

**12th Hong Kong Asian Open Kendo Championships
24th - 26th February (Friday-Sunday) 2012
Tin Shui Wai Sports Centre,
No. 1 Tin Pak Road, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories**

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Rules & Regulations of Team competitions – English Version

(All participants are requested to read these rules & regulations and other matters carefully. Please cascade copies to your members)

25th February Saturday – 3Dan & below male 3-members team event

- Players must be of local resident of the country/area they represent;
- This event is not eligible for participants with passport of other nation and/or those who are now residing in a foreign country and in possession of a student' s or working visa issued by that local Government;
- Each team will comprise 3 players and maximum of 1 registered substitute;
- Minimum of 2 players will be accepted;
- If any country or area is sending only 2 players to form a team, the sequence would be SENPO & TAISHO;
- All matches will be at 3 minutes duration and each match will be played by “ 3 Bon-Shobu” ;
- Method of Representative match (in all events)
A play-off between the representatives of the teams will be carried out by “ IPPONO-SHOBU” and shall be continued until a winner is determined;
- In the case your team will comprise less than 3 players, you may request the organizer to invite local members or members from other countries to join your team;
- No female player will be accepted in this event;
- Players joining in this event can also join in the Sunday' s 5-members team events;

-Team order (position of senpo, chuken, taisho) CANNOT BE CHANGED in the preliminary heats once the order list has been decided and submitted to the organizer;

-However, in the preceding matches after the preliminary heats, team members and their order may be changed freely but only among the registered competitors (max. 4 registered members) given in the entry form.

-Each team MUST submit its order list (only if there are changes) in each match to the presiding referee (Shinpan-shunin) at the start of the matches before the team will play (i.e. if your team will play in the 2nd match and if you wish to make change of order lists or team members, you must submit the order lists immediately at the start of the 1st match);

-If the presiding referee (Shinpan-shunin) do not receive order list for the preceding match of your team, we would assume your team order list will be same as that of the previous match. Please inform your team(s) to cross check the order list on the scoreboard and if you see any mistake please inform the presiding referee (Shinpan-shunin) immediately;

-A replacement (substitute) can only be made if any of the player of the same team will withdraw from injury; the substitute must be registered under the same team beforehand and order of the team cannot be changed at the time a replacement is made (e.g. Taisho of the team has sustained injury, the substitute can replace the Taisho position only);

-The same player cannot participate in more than one team (either under same nation or other nation) in the same event; whether as a player or substitute in the same event.

- All matches shall be conducted following the latest of “ The Regulations of Kendo Shiai & Shinpan of FIK” revised 7th December 2006.

25th February Saturday – Ladies’ 3-members team event

-There is no dan limitation, this event is open to all nationalities;

-Each team will comprise 3 players and maximum of 1 registered substitute; Minimum of 2 players will be accepted;

-If any country or area is sending only 2 players to form a team, the sequence would be SENPO & TAISHO;

-All matches will be at 3 minutes duration and each match will be played by “ 3 Bon-Shobu” ;

– Method of Representative match (in all events)

A play-off between the representatives of the teams will be carried out by “ IPPONO-SHOBU” and shall be continued until a winner is determined;

–In the case your team will comprise less than 3 players, you may request the organizer to invite local members or members from other countries to join your team;

–Team order (position of senpo, chuken, taisho) CANNOT BE CHANGED in the preliminary heats once the order list has been decided and submitted to the organizer;

–However, in the preceding matches after the preliminary heats, team members and their order may be changed freely but only among the registered competitors (max. 4 registered members) given in the entry form;

–Each team MUST submit its order list (only if there are changes) in each match to the presiding referee (Shinpan-shunin) at the start of the matches before the team will play (i.e. if your team will play in the 2nd match and if you wish to make change of order lists or team members, you must submit the order lists immediately at the start of the 1st match);

–If the presiding referee (Shinpan-shunin) do not receive order list for the preceding match of your team, we would assume your team order list will be same as that of the previous match. Please inform your team(s) to cross check the order list on the scoreboard and if you see any mistake please inform the presiding referee (Shinpan-shunin) immediately;

–A replacement (substitute) can only be made if any of the player of the same team will withdraw from injury; the substitute must be registered under the same team beforehand and order of the team cannot be changed at the time a replacement is made (e.g. Taisho of the team has sustained injury, the substitute can replace the Taisho position only);

–The same player cannot participate in more than one team in this event (either under same nation or other nation); whether as a player or substitute in the same event;

– All matches shall be conducted following the latest of “ The Regulations of Kendo Shiai & Shinpan of FIK” revised 7th December 2006.

