



The 22nd Hong Kong Asian Open Kendo Championships

27th March 2026 (Friday) – 29th March 2026 (Sunday)

To Kwa Wan Sports Centre,
66 Ha Heung Road, To Kwa Wan, Kowloon

Organized by: The Kendo Association of Hong Kong, China

Supported by: All Japan Kendo Federation

Subvented by: The Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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 *

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Competition Categories:

28th March 2026, Saturday - Individual Event

項目 Categories	男子個人公開組 Men's Individual			女子個人公開組 Women's Individual		先進組 (男女混合) Senior Individual (Mixed Gender)
日期 Date	2026年3月28日 (六) 28 Mar 2026 (Sat)			2026年3月28日 (六) 28 Mar 2026 (Sat)		2026年3月28日 (六) 28 Mar 2026 (Sat)
組別 Group	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F
段位 Dan	0-2段 (0-2 Dan)	3-4段 (3-4 Dan)	5段或以上 (5 Dan & above)	0-3段 (0-3 Dan)	4段或以上 (4 Dan & above)	3段或以上 (3 Dan & above)
年齡 Age	18歲或以上 (18 & above)	18歲或以上 (18 & above)	18歲或以上 (18 & above)	18歲或以上 (18 & above)	18歲或以上 (18 & above)	58歲或以上 (58 & above)
賽制 Competition System	單淘汰 (Knockout)	單淘汰 (Knockout)	單淘汰 (Knockout)	單淘汰 (Knockout)	單淘汰 (Knockout)	單淘汰 (Knockout)
	每場 3 分鐘 (3 Mins / Match) 三本勝負 (SANBON SHOBU)	每場 3 分鐘 (3 Mins / Match) 三本勝負 (SANBON SHOBU)	每場 3 分鐘 (3 Mins / Match) 三本勝負 (SANBON SHOBU)	每場 3 分鐘 (3 Mins / Match) 三本勝負 (SANBON SHOBU)	每場 3 分鐘 (3 Mins / Match) 三本勝負 (SANBON SHOBU)	每場 3 分鐘 (3 Mins / Match) 三本勝負 (SANBON SONBU)
和局 (DRAW / TIE)	<p>在初賽至四強賽事，如果在大會規定時間出現「和局」，將馬上進行延長戰，時間為3分鐘，先取一分者勝出。如果仍然未能分出勝負，將再進行第二次延長戰，時間同樣為3分鐘。如果再一次未能分出勝負，則由3名審判根據選手的姿勢、基本動作及精神 (kiai) 作出判定。</p> <p>In preliminaries to the semi-finals matches, if there is no result within the allotted time, a ENCHO at 3 minutes duration between the 2 players will be carried out by "IPPON-SHOBU". If the match is still undecided after this 3-minute Encho, a second Encho will be initiated. If there is still no winner following the second Encho, a Hantei (判定) will be conducted by the 3 referees based on the players' posture, correct basic techniques, and spirit (kiai) displayed during the match.</p> <p>在決賽中，如果在時限內未能分出勝負，將立即進行延長戰，延長戰無時間限制，先取一分者為勝方。</p> <p>In final, in the case of Hiki-wake (tie, draw) Encho will be called until either side gets ippon.</p>					

- Players should be local residents of the respective country or region. For non-local players who are foreign to the representing country or region, they must possess (i) a working visa, (ii) a student visa, or (iii) residence rights in the country. Proof of evidence may need to be submitted upon request. For reasons other than the mentioned criteria, applications should be sent to the HKKA for consideration. Acceptance to enter the competition is subject to the organization's approval. Proof of evidence may need to be submitted upon request.
- Each player can only register for ONE of the above categories.
- All categories will be registered on FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis. If the number of players is overwhelming, the organiser will adjust the number of entries in each category based on actual conditions.
- Players' qualifications will be based on the highest Dan achieved on and before **6th February 2026**.
- The organiser will reserve the right to revise the competition format and make the final decision to limit the number of players for each team in individual categories.
- All matches shall be conducted in accordance with FIK's "The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan (26th July, 2023)" and "Provisional Match and Referee Rules as developed by All Japan Kendo Federation (1st April, 2023)" (Any amendments made to the regulations hereafter shall be included);

