

FIK CONSTITUTION

INTERNATIONAL KENDO FEDERATION

CHAPTER I : GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. (Name)

This organization is called INTERNATIONAL KENDO FEDERATION (hereinafter referred to as “FIK”).

Article 2. (Composition)

FIK shall consist of National Kendo Federations, each of which exclusively represents a nation in Kendo (hereinafter referred to as “Affiliate/Affiliates”).

Article 3. (Location)

FIK shall locate its headquarter in Tokyo, Japan.

Article 4. (Language)

Japanese and English shall be the official languages of FIK. All technical terms shall be Japanese.

Article 5. (Character)

FIK shall be a non-political, friendly organization of Kendo, Iaido and Jodo, regardless of differences in race, religion, creed, or any others.

CHAPTER II : PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES

Article 6. (Purpose)

The purposes of FIK are to internationally propagate and promote Kendo as well as to develop the mutual trust and friendship among the Affiliates through Kendo.

Article 7. (Activities)

FIK shall conduct the following activities in order to achieve the purposes set forth in the preceding article:

- (1) To provide various assistance in order to promote the organization of the National Kendo Federation in each nation;
- (2) To hold and assist seminars and workshops;
- (3) To establish the rules for international matches;
- (4) To provide standards (guidelines) for the Dan/Kyu examinations;

- (5) To organize World Kendo Championships;
- (6) To exchange information on techniques, equipment, etc.; and
- (7) To undertake other activities necessary for achievement of the purposes set forth in the preceding article.

CHAPTER III : AFFILIATION, WITHDRAWAL AND EXPULSION

Article 8. (Eligibility for Application)

An organization that applies for affiliation to FIK shall meet the requirements set forth in the Supplemental Provisions.

Article 9. (Application for Affiliation)

The application for affiliation shall be submitted to FIK within the specified application period in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Supplemental Provisions.

Article 10. (Affiliation Examination)

Upon receiving an application set forth in Article 9, FIK shall investigate the organization that has applied for the affiliation (hereinafter referred to as “Applying Organization”), and the Board of Directors shall determine whether or not to accept the Applying Organization as an Affiliate in accordance with the examination by the Board of Directors.

- ② When the Board of Directors has determined that the Applying Organization should be accepted as an Affiliate pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the results of the examination shall be submitted to the General Assembly for approval at the following General Assembly Meeting.

Article 11. (Registration with Affiliate)

Any member (individual) who is registered with a member of an Affiliate of FIK shall not be redundantly registered with a member of any other Affiliates of FIK.

Article 12. (Procedures for Withdrawal)

If an Affiliate desires to withdraw from FIK, such Affiliate shall provide FIK with a written notice to such effect.

- ② Such Affiliate shall be deemed to have withdrawn from FIK as of the date on which FIK receives the written notice set forth in the preceding paragraph. In such a case, the withdrawal of such Affiliate shall be reported at the following Board of Directors Meeting and General Assembly Meeting after such date.

Article 13. (Request for Expulsion)

If an Affiliate falls under any of the events for expulsion set forth in the Supplemental Provisions, requests for expulsion may be filed for the Affiliate's expulsion from FIK.

Article 14. (Examination of Expulsion)

Upon receiving a request for expulsion set forth in the preceding paragraph, FIK, under the examination of the Board of Directors, shall promptly investigate the situation and the Board of Directors shall determine whether or not such Affiliate may be expelled from FIK.

- ② Once the expulsion is determined in accordance with the preceding paragraph, the result of the examination of the Board of Directors shall be submitted to the General Assembly for approval at the following meeting of the General Assembly.

CHAPTER IV : ORGANIZATION

Article 15. (General Assembly)

The General Assembly shall be the highest organ of FIK and shall resolve any and all material matters such as the amendment of Constitution, approval of annual budgets and account settlement, championship project and other activities, as well as the election of the Officers, etc.

Article 16. (Holding of General Assembly)

The General Assembly shall be held once every three (3) years by the president of the FIK (hereinafter referred to as the "President")

Article 17. (Composition of the General Assembly)

The General Assembly shall be comprised of the Officers and the president of each Affiliate. The President shall act as the chairman of the General Assembly.

Article 18. (Quorum of General Assembly)

The quorum of the General Assembly shall be the presence of more than a half of its members.

- ② Each member may have its deputy attend at the General Assembly by providing FIK with a power of attorney for such deputy.
- ③ Each resolution shall be passed by the majority of the voting rights of the members present. The Chairman shall resolve issues when it is a tie.
- ④ Regarding the number of the voting rights at the General Assembly, the president of each Affiliate shall have one (1) voting right and each Officer, excluding Auditors, shall have one (1) voting right. If, the president of an Affiliate also holds any position as an Officer or an Officer also holds any position as other Officer, the number of the voting rights of such Affiliate and the Officer shall thereby be added.

