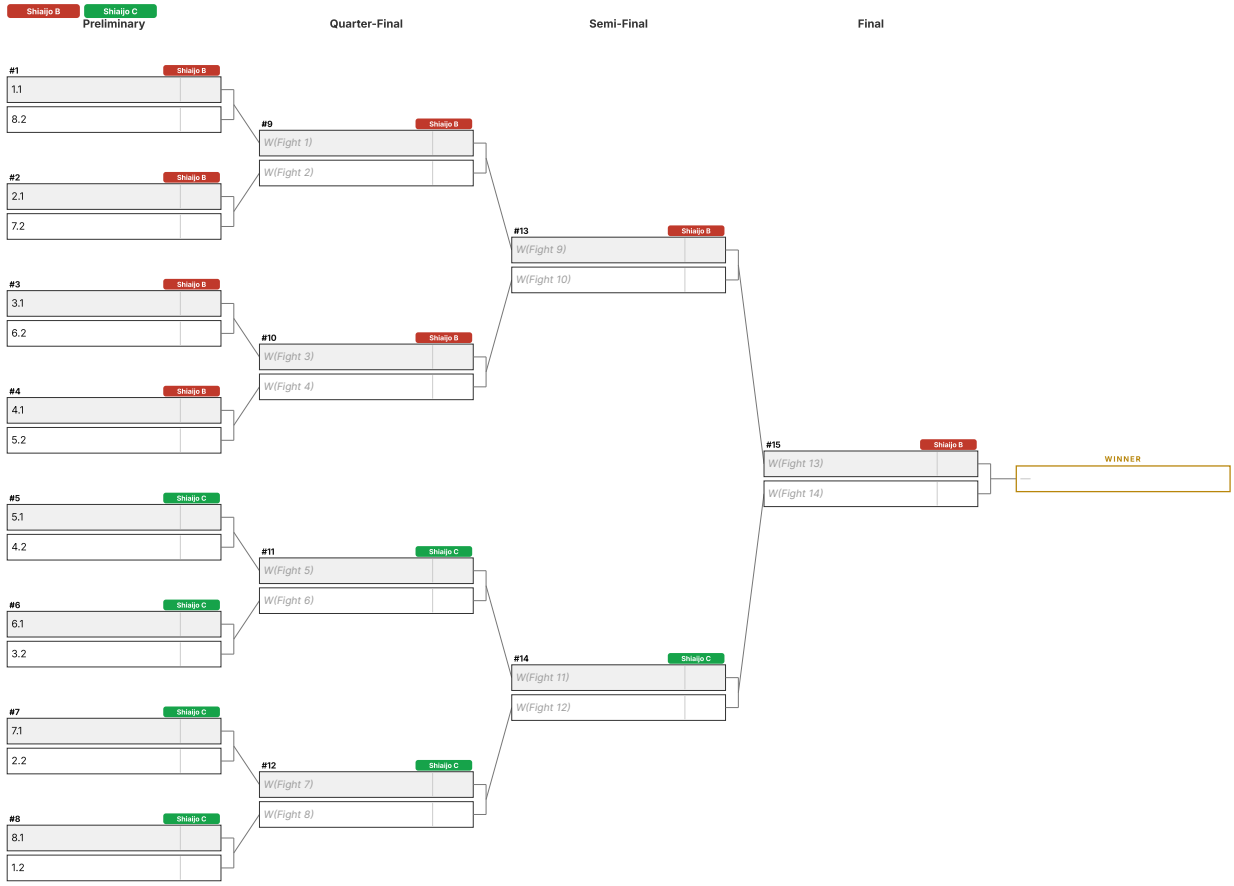
Pool 7 — Shiaijo C

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Kim Yujin**	Ko Jika	
2	**Soupart Yanis**	Sen Ri No Michi	
3	**Mada Benarji**	Seishinkan	
4	**Eggers Jan**	I Shin Den Shin	

Pool 8 — Shiaijo C

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Wijnsouw Tess**	Ko Jika	
2	**Reynaud Romuald**	Sen Ri No Michi	
3	**Zheng Jitao**	Seishinkan	
4	**Tillaert Shaun**	Isshin Dotai	

D — Knockout Bracket



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E

4 POOLS · 12 PARTICIPANTS

E — Pools

Pool 1 — Shiaijo A

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Morio Yuto**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
2	**Tobitsuka Tonari**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
3	**Maemoto Yugo**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	

Pool 2 — Shiaijo A

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Bartels Decombel Emlyn**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
2	**De Zommers Wolf**	Ko Jika	
3	**Breman Saar**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	

