

Invitation to the Finnish Team Championships for Kendo and Dan Cup 2011

The tournaments will be held in **Helsinki on February 19th–20th 2011** and will be hosted by Tapanila Kendo Club, Lahti Kendo Club and Helsinki University Kendo Club. We warmly welcome all participants!

Location

Tapanila Sport Center, Erätie 3, 00730, Helsinki.

For map and driving instructions (in Finnish) see link below:

<http://www.tapanilanurheilu.fi/karttajasisaankaynnit>

Program

Friday February 18th 2011

It is possible to participate in Ki-Ken-Tai-Icchi's Friday evening practice. It is likely the ZNKR sensei for year 2011 will also be attending the practice.

18-19.30 Beginners course

19.30-21.00 Kendo-kata and jikeiko

Address: Olympic Stadium, Itäsiiven liikuntatilat (the east side of the building), Hammarskjöldintie 4, Helsinki

Map: <http://www.kendohelsinki.org/?sivu=kartta>

Saturday February 19th 2011, Finnish Team Championships

8.00 Preparations start (officials needed)

8.30-9.30 Registration, shinai check, warm-up

9.30-9.45 Opening ceremony

ca. 9.45-13.00 Pool matches

There is time for lunch after the pool matches are over. For more information, see 'Lunch'.

ca. 14.00 Quarter finals

ca. 15.30-16 Semifinals

ca. 16-16.30 Final match

ca. 16.30-17 Awards ceremony and group photos

For information on Saturday's evening program, see 'Dinner'

Sunday February 20th 2011, Dan Cup

8.30 Preparations start (officials needed)

9-9.45 Registration, shinai check, warm-up

9.45-10 Opening ceremony

From 10.00 Women's division (Please note: if there aren't enough participants to form a women's division, the lower division will start at 10.00! Please see information on the divisions at 'General information'; 'Dan Cup'.)

ca. 11.15 Lower division, pool matches

Lower division, quarter finals

Lower division, semifinals and the final

Lunch after the lower division is over. See 'Lunch'.

ca. 13.30 Higher division, pool matches

Higher division, quarter finals

Higher division, semifinals and the final

ca. 16-16.30 Awards ceremony and group photos

Please be aware that the schedule above is tentative due to lack of information on participants and is thus likely to change! Please be in time at the competition venue and pay attention to the announcements given during the tournaments.

Lunch

There is no preorganised lunch on the tournament days, but it is possible to buy food and refreshments at Tapanila Sport Center in MosaCafe

(<http://www.tapanilanurheilun.fi/mosacafe>).

The café is open on weekends 12am onwards.

The hosts will provide full-time referees and officials a snack lunch on both days.

Dinner

After Saturday's competition the evening will continue in restaurant Mandarin Court in Helsinki centre (address: Lönnrotinkatu 2).

Map:

http://maps.google.fi/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=fi&geocode=&q=1%C3%B6nnrotinkatu+2&ll=62.593341,27.575684&sspn=9.553894,39.506836&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=L%C3%B6nnrotinkatu+2,+00100+Helsinki&z=15

The evening program will start at 19.00. There will be a Chinese buffet for 16 euros (drinks at own expense).

Please note that signing up for the evening program will be done with the registration form (filled by clubs) and the dinner will be charged from the clubs according to their

registration information alongside other fees.

Accommodation

For those from outside of Helsinki, there is an opportunity for affordable sleeping bag accommodation at Chikara dojo in address Sturenkatu 25, 00510 Helsinki.

Map and public transport connections: <http://www.chikara.fi/yhteystiedot/>

Signing up for the accommodation – Fri-Sat and/or Sat-Sun – is done via the online registration form. The clubs pay for the accommodation alongside other fees. See 'Registration' and 'Fees'.

There is a fridge, an electric water heater, a coffee machine, tea and coffee supplies and a micro wave at the dojo. There is also a grocery store open daily 7am-11pm in the dojo's immediate vicinity. There will be no preorganized breakfast.

Jenni Nurmi (+358 50 5601392) and Kari Pasche (+358 40 7703877) from Lahti Kendo Club will be in charge of the accommodation at Chikara during the event.

Fees

Entry fee: 60 e per team

Entry fee for Dan Cup, regardless of division: 15 e/day/participant

Referee/Official: no entry fee

Accommodation 6 e/person/night

Dinner on Saturday: 16 e/participant

Lunch: on both days at competitors' own expense. See 'Lunch'

Registration for participation

The deadline for the participation forms is February 6th 2011. The registration for participation will be done in clubs using online registration form found through the following link:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dDZqaDBXVnEteTljY0hIeTRfUUdhWnc6MQ>

Please note that all fees will be charged from the clubs according to filled registration forms.

Terms of cancellation

There will be no cancellation fee for cancellations done by February 13th. For cancellations done after that, there will be a cancellation fee – half of the participation fees – to cover the expenses caused by withdrawals.

General information

The tournaments will be held according to the international shiai rules. The match schedule will be confirmed after the registration for participation has ended.

The minimum age for both Finnish Championships and Dan Cup is 16 years. All participants under 18 years of age need a permission to participate from an instructor of their club. Each team member participating in the Finnish Championships has to be a member in a club that is a registered member of the Finnish Kendo Association. The Dan Cup is open for all kendokas who are members in a club that is registered as a member of the European Kendo Federation (EKF). Each participant must have an insurance that covers kendo injuries.

The Finnish Team Championships – February 19th

There are no requirements as to the kyu/dan ranks of the team members. The matches will be fought between five member teams. The teams can be all male, all female or mixed teams.

Dan Cup – February 20th

The divisions for the Dan Cup will be the following:

Women (provided a minimum of 4 participants is met), 1st kyu – 4th dan.
Open division (lower), 1st kyu – 1st dan.
Open division (higher), 2nd dan – 4th dan.

The open divisions are open for both men and women. The top four of the lower division (1st kyu – 1st dan) will get to fight in the higher division (2nd dan – 4th dan).

Shinai check rules in brief

Shinai check will be conducted under the supervision of FKA. The shinai used in the matches has to be intact and properly maintained.

Weight and length regulations for shinai:

Adults, men: minimum weight 510g/maximum size 39” (length 120 cm).
Adults, women: minimum weight 440g/maximum size 39” (length 120cm).
Juniors: no weight limit / maximum size 39” (length 120cm).

Adding weight of the shinai by illegal means can lead to disqualification or losing a match. In team competition, the penalty will be issued to the whole team.

The diameter of kensen:

Adults, men: min. 2,6 cm.

Adults, women: min. 2,5 cm.

Juniors: no limit, but the kensen has to be intact.

Referees

We would also like to welcome anyone willing to participate as a referee. The only requirement is that the referee has to be at least 3th dan in kendo. Dress code: a neat hakama, keikogi, dark socks. No participation fee is charged unless the referee is also competing.

Officials

Another way to take part in the event is through working as an official. There is no participation fee unless the official is competing.

For more information, please e-mail or call:

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