29th March 2026, Sunday – Team Event

項目 Categories	男子五人隊際賽 Men's 5-members Team Event	女子三人隊際賽 Women's 3-members Team Event
日期 Date	2026年3月29日 (日) 29 Mar 2026 (Sun)	2026年3月29日 (日) 29 Mar 2026 (Sun)
組別 Group	Group G	Group H
段位 Dan	*無段位限制 (*No Dan Restriction)	*無段位限制 (*No Dan Restriction)
年齡 Age	18歲或以上 (18 & above)	18歲或以上 (18 & above)
組隊人數 Team Formation	五位選手 + 最多兩位後備選手 5 players and maximum of 2 registered substitutes *最少須由三名選手組成 Minimum of 3 players	三位選手 + 一位後備選手 3 players and maximum of 1 registered substitute *最少須由兩名選手組成 Minimum of 2 players
賽制 Competition System	*所有賽事均採取單淘汰 (Knockout in all stages)	*所有賽事均採取單淘汰 (Knockout in all stages)
比賽 Match	每場 3 分鐘 (3 Mins / Match)	每場 3 分鐘 (3 Mins / Match)
	三本勝負 (SANBON SHOBU)	三本勝負 (SANBON SHOBU)
決賽 Final	每場 4 分鐘 (4 Mins / Match)	每場 4 分鐘 (4 Mins / Match)
	三本勝負 (SANBON SHOBU)	三本勝負 (SANBON SHOBU)
和局 (DRAW / TIE)	在錦標賽階段賽事，當兩隊爭取出線勝出局 / 分數相同，又或未能在法定時間分出勝負； 兩隊要各派出一名選手進行「代表戰 (Play-off)」，直到一方先取得一分為勝出，沒有時間限制。 In all tournament stages, when two teams have the same score or are unable to determine a winner within the allotted time, each team must send one player to compete in a "Play-off", until either side gets ippon, no time restriction.	

- All categories will be registered on FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis. If the number of players is overwhelming, the organiser will adjust the number of entries in each category based on actual conditions.
- Players' qualifications will be based on the highest Dan achieved on and before **6th February 2026**.
- The organiser will reserve the right to revise the competition format and make the final decision to limit the number of players for each team in individual categories.
- All matches shall be conducted in accordance with FIK's "The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan (26th July, 2023)" and "Provisional Match and Referee Rules as developed by All Japan Kendo Federation (1st April, 2023)" (Any amendments made to the regulations hereafter shall be included);

29th March 2026, Sunday – Women's 3-members Team Event (Aged 18 or above, No Dan Restriction)

- **Players should be local residents of the respective country or region. For non-local players who are foreign to the representing country or region, they must possess (i) a working visa, (ii) a student visa, or (iii) residence rights in the country. Proof of evidence may need to be submitted upon request. For reasons other than the mentioned criteria, applications should be sent to the HKKA for consideration. Acceptance to enter the competition is subject to the organization's approval. Proof of evidence may need to be submitted upon request.**
- If any country or area is sending only 2 players to form a team, the sequence would be SENPO & TAISHO;
- 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, 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) before the matches start;
- 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;
- All matches shall be conducted in accordance with FIK's "The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan (26th July, 2023)" and "Provisional Match and Referee Rules as developed by All Japan

Kendo Federation (1st April, 2023)” (Any amendments made to the regulations hereafter shall be included);

29th March 2026, Sunday - Men’s 5-members Team Event (Aged 18 or above, No Dan Restriction)

- Players should be local residents of the respective country or region. For non-local players who are foreign to the representing country or region, they must possess (i) a working visa, (ii) a student visa, or (iii) residence rights in the country. Proof of evidence may need to be submitted upon request. For reasons other than the mentioned criteria, applications should be sent to the HKKA for consideration. Acceptance to enter the competition is subject to the organization's approval. Proof of evidence may need to be submitted upon request.
- 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;
- In the case your team will comprise less than 5 players; you may request the organizer to invite members from local or other countries to join in your team;
- 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;
- 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. 7 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) before the matches start;
- 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;
- All matches shall be conducted in accordance with FIK’s “The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan (26th July, 2023)” and “Provisional Match and Referee Rules as developed by All Japan Kendo Federation (1st April, 2023)” (Any amendments made to the regulations hereafter shall be included);

Other Matters:

Shinai check - to be carried out on 28th March 2026 (Saturday) and 29th March 2026 (Sunday) morning. Players must bring the shinai that he/she will be using in the Championships for checking. 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)	
Length (male & female)	not longer than 120cm	
Diameter of Sakigawa	Female (25mm & above) Male (26mm & above)	
Length of Sakigawa	50mm & above	

Standards for the Shinai (Nito-no-kamae)		
	Daito (longer sword)	Shoto (shorter sword)
Weight	Female (400g & above) Male (440g & above)	250g - 280g 280g - 300g
Length (male & female)	not longer than 114cm	not longer than 62cm
Diameter of Sakigawa	Female (24mm & above) Male (25mm & above)	Female (24mm & above) Male (24mm & above)
Length of Sakigawa (male & female)	50mm & above	50mm & above

Volunteer referees – We would appreciate 5 Dan or above volunteer referees from all participating delegations;

Trophies or medals – For **Individual** Events, prizes will be given to the winner, 1st runner-up and Two 2nd runner-up in each individual event. Shinpan-shunin will nominate 4 players from each event for the “Fighting Spirit Awards”;

For **Team** Events, prizes will be given to the winner, 1st runner-up and Two 2nd runner-up in both team events. Shinpan-shunin will nominate 8 players from each event for the “Fighting Spirit Awards”;

Competitors must insure themselves against accident. A special first-aid team will be stationed on both competition day (28th March – Saturday & 29th March - Sunday) 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 on or before 6th February, 2026. For players participating in the Senior Individual Event, the player must reach 58 years old on or before 6th February, 2026. If any registered players/substitutes are found under the age of 18, the organizer reserves the right to disqualify him/her.**

※ **Player's dan level will be based on the highest dan achieved by 6th February, 2026, or before.**

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Event Organizing Committee

The Kendo Association of Hong Kong, China

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