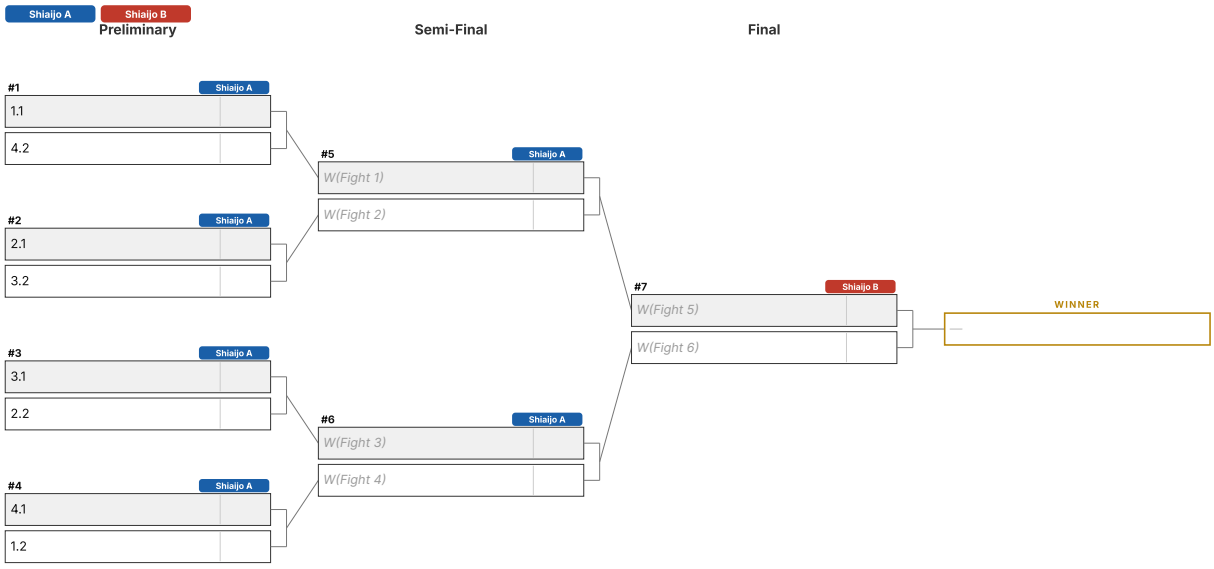
Pool 3 — Shiaijo A

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Breman Yael**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
2	**Ems Thelio**	Kendo Club Charleroi	
3	**Imura Riku**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	

Pool 4 — Shiaijo A

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Meunier Aime**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
2	**Goto-Fuksiegicz Hugo**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
3	**Vercauteren Rutger**	Kenhachi	

E — Knockout Bracket



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F

3 POOLS · 10 PARTICIPANTS

F — Pools

Pool 1 — Shiaijo B

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**De Waegeneer Kasper**	Kenhachi	
2	**Allard Arno**	Sen Ri No Michi	
3	**Hirayama Yura**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	

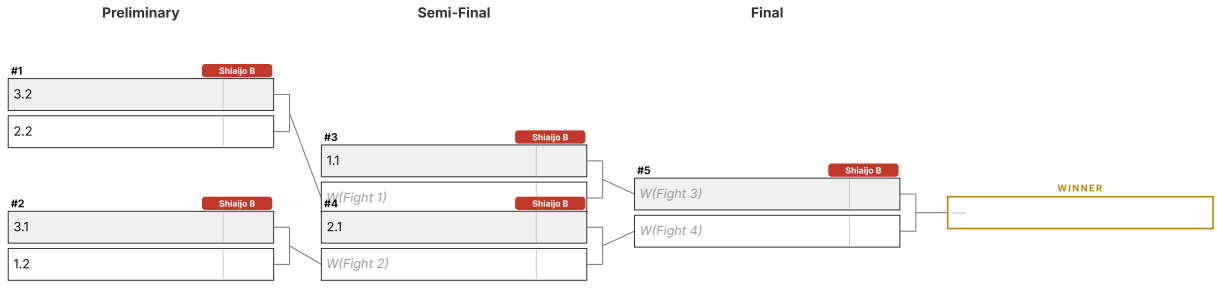
Pool 2 — Shiaijo B

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Christiaens Dré**	Kenhachi	
2	**Bert Freek**	Kendo Aalst	
3	**Ziolkowski Ksawery**	Wakakoma Kenshikai	

Pool 3 — Shiaijo B

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Verhelst Yaron**	Kenhachi	
2	**Pigne Thibaut**	Sen Ri No Michi	
3	**Brackman Peppe**	Kendo Aalst	
4	**Sarlet Yasha**	Budo Stavelot	

F — Knockout Bracket



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G

10 POOLS · 31 PARTICIPANTS

G — Pools

Pool 1 — Shiaijo A

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Lefas Dimitrios**	Seishinkan	
2	**Verlinden Xander**	Ko Jika	
3	**Allard Jérôme**	Sen Ri No Michi	

Pool 2 — Shiaijo A

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Moens Lode**	Seishinkan	
2	**Wayenberg Eduardo**	Ko Jika	
3	**Hermand Rémy**	Sen Ri No Michi	

