

2nd Hong Kong Asian Open Iaido Invitational Championships

(7-10/6/2024)

Rules and Regulations

1. Event Date

- Iaido Seminar: 7th June 2024 (Fri): 21:00-23:00pm (4 Dan or above)
- Iaido Seminar: 8th June 2024 (Sat): To be confirmed
- Welcome party: 9th June 2024 (Sun): 14:00-17:00pm (To be confirmed)
- Iaido Examination (1Kyu & 1-3 Dan): 9th June 2024 (Sun) 18:00-23:00pm
- Iaido Individual Competition: 10th June 2024 (Mon) 09:00am-18:00pm

2. Venue

7th June 2024 (Fri): Java Road Sports Centre (4 Dan or above)

8th June 2024 (Sat): To be confirmed

9th June 2024 (Sun): Welcome Party: To be confirmed

9th June 2024 (Sun): Ap Lei Chau Sports Centre

10th June 2024 (Mon): Ap Lei Chau Sports Centre

3. Categories

i) Individual Event

A) No Dan group: AJKF standard Iaido Kata specified 3 kata (with using Sageo optional)

B) 1 Dan group: AJKF standard Iaido Kata specified 3 kata

*For item A-B: Each match at 4 minutes duration, including AJKF standard Iaido Rei-ho, time counting from shouman Rei until ending Rei

C) 2 Dan group: AJKF standard Iaido Kata specified 5 kata

D) 3 Dan group: AJKF standard Iaido Kata specified 5 kata

E) 4 Dan group: Koryu 1 kata and AJKF standard Iaido Kata specified 4 kata

*For item C-E: Each match at 6 minutes duration, including AJKF standard Iaido Rei-ho, time counting from shouman Rei until ending Rei

In case the entry numbers for certain group(s) is insufficient, HKKA reserves the right to combine groups.

4. Regulations

- ALL registered players in all groups must be at the age of 18 or above
- Number of participants are not limited to each region or association.
- All matches shall be conducted following the latest of "The Regulations of Iaido Shiai & Shinpan of AJKF" revised 1st April, 2014
- HKKA will perform Iaido safety check before the start of competition.
- **Shinken (Real sword) is not allowed in the competition to use.**
- **HKKA will provide Iaido for competitors if needed.**

5. Trophies and medals

Trophies and medals will be awarded to the winners, 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up in all events. Shinpan-shunin of each court will nominate players for the Fighting Spirits Awards;

6. Entry Procedure

- Participants in all regions are required to fill in application form and submit to HKKA by fax (852-2890 8052) or email (hkka@hkolympic.org), which should include the following details:
 - i) The full name of the Dojo in both Chinese and English, official chop/signature whose belongs to.

- ii) The name of athletes in both Chinese and English
- iii) Age, Gender and Nationality and Dan
- iv) Players who have trouble with sitting (Seiza) must indicate on the application form.
- v) Disclaimer of Consent Form
- vi) Individual contestants and accompanying staffs are only allowed to represent a single area or group

Holders of AJKF approved Iaido 5 Dan or above qualifications and familiar with the AJKF regulations are welcome to apply to be the referee. Applicant MUST attend the referee seminar on 7th June, 2024. Interested parties please fill in the registration form with your own personal information. Please provide Certificate copy along with your application. Overseas players applied and accepted as Shinpan, will be provided with accommodation on 9th June, 2024 night and the Welcome Party fee will be waived.

7. Enrolment fee

Local Players: Entry Fee HK\$300/ person (include competition fee, and insurance)
Welcoming Party on 9 June (Sat): HK\$300/person

Overseas Players: Entry Fee HK\$1,000/person (include competition fee, insurance, accommodation for 9 June night and welcome party) (Please self-arrange accommodation for 7th June, 8th June & 10th June.)

All participants are required to settle the full payment by Bank transfer/Cheque/Alipay. The payment details for overseas transfer will be provided after confirmation of application.

8. Welcome Party

- The party will be held on 9th Jun 2024 (Saturday).
Venue & Address: TBC

9. Deadline of competition application

- **5:00pm or before, 21st May, 2024 (Tuesday).** Interested parties please submit your application in advance.
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10. Dan Examination (1 Kyu and 1 Dan to 3 Dan)

- Written test questions will be announced on HKKA website in due course.
- Dan examination fee with copy of certificates shall be send to HKKA office in advance.
- Deadline of application: on or before 17:00, 21st May 2024

11. A first aid team will be stationed at the venue during the Championships.

12. The HKKA reserves the right to retain any veto for any entry and application.

13. The HKKA reserves the right to final amendment and interpretation in respect of the above terms

The Kendo Association of Hong Kong, China
6th May, 2024