

Agreed Matters for the 20th All Japan Student Kendo Open Tournament

1. Competitor Registration

1. Competitors participating in the tournament must complete registration through their affiliated federation by the designated deadline.
2. Any competitor who obtains eligibility through fraudulent registration will have their eligibility revoked.

2. Name Tags

1. Competitors who do not wear a name tag displaying both their university name and personal name will not be allowed to compete. If two or more competitors from the same university share the same surname, the first character of the given name should be added to the lower right side of the surname.

If a competitor is found violating this requirement, they will be treated as using unauthorized equipment. The match will be declared a loss, two points will be awarded to the opponent, and any points or rights previously obtained will be forfeited. Furthermore, the competitor will not be permitted to participate in any further matches of the tournament.

3. Shinai

1. A mandatory shinai inspection will be conducted at the designated inspection station within the designated time period, and inspected shinai will receive an official inspection sticker.
2. Shinai inspections will be conducted in accordance with the attached "Shinai Inspection Guidelines." For both men and women, inspections will be available on the day before the tournament (Friday, December 18), Day 1 (Saturday, December 19), and Day 2 (Sunday, December 20) at the designated inspection station.
3. Only the university name and competitor's name may be written on the tsuka (handle). Up to three shinai per competitor may be inspected (in the case of nitō, up to three long swords and three short swords).
4. Tsuba must be circular and made of leather or synthetic material, with a maximum diameter of 9 centimeters. A tsuba stopper must be used and the tsuba must be securely fixed in the proper position.

5. If the use of a non-inspected shinai is discovered, the match will be declared a loss, two points will be awarded to the opponent, and any points or rights previously obtained will be forfeited. Furthermore, the competitor will not be permitted to participate in any further matches of the tournament.
6. Any shinai judged to be non-compliant will be returned immediately.

4. Failure to Compete According to the Submitted Team Order in Team Competition

1. If a competitor is found not to have competed in accordance with the submitted team order sheet, the corresponding match will be declared a loss, two points will be awarded to the opponent, and any points or rights previously obtained will be forfeited.

A violation will be deemed to have occurred if discovered at any point between the opening bow and closing bow of the team match.

For example, if the jiho and fukusho positions don't compete according to the order sheet, both matches will become a loss.

5. Kendo Equipment and Attire

1. Men (head protectors) must have men-buton of sufficient length to protect the shoulder joints.

The length of the men-himo should not exceed 40 cm from the knot. Any ties exceeding this limit will be cut on the spot.

The knot of the men-himo should be positioned at the center of the back of the head behind the eyes. If, during the tournament, the position of the knot is judged to present a safety concern, the competitor will be required to retie it properly.

2. Kote-buton (kote padding) must protect at least one-half of the forearm, and the depth of the kuri (cut-out opening) should not exceed 2.5 cm.
3. The sleeves of the kendogi must completely cover the elbows when taking a natural kamae posture and must not expose the elbows from the sleeve openings. However, the sleeves should not be so long as to overlap the kote padding.
4. The use of supporters, braces, or similar items will be permitted only when medically necessary and only to the extent that they are not disturbing and do not pose a danger to opponents.

Competitors wishing to use such items must submit a confirmation form in advance.

No confirmation form is required for the use of athletic tape. If the need for such equipment arises after registration, it must be reported.

6. Other

1. In the absence of a coach, universities entering three or more teams in the team competition or three or more competitors in the individual competition may appoint one substitute representative.

However, the substitute must be registered in advance.

2. Each university may have only one attendant per court. Only the coach (or substitute) and the team manager will be permitted to act as attendants.

If competitors from the same university are competing simultaneously on multiple courts, one coach or team manager may attend each court. Any additional attendants must be substitutes who have been registered in advance to the tournament headquarters.

3. Competitors with long hair must tie it back so that it does not cover the marker on the back.
4. Competitors should not wear items unnecessary for kendo, such as bracelets, Power Balance bands, or similar accessories.
5. This tournament will strive to ensure safe operation in accordance with the All Japan Kendo Federation's "Guidelines for Infectious Disease Prevention" (effective September 1, 2024).
6. To prevent the spread of infectious diseases, competitors must wear either a mask or a face shield.
7. Competitors must wear their kendo-gi, hakama, do, and tare when lining up for the opening ceremony, awards ceremony (ni-dan and below), and closing ceremony.
8. Flash photography is not allowed.
9. Do not walk barefoot in the corridors, spectator seating areas, or other areas of the venue. Shoes must be worn at all times outside the arena. Illegal parking will also be dealt with strictly.
10. The use of the shoe lockers inside the venue is prohibited. The shoe lockers and slippers provided in the venue are reserved exclusively for tournament officials and referees. All other participants must bring their own plastic bag to carry their shoes.

11. Participants are responsible for safeguarding their own valuables and personal belongings. The Federation accepts no responsibility for any theft or loss occurring during the tournament.
12. Competitors must arrive at the competition venue on time for their scheduled category, including the shinai inspection. Those who are not competing should remain in the spectator seating area until their event.