Pool 3 — Shiaijo A

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Yuxiao / Rain Ming**	Seishinkan	
2	**Anspach Alexandre**	Butokukan	
3	**Hagelstein Tim**	Budo Stavelot	

Pool 4 — Shiaijo B

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Konings Anne**	Ko Jika	
2	**Penagos Jorge**	Butokukan	
3	**Koch Pierre-Henri**	Budo Stavelot	

Pool 5 — Shiaijo C

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Pelgrims Jannes**	Seishinkan	
2	**Wiazemsky Anyuta**	Butokukan	
3	**Otto Kevin**	Budo Stavelot	

Pool 6 — Shiaijo C

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Pruekveerabarp Naphat**	Seishinkan	
2	**Basimoglu Ilker**	Yu-Hi	
3	**Mellebeek Chris**	Meibukan	

Pool 7 — Shiaijo C

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Osselaer Gill**	Kenhachi	
2	**Juhas Simon**	Yu-Hi	
3	**Daelemans Yvan**	I Shin Den Shin	

Pool 8 — Shiaijo C

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**De Rijcker Marc-Hendrik**	Seishinkan	
2	**Nieuwenhuys John**	Yu-Hi	
3	**Derroitte Corentin**	Tenkan Budo Braine	

Pool 9 — Shiaijo C

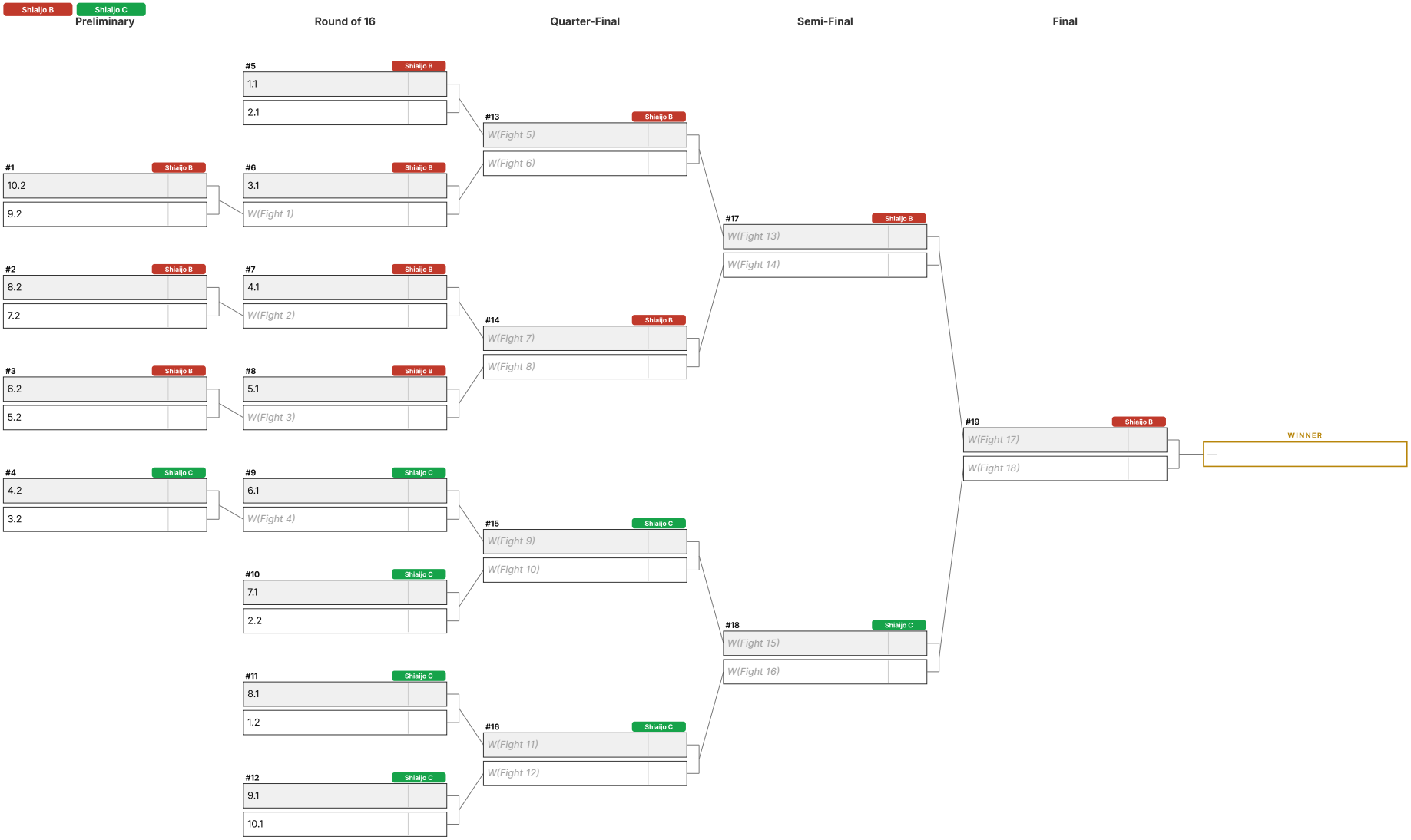
#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Lazar Vlad**	Ko Jika	
2	**Englezakis Evangelos**	Yu-Hi	
3	**Leyman Pieter**	Kendo Gent	