26th February Sunday – Men’ s 5–members team events

- There is no dan limitation, this event is open to all nationalities;
- **In the case of a team that is made up of three (3) Japanese or Korean members under the age of 40, the other two (2) members of the team must be aged 40 and above OR holders of foreign passport to be eligible for joining the men’ s 5 members team event;**
- Each team will comprise 5 players and maximum of 2 registered substitutes;
- Minimum of 3 players will be accepted;
- All matches at 4 minutes duration and each match will be played by “ 3 Bon–Shobu” ;
- Method of Representative match (in all events)
A play–off between the representatives of the teams will be carried out by “ IPPONO–SHOBU” and shall be continued until a winner is determined;
- In the case your team will comprise less than 5 players; you may invite members from local or other countries to join your team;
- No female players will be accepted to join in this event;
- If any country or area is sending only 3 players to compete in the 5–members team events, the sequences should consist of Senpo, Chuken and Taisho (1,3,5) only;
- If any country or area is sending only 4 players to compete in the 5–members team events, the sequences should consist of Senpo, Chuken, Fukusho and Taisho (1,3,4,5) only;
- The same player cannot participate in more than one team in this event (either under same nation or other nation); whether as a player or substitute in the same event;
- Team order (position of senpo, jiho, chuken, fukusho, taisho) CANNOT BE CHANGED in the preliminary heats once the order list has been decided and submitted to the organizer;
- In the preceding matches after the preliminary heats, team members and their order may be changed freely but only among the registered competitors (max. 7 in the Men’ s 5–members team) given in the entry form.

–Each team MUST submit its order list (only if there are changes) in each match to the presiding referee (Shinpan–shunin) at the start of the matches before the team will play (i.e. if your team will play in the 2nd match and if you wish to make change of order lists or team members, you must submit the order lists immediately at the start of the 1st match);

–If the presiding referee (Shinpan–shunin) do not receive order list for the preceding match of your team, we would assume your team order list will be same as that of the previous match. Please ask your team(s) to cross check on the scoreboard and if you see any mistake please inform the presiding referee (Shinpan–shunin) immediately;

Other matters :

–Shinai check – to be carried out on 25th February (Sat) and 26th February (Sun) morning. Players must bring the shinai that he/she will be using in the Championships for check. Different colours of stamps will be used to identify players in different events;

Standards for the Shinai (Itto–no–kamae)

Weight of shinai :	Female (440g & above)	Male (510g & above)
Diameter of the Sakigawa :	Female (25mm & above)	Male (26mm & above)
Sakigawa length :	50mm & above	
Length (male & female)	not longer than 120cm	

Standards for the Shinai (Nito–no–kamae)

	Gender	Daito (longer sword)	Shoto (shorter sword)
Weight	Female	(400g & above)	Shoto : (250g – 280g)
	Male	(440g & above)	Shoto : (280g – 300g)
Length	Male & female not longer than 114cm		not longer than 62cm

Volunteer referees – We would appreciate volunteer referees 6Dan or above from all participating delegations;

Trophies and medals will be given to the winners, 2nd runner–up and Two 3rd places in all events. Shinpan–shunin of each court will nominate players for the Fighting Spirits Awards;

Competitors must insure themselves against accident. A special first–aid team will be stationed on both 25th & 26th February during the Championships;

The organizer will not be held responsible for any loss of personal belongings during the Championships;

Remark: The organizer reserves the right to announce further amendments and final confirmation of all rules & regulations.

**ALL registered players/substitutes in all events must be at the age of 18 or above at the time of registration on or before 13th Jan 2012. If any registered players/substitutes is found under the age of 18, the organizer reserves the right to disqualify him.

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