

# 17<sup>th</sup> AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

## South Australia 2019

### Rules and Regulations

- Promoter:** Australian Masters Games (AMG)  
and  
Australian Kendo Renmei (AKR)
- Host Organisation:** South Australian Kendo Association (SAKA)
- Technical Assistance:** Kendo Board (KB)

## COMPETITION RULES

### INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Life members and affiliate members of the AKR whose membership fee and the relevant art fees have been received by the AKR are eligible to participate.
- Life members and affiliate members of the International Kendo Federation (FIK) whose membership fees have been received by their relevant Kendo body are eligible to participate. FIK members must be able to produce a letter from their FIK-affiliated Kendo organisation validating their membership.
- An AKR member whose fees have not been received prior to 31<sup>st</sup> of July is ineligible to participate.
- All competitors must be 30 years of age or older (as at date of competition).
- All competitors must be 1 Dan or higher.

### COMPETITOR REGISTRATION

- Each participant must register for the Individual Championships and the Team Championships via the AMG online registration website by the prescribed closing dates. The AKR will not accept late registrations.
- A competitor may participate in both an Individual event and Team events.
- Criteria of age, grade and any other relevant factor is **as at the date of competition**,
- The attire for competitors comprises of kendogi and hakama in dark blue, black or white. No excessive decorative embroideries should be on the attire.

## GENERAL

- **FIK Rules & Regulations:** All matches will be played in accordance with the FIK Rules & Regulations, with the following additional Competition Rules. All matches will be sanbon shobu (three-point match) unless otherwise specified.
- **Competition Draws & Referees:** The Kendo Board is responsible for the allocation of the draw for each event and allocation of referees (shinpan) to each event.
- **Shomen-ni- Rei:** Shomen-ni-Rei will be done at the beginning and end of each day.
- **Nafuda (Zekken):** Competitors will wear a dark blue or black nafuda on the centre panel of their tare where your family name is written in English across the bottom.

## CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

The following individual Championships are to be contested:

1. Women's Individuals 30-39 years
2. Women's Individuals 40-49 years
3. Women's Individuals 50-59 years
4. Women's Individuals 60-69 years
5. Men's Individuals 30-39 years
6. Men's Individuals 40-49 years
7. Men's Individuals 50-59 years
8. Men's Individuals 60-69 years

The following Team Championships are to be contested:

1. Women's Teams
2. Men's Teams
3. Mixed Teams

## **INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS**

- Preliminary rounds will be conducted using a pool system with 3-point matches.
- Pools will consist of 3 competitors (in principle) but may consist of 4 competitors depending on the number of competitors in the event.
- In pools of 3 the order of matches is as follows: A><B, C><B, C><A.
- In pools of 4 the order of matches is as follows: A><B, C><B, C><D, A><D.
- In pools of 5 the order of matches is as follows: A><B, C><B, C><D, E><D, E><A
- There will be no extension (encho) in pool matches.
- The winner of a pool will be determined by number of wins (draws are not counted).
- If two or more players equal on wins, then by number of points scored (points conceded are not counted).
- If two players still equal, an ippon shobu (one-point) shiai without time limit will be played to determine winner.
- If all players are equal on wins and points scored, pool is played again (ippon shobu).
- Progression in the competition after the pools will be by knock-out.
- Extensions in knock-out rounds and finals will have no time limit.
- The duration of all matches will be dependent on the age-divisions of the event as follows:
  - 30-39 years and 40-49 years 5 minutes
  - 50-59 years and 60-69 years 4 minutes

## **TEAM COMPETITIONS**

- Team members do not need to belong to the same club, state or country.
- No more than 2 members of a team can be from the same age group.
- A competitor can only be a member of one team per event i.e. member of one Women's Team and one Mixed Team.
- Teams will be 3 a side, with a minimum of 2 players; If playing with 2 players, must play positions 1 & 3.
- Preliminary rounds will be conducted using a pool system.
- For the first round, the names and positions of each of the competitors of the team will be handed to the court referee by the team manager 30 minutes prior to the commencement. The names and positions in subsequent rounds will be handed to the court judge immediately after the last fight. Even if there is no change to the order from the previous match, an order list must be submitted for each match.

- In case where the competitors' order is different from the one described in the submitted order list, if it is noticed before the declaration of 'Hajime' by the chief referee (Shushin) for a match, the order of the competitors can be corrected without any penalty. However, if it is found after the declaration of 'Hajime' for a match by the chief referee, the referees of that match shall stop the match immediately and the competitor whose order is incorrect (as well as any other competitor not in correct order from the same team) shall both lose their respective matches and their opponents awarded 2 points per match respectively. If it is proved before the bow of the end (Shuryo-no Rei) at the conclusion of the matches that members from both teams were in violation of the order submitted, all competitors whose orders were incorrect shall lose his/her match and each opponent shall be given 2 points respectively. If it is found after the bow of the end (Shuryo-no Rei) by both teams, the winning and losing of them shall not be changed.
- Pools will consist of 3 teams in principle but may consist of 4 teams depending on the number of teams in the event.
- In pools of 3 the order of matches will be as follows: A><B, C><B, C><A.
- In pools of 4 the order of matches will be as follows: A><B, C><B, C><D, A><D.
- In pools of 5 the order of matches will be as follows: A><B, C><B, C><D, E><D, E><A.
- There will be no encho in the team matches.
- The winning team will be determined by number of wins.
- If the number of wins is equal, then by number of points scored (points conceded are not counted).
- If the number of wins and the number of points is still equal, then one player from each team shall play a "no time limit" ippon-shobu (one-point) play-off match (daihyou-sen). Competitors for the play off must be selected from the registered team members for the match only.
- A default will be regarded as a loss with the opponent awarded 2 points.
- The top 2 teams will progress to a play-off with the winning team from pool A playing off the second team from pool B and the winning team from pool B playing-off the second team from pool A.
- The final team match will be the winning teams from the play-offs.
- **The duration of all team matches will be 4 minutes.**

### **KANTOKU (TEAM MANAGER)**

- Team managers may accompany and sit with their team during shiai.
- Team managers will provide their own kantoku-ki for signalling a protest (Igi) if required.
- The kantoku-ki will be as specified in the FIK Rules & Regulations.
- Team manager, coaches or players must not have clocks, watches or any timing device near the competition area.

## **SHINPAN (REFEREES)**

- All competitors of Kendo 4 Dan and above must be available to referee (a shinpan list will be made).
- Competitors in an event may not participate as referees in the same event.
- Where possible all referees will wear the uniform consisting of a plain dark blue jacket, a plain grey pair of trousers (no skirts), a plain white shirt, a plain deep red necktie and a plain dark blue or black pair of socks. ***If you are competing it is acceptable to wear kendogi and hakama.***
- Referees will wait in the designated area when not on duty and refrain from mixing with competitors where possible.

## **TIMING AND LOCATION OF EVENTS**

The Kendo Board reserves the right to adjust the commencement, shiai-jo and duration of matches of an event to manage the duration of the Championship.