Pool 10 — Shiaijo C

#	Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Andreev Lev**	Ko Jika	
2	**Carroué Claude**	Butokukan	
3	**Gilliard Philippe**	Sen Ri No Michi	
4	**Van Den Bossche Bram**	Isshin Dotai	

G — Knockout Bracket

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A — Participants

7 registered

Belgium Kendo Kyu Championships
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#	Last Name	First Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Allard**	Thomas	Sen Ri No Michi	
2	**D'hont**	Theo	Ko Jika	
3	**Dierick**	Ubbe	Ko Jika	
4	**Kawaue**	Ben Taiga	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
5	**Maemoto**	Yutaka	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
6	**Pauwelyn**	Hadrien Takumi	Kenseikan	
7	**Tobitsuka**	Lilas	Wakakoma Kenshikai	

B — Participants

5 registered

Belgium Kendo Kyu Championships
2026-11-22 · Kendo

#	Last Name	First Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Bailleux**	Dorian	Kendo Club Charleroi	
2	**Degallaix**	Eliott	Sen Ri No Michi	
3	**Hiet**	Robin	Sen Ri No Michi	
4	**Takeda**	Kaito	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
5	**Verhalleman**	Théo	Ko Jika	

C — Participants

4 registered

Belgium Kendo Kyu Championships
2026-11-22 · Kendo

#	Last Name	First Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**De Baene**	Isidoor	Ko Jika	
2	**De Meulenaere**	Lars	Isshin Dotai	
3	**Haubourdin**	Alexandre	Sen Ri No Michi	
4	**Lutjeharm**	Kobe	Kendo Gent	

D — Participants

26 registered

Belgium Kendo Kyu Championships
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#	Last Name	First Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Aziza**	Nordin	Kendo Club Charleroi	
2	**Breem**	Perrine	Sen Ri No Michi	
3	**Demir**	Mickael	Kendo Club Charleroi	
4	**Dhaeyer**	Jérémy	Sen Ri No Michi	
5	**Eggers**	Jan	I Shin Den Shin	
6	**Everbroeck**	Robin	Ko Jika	
7	**Huang**	Shun	Seishinkan	
8	**Jang**	Woowon	Ko Jika	
9	**Kim**	Yujin	Ko Jika	
10	**Lionti**	Guglielmo	Sen Ri No Michi	
11	**Mada**	Benarji	Seishinkan	
12	**Marchale**	Théo	Sen Ri No Michi	
13	**Naets**	Isabelle	Sen Ri No Michi	
14	**Nguyen**	Vu	Yu-Hi	
15	**Park**	Sunghyun	Ko Jika	
16	**Reynaud**	Romuald	Sen Ri No Michi	
17	**Senna**	Toko	Yu-Hi	
18	**Seo**	Jung Won	Ko Jika	
19	**Soupart**	Yanis	Sen Ri No Michi	
20	**Tillaert**	Shaun	Isshin Dotai	
21	**Vermeulken**	Sky	Seishinkan	
22	**Waegemans**	Stef	Seishinkan	
23	**Wijnsouw**	Tess	Ko Jika	
24	**Woo**	Songhyun	Ko Jika	
25	**Yi**	Sunjoi	Ko Jika	
26	**Zheng**	Jitao	Seishinkan	

E — Participants

12 registered

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#	Last Name	First Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Bartels Decombel**	Emlyn	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
2	**Breman**	Saar	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
3	**Breman**	Yael	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
4	**De Zommers**	Wolf	Ko Jika	
5	**Ems**	Thelio	Kendo Club Charleroi	
6	**Goto-Fuksiegicz**	Hugo	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
7	**Imura**	Riku	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
8	**Maemoto**	Yugo	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
9	**Meunier**	Aime	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
10	**Morio**	Yuto	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
11	**Tobitsuka**	Tonari	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
12	**Vercauteren**	Rutger	Kenhachi	

F — Participants

10 registered

Belgium Kendo Kyu Championships
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#	Last Name	First Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Allard**	Arno	Sen Ri No Michi	
2	**Bert**	Freek	Kendo Aalst	
3	**Brackman**	Peppe	Kendo Aalst	
4	**Christiaens**	Dré	Kenhachi	
5	**De Waegeneer**	Kasper	Kenhachi	
6	**Hirayama**	Yura	Wakakoma Kenshikai	
7	**Pigne**	Thibaut	Sen Ri No Michi	
8	**Sarlet**	Yasha	Budo Stavelot	
9	**Verhelst**	Yaron	Kenhachi	
10	**Ziolkowski**	Ksawery	Wakakoma Kenshikai	

G — Participants

31 registered

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#	Last Name	First Name	Dojo	Grade
1	**Allard**	Jérôme	Sen Ri No Michi	
2	**Andreev**	Lev	Ko Jika	
3	**Anspach**	Alexandre	Butokukan	
4	**Basimoglu**	Ilker	Yu-Hi	
5	**Carroué**	Claude	Butokukan	
6	**Chris**	Mellebeek	Meibukan	
7	**Daelemans**	Yvan	I Shin Den Shin	
8	**De Rijcker**	Marc-Hendrik	Seishinkan	
9	**Derroitte**	Corentin	Tenkan Budo Braine	
10	**Englezakis**	Evangelos	Yu-Hi	
11	**Gilliard**	Philippe	Sen Ri No Michi	
12	**Hagelstein**	Tim	Budo Stavelot	
13	**Hermand**	Rémy	Sen Ri No Michi	
14	**Juhas**	Simon	Yu-Hi	
15	**Koch**	Pierre-Henri	Budo Stavelot	
16	**Konings**	Anne	Ko Jika	
17	**Lazar**	Vlad	Ko Jika	
18	**Lefas**	Dimitrios	Seishinkan	
19	**Leyman**	Pieter	Kendo Gent	
20	**Moens**	Lode	Seishinkan	
21	**Nieuwenhuys**	John	Yu-Hi	
22	**Osselaer**	Gill	Kenhachi	
23	**Otto**	Kevin	Budo Stavelot	
24	**Pelgrims**	Jannes	Seishinkan	
25	**Penagos**	Jorge	Butokukan	
26	**Pruekveerabarp**	Naphat	Seishinkan	
27	**Van Den Bossche**	Bram	Isshin Dotai	
28	**Verlinden**	Xander	Ko Jika	
29	**Wayenberg**	Eduardo	Ko Jika	
30	**Wiazemsky**	Anyuta	Butokukan	
31	**Yuxiao / Rain**	Ming	Seishinkan	

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Rules & Regulations

ALL BELGIUM KENDO FEDERATION

ABKF

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1. Organiser & Authority

Promoter: All Belgium Kendo Federation (ABKF)

Technical Authority: ABKF Technical Committee (TC) Kendo, in cooperation with the Technical Committees of VKIJF and BKR.

These regulations govern the organisation and conduct of the Belgian Kendo Kyu Championships (BKKC), covering all technical and shiai categories. All matters relating to shiai that are not explicitly covered by these regulations shall be governed by the most recent version of the Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan published by the International Kendo Federation (FIK). Technical competition categories are governed by the specific rules set out in Section 7.

ABKF bears all organisational costs of the event. ABKF is responsible for informing and inviting all dojo, motodachi, and referees in due time.

Any derogations or additions to these rules must be approved by the ABKF Board prior to the event and communicated in writing (by email) to all participants no later than seven (7) days before the competition.

2. Date, Location & Schedule

The date and location of the BKKC are determined annually by the ABKF Board and communicated to all dojo through the official ABKF website and by direct notification to VKIJF and BKR.

A detailed schedule of the day's events, including times for the managers' meeting, motodachi briefing, opening ceremony, and competition blocks, shall be published no later than three (3) days before the event.

3. Events & Categories

The BKKC consists of two distinct competition formats: a Technical Competition for lower-kyu grades, and a Shiai Division for upper-kyu grades.

TECHNICAL COMPETITION (UP TO AND INCLUDING 4TH KYU)

Cat.	Age Group	Age Range
A	Children (mixed)	5 to 9 years old (inclusive, on the day of competition)
B	Children (mixed)	10 to 13 years old (inclusive, on the day of competition)
C	Juniors (mixed)	14 to 17 years old (inclusive, on the day of competition)
D	Adults (mixed)	18 years old or older (on the day of competition)

SHIAI DIVISION (3RD KYU TO 1ST KYU)

Cat.	Age Group	Age Range
E	Children (mixed)	13 years old or younger (on the day of competition)
F	Juniors (mixed)	14 to 17 years old (inclusive, on the day of competition)
G	Men	18 years old or older (on the day of competition)
W	Women	18 years old or older (on the day of competition)

> **Note** Mixed = boys and girls.

Minimum participation (Shiai Division): Category W requires a minimum of six (6) registered and eligible participants to be held as a standalone category. If fewer than six participants are registered in Category W, the ABKF TC Kendo will decide, at least five (5) days before the event, whether to merge those participants into Category G or to cancel the category. Affected participants will be notified without delay.

Minimum participation (Technical Competition): If any technical competition category has fewer than three (3) registered participants, the ABKF TC Kendo will decide at least five (5) days before the event whether to merge adjacent age categories or cancel the category.

4. Eligibility & Registration

4.1 Eligibility Conditions

To be eligible to participate in the BKKC, a competitor must:

1. Be a correctly registered and fully paid-up member of either VKIJF or BKR for the current membership year.
2. Hold the appropriate kyu grade for their entered category: up to and including 4th kyu for the Technical Competition (Categories A–D); 3rd kyu to 1st kyu for the Shiai Division (Categories E–G, W).
3. Not hold a dan grade. Competitors who have been promoted to 1st dan are no longer eligible to participate in the BKKC.
4. Be in good standing with their member federation (no active suspension or exclusion).

4.2 Registration Procedure

Each dojo manager (or designated club representative) is responsible for submitting registrations using the official ABKF registration form or online system. The registration deadline is seven (7) calendar days before the competition date (D-7). Registrations received after this deadline will not be accepted. No exceptions will be granted.

Registrations must specify the category entered (A through W). It is the dojo manager's responsibility to ensure that participants are entered in the correct category.

4.3 Subscription Fees

The registration fee per participant is determined annually by the ABKF Board and published alongside the official event announcement. Payment must be made in full by bank transfer to the official ABKF account before the registration deadline (D-7). Clubs that have not completed payment by the deadline will be considered as not participating and will be excluded from the draw.

Refund policy: No refund of registration fees will be issued after the registration deadline, except in cases of documented injury or illness. Refund requests must be submitted in writing to the ABKF Board no later than seven (7) days after the event date.

4.4 Verification & Drawings

Both VKIJF and BKR Technical Committees will verify the eligibility of all registered participants prior to the draw. Any participant whose eligibility cannot be confirmed will be excluded before the draw takes place.

Once the drawings have been completed and confirmed, no participant may be removed from or added to the competition grids. Any withdrawal after the draw must be communicated immediately to the organisers and the Shinpan-Cho.

5. Refereeing

5.1 Panel Required

Between two (2) and four (4) shiai-jo will be in operation, depending on the number of entries and the schedule. The minimum refereeing panel is:

- 1 Shinpan-Cho (overall)
- 1 Shinpan-Shunin per active shiai-jo
- 2 Shinpan per shiai-jo

The Shinpan-Cho is appointed by the ABKF Technical Director, in consultation with the ABKF Board and ABKF TC Kendo.

5.2 Minimum Grade Requirements

Role	Minimum Grade
Shinpan-Cho	5th dan (highest available rank preferred)
Shinpan-Shunin	5th dan
Shinpan	4th dan

5.3 Nomination & Appointment

Referees are nominated by their respective clubs using the official ABKF nomination form, no later than D-14 (fourteen days before the event). The ABKF TC Kendo, in coordination with the Shinpan-Cho, will confirm the appointment of all referees and communicate this no later than D-7.

5.4 Referee Obligations

- Attendance at the most recent semi-annual ABKF Referee Seminar or an EKF Referee Seminar is strongly recommended and may be made mandatory by the ABKF Technical Director. Exceptions require written approval by the ABKF Technical Director and Shinpan-Cho.
- Referees must wear formal dress as prescribed by FIK: plain white shirt, plain red necktie, plain grey or dark trousers, dark socks, navy blue jacket.
- Each referee must bring their own set of shinpan-ki (referee flags), in case no shinpan-ki are made available by the organisation.
- Referees must have a clear and current understanding of the applicable FIK refereeing rules, including the specific rules for the technical competition categories as briefed by the Shinpan-Cho.

5.5 Application of Rules

Shiai matches (Categories E, F, G, W) are governed by the most recent version of the FIK Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan. Technical competition matches (Categories A, B, C, D) are governed by the specific rules in Section 7. The Shinpan-Cho shall conduct a full briefing for all referees and motodachi before the start of competition. Any specific interpretations applicable to the BKKC shall be communicated exclusively at this briefing.

6. Equipment & Presentation

6.1 Technical Competition (Categories A–D)

All participants in the Technical Competition must wear at minimum a kendogi and hakama. Bogu is not required for the technical categories. Equipment checks may be conducted by the Shinpan-Cho or designated officials before competition.

6.2 Shiai Division (Categories E–G, W)

All competitors in the Shiai Division must wear correct and properly fitted bogu. The shinai must conform to the specifications in Section 13 and the most recent FIK Regulations. Equipment checks may be conducted before or during the competition. A competitor who appears on the shiai-jo with non-compliant equipment will be given a single opportunity to rectify the issue. If unresolved within the time permitted (3 minutes) by the Shinpan-Cho, the competitor will be considered in default for that match. The opponent is awarded two (2) points.

Men-himo must not exceed 40 cm in length beyond the knot.

6.3 Nafuda (Name Tag)

All competitors in all categories (Technical Competition and Shiai Division) must be clearly identifiable. Competitors in the Shiai Division must wear a zekken on the centre panel of the tare (o-dare) during all matches. The zekken must display, from top to bottom:

- Dojo name
- Name in Japanese
- Family name in romanised capital letters (bottom)

Minimum approximate dimensions: 26 cm × 17 cm.

Competitors in the Technical Competition are strongly encouraged to wear a name tag (nafuda) to aid identification by referees and motodachi.

6.4 Mejirushi (Shiai Ribbons), Shiai Division Only

Each competitor in the Shiai Division is responsible for bringing their own set of red and white shiai-tasuki (mejirushi). Competitors must correctly attach and wear their tasuki throughout each match. The colour assigned will be indicated at the start of each match.

7. Technical Competition, Categories A, B, C, D

7.1 Overview

The Technical Competition is open to competitors holding a grade up to and including 4th kyu. It is not a shiai (combat match) format. Competitors are assessed on the quality of their execution of fundamental kendo techniques performed with a motodachi. The result is determined by referees via hantei (flag decision).

7.2 Motodachi

Each dojo must select and register its own motodachi. Dojos that do not have any motodachi available must inform the ABKF no later than 14 days before the event (D-14).

Motodachi eligibility requirements:

- Minimum grade: 3rd kyu
- Physical stature: where possible, motodachi should be matched to the size of the competitors they will face, particularly for Categories A and B.

Motodachi are expected to attend the pre-competition briefing conducted by the Shinpan-Cho. Their role is to provide correct, consistent, and safe uchikomi-geiko opportunities for each competitor. Motodachi do not score or perform: they receive. Their conduct and presentation must reflect the expected level of the event.

7.3 Format

All Technical Competition categories use a pool system. Pools are composed in principle of three (3) competitors, with pools of four (4) or five (5) if required.

POOL OF THREE, MATCH ORDER

- 1 vs 2, 1 vs 3, 2 vs 3

POOL OF FOUR, MATCH ORDER

- 1 vs 2, 3 vs 4, 1 vs 4, 3 vs 2, 3 vs 1, 4 vs 2

POOL OF FIVE, MATCH ORDER

- 1 vs 2, 3 vs 4, 1 vs 5, 2 vs 3, 4 vs 5, 1 vs 3, 2 vs 5, 1 vs 4, 3 vs 5, 2 vs 4

The first-placed and second-placed competitors from each pool advance to the elimination bracket.

Each competitor performs the following prescribed sequence with the motodachi:

Phase	Announcement by Shinpan-Shunin	Execution by Competitor
1. Kirigaeshi	Kirigaeshi hajime	Men kirigaeshi × 2 (without taiatari)
2. Uchikomi	Uchikomi hajime	Uchikomi-geiko: men, kote, do, kote-men, kote-do, kote-men-do, men (all with large movements)

At the end of the execution, the Shinpan-Shunin calls Hantei. The panel of referees simultaneously raises their flags to indicate the winner. The decision is final.

7.4 Pool Ranking, Technical Competition

Ranking within the pool is determined as follows, applied in order. Each criterion applies only if the previous ones leave competitors tied:

#	Ranking Criterion
1	Highest number of matches won
2	Highest number of flags received
3	Rematch between the tied fighters, decided on the same two criteria

7.5 Elimination Phase, Technical Competition

After the pool phase, advancing competitors are placed on a knockout bracket. All elimination matches follow the same format as described in Section 7.3.

8. Shiai Division, Categories E, F, G, W

8.1 Overview

The Shiai Division is open to competitors holding a grade between 3rd kyu and 1st kyu inclusive. Matches are conducted as standard kendo shiai according to FIK rules, with the specific provisions set out in Sections 8 through 11.

8.2 Pool System

All shiai categories use a pool system as the preliminary round. Pools are composed in principle of three (3) competitors. Pools of four (4) or five (5) may be used if required by the total number of entries. Competitors from the same club should be placed in different pools where possible.

POOL OF THREE, MATCH ORDER

- 1 vs 2, 1 vs 3, 2 vs 3

POOL OF FOUR, MATCH ORDER

- 1 vs 2, 3 vs 4, 1 vs 4, 3 vs 2, 3 vs 1, 4 vs 2

POOL OF FIVE, MATCH ORDER

- 1 vs 2, 3 vs 4, 1 vs 5, 2 vs 3, 4 vs 5, 1 vs 3, 2 vs 5, 1 vs 4, 3 vs 5, 2 vs 4

The first-placed and second-placed competitors from each pool advance to the elimination bracket.

8.3 Pool Ranking, Shiai Division

Competitors are ranked within their pool according to the following criteria, applied in order. Each criterion applies only if the previous ones leave competitors tied:

#	Ranking Criterion
1	Highest number of matches won
2	Lowest number of matches lost
3	Highest number of draws
4	Highest number of ippon scored
5	Lowest number of ippon conceded
6	Rematch between the tied fighters, decided on the same five criteria

If two competitors remain equal after all five criteria, and no clear first or second place can be determined, a supplementary match is held immediately. The supplementary match is ippon-shobu. If undecided after one (1) encho of three (3) minutes, hantei is called. If all competitors in the pool are equal, the pool is replayed under ippon-shobu. If equality persists after two such rounds, the result is determined by lot (chusen).

8.4 Match Duration, Shiai Division

Round	Duration
Pool matches	3 minutes
Elimination rounds (up to and including quarter-finals)	3 minutes
Semi-finals	5 minutes
Final & third-place match	5 minutes

No encho is applied during regular pool matches. A draw at the end of regulation time in a pool match is recorded as hikiwake. See Section 8.3 for the supplementary match procedure.

In all elimination matches, if undecided after regulation time, encho is applied without time limit until one ippon is scored.

9. Shiai Division, Elimination Phase

After the pool phase, advancing competitors are placed on a knockout bracket determined by the draw and seeding (see Section 12). All elimination matches follow the rules and timings set out in Section 8.4. Semi-finals and the final are held as sanbon-shobu. In the event of a draw after regulation time, encho is applied. Encho lasts 3 or 5 minutes and is repeated until an ippon is scored.

10. Complaints & Appeals

Any complaint regarding the conduct of a match must be brought by the dojo's designated representative to the Shinpan-Shunin of the relevant shiai-jo during the match, or to the Shinpan-Cho immediately following the conclusion of the match. Complaints from any other person will not be accepted.

For the Technical Competition (Categories A–D), no complaints regarding the hantei decision of the refereeing panel will be accepted. The panel's flag decision is final.

A complaint relating to a shiai match must be filed no later than the end of the next match in the same event block. After this point, no complaint relating to a prior match will be accepted. The decision of the Shinpan-Cho is final.

11. Managers' Meeting

A mandatory managers' meeting may be held before the start of competition. If so, the time and location will be specified in the event schedule (published D-7). Attendance by at least one representative per participating dojo is mandatory. For the Shiai Division, the line-up for the first round of pool matches must be confirmed at this meeting.

12. Drawings

The drawings for all categories is conducted by the ABKF TC Kendo, in the presence of representatives of VKIJF, BKR and/or ABKF, after the registration deadline has passed and all eligibility verifications have been completed. Competitors from the same club should be placed in different pools where possible.

Draw results are communicated to participants no later than three (3) days before the event.

13. Shinai Specifications, Shiai Division Only

Shinai specifications follow the most recent FIK Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan. In the event of any discrepancy between the table below and the current FIK regulations, the FIK regulations shall prevail. Competitors are responsible for ensuring their shinai comply before the start of competition.

SINGLE SHINAI (ITTO)

Specification	Gender	Junior (≤ 17)	Senior (≥ 18)
Length	Male / Female	≤ 117 cm	≤ 120 cm
Weight	Male	≥ 480 g	≥ 510 g
	Female	≥ 420 g	≥ 440 g
Sakigawa diameter	Male	> 26 mm	> 26 mm
	Female	> 25 mm	> 25 mm

14. Insurance & Liability

Every club or dojo participating in the BKKC is responsible for ensuring that all its officials, coaches, motodachi, and competitors are adequately insured against injury, illness, and civil liability during travel to, from, and at the event venue.

ABKF, VKIJF, and BKR accept no liability for personal injury, loss, or damage sustained in connection with the event, except where required by applicable Belgian law. In the event of an injury or incident during a shiai match, the provisions of Article 30 of the FIK Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan apply.

Particular attention is drawn to the safety of young competitors in Categories A and B. Motodachi are responsible for ensuring that all technical executions are conducted safely and at an appropriate pace for the age and level of each competitor.

15. Doping

All participants are subject to the applicable anti-doping rules of their member federation (VKIJF or BKR) and, by extension, the rules of the EKF and FIK.

16. Data & Privacy

By registering for the BKKC, participants (or their legal guardians, in the case of minors) consent to the processing and publication of their names, federation, competition category, results, and photographs taken during the event, for purposes connected with the organisation and promotion of the championships. All personal data will be handled in accordance with applicable Belgian privacy legislation (GDPR) and the privacy policies of ABKF, VKIJF, and BKR.

For competitors under the age of 18, the consent of a parent or legal guardian is required and is assumed to have been given upon registration by the dojo manager. Dojo managers are responsible for ensuring that they have obtained this consent.

17. Final Provision

These regulations supersede all previous versions of the BKKC rules. Any matter relating to shiai not covered by these regulations shall be governed by the most recent FIK Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan. The ABKF Board reserves the right to interpret these regulations; its decisions in this regard are final.

The ABKF Board of Officers