Article 19. (Board of Directors)

The Board of Directors shall examine proposals that are to be submitted to the General Assembly and shall determine whether or not these proposals require a resolution by the General Assembly.

- ② The Board of Directors may make a resolution on the urgent matters among any other matters to be resolved at the General Assembly. Provided, however, that, such resolution shall be reported at, and obtained the approval by the General Assembly that is initially held after the resolution.

Article 20. (Holding Board of Directors Meeting)

The President shall call an ordinary meeting of the Board of Directors once every year and extraordinary meetings when necessary.

Article 21. (Composition of the Board of Directors)

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers except the Auditors, and the President shall act as the chairman.

Article 22. (Quorum of the Board of Directors)

The quorum of the Board of Directors shall be the presence of more than a half of its members.

- ② Attendance at the Board of Directors by the deputy shall not be approved. Provided, however, that a member who does not appear in the Board of Directors may represent its opinion in writing.

- ③ Each proposal shall be approved by the majority of the voting rights of the members of Board of Directors present. The Chairman shall resolve the vote when it is a tie.
- ④ Regarding the number of the voting rights for the Board of Directors, each Officer (except the Auditors) shall have a voting right. If an Officer holding more than one (1) position, the number of the voting rights of such an Officer shall thereby be added.
- ⑤ Only upon prior approval given by the majority of the members, the Board of Directors may pass a resolution by written deliberation. In such a case, the details of the process shall be reported at the Board of Directors that is initially held after the resolution.

CHAPTER V : OFFICERS

Article 23. (Officers)

FIK shall have the following Officers:

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| (1) President | 1 person; |
| (2) Vice Presidents | an appropriate number; |
| (3) Directors | an appropriate number; |
| (4) Secretary General | 1 person; and |
| (5) Auditors | 2 persons |

Article 24. (Method of Election of Officers)

The Officers shall be elected and appointed as follows:

- (1) The President shall be elected by the Board of Directors;
- (2) The Vice Presidents shall respectively be recommended to be elected from Japan and from each zone as listed in the Paragraph 24-②, and appointed by the President;
- (3) Four (4) Directors from Japan and one (1) Director from each Council Nation, except Japan, shall be elected by the General Assembly;
- (4) The Secretary General shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Board of Directors; and
- (5) The Auditors shall be elected at the General Assembly with the approval of the Board of Directors. Provided, however, that the Auditors may not hold the additional posts.

- ② The Council Nations shall be Japan and any other countries elected by mutual voting from the following zones:

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| (1) Asian Zone except Japan | 2 countries; |
| (2) American Zone | 3 countries; and |
| (3) European Zone | 3 countries. |

- ③ The Directors who are elected from the Council Nations shall be the president of the Affiliate of such Council Nation or a person recommended by such president.
- ④ The Council Nations, except Japan, shall be renewed every three (3) years. Provided, however, that they may be reelected.

Article 25. (Duties of Officers)

The duties of the Officers are as follows:

- (1) The President shall represent and supervise FIK;
- (2) The Vice Presidents shall assist the President, and if any accident occurs to the President, shall act as the President in accordance with the orders previously determined by the President;
- (3) The Directors shall perform their duties as members of the Board of Directors;
- (4) The Secretary General shall control the overall business of FIK as well as conduct the financial and business management; and
- (5) The Auditors shall undertake the audit of the accounts and other accounting data.

Article 26. (Term of Officers)

The term of all Officers shall be three (3) years and they may be reappointed.

- ② If an Officer cannot continue to perform his/her duties due to death, disease or any other reasons, the President shall appoint a successor in accordance with the consultation with the Board of Directors. However concerning a Director, its successor shall be the president of the Affiliate of the Council Nation to which the Director belongs or a person who is recommended by the president of such Affiliate.
- ③ In the case of the replacement of an Officer in the middle of his/her term, the successor shall succeed the term of the predecessor.
- ④ The Officers shall continue their duties until the successors come into office even if their term expires.

CHAPTER VI : FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

Article 27. (Finance)

The administrative expenses of FIK shall be financed from the affiliation fees, the annual membership fees, donations and other income.

Article 28. (Affiliation Fees/Annual Membership Fees)

The amounts of affiliation fees and annual membership fees shall be determined by the General Assembly.

Article 29. (Payment of Annual Membership Fees)

Each Affiliate shall pay FIK its annual membership fee by the end of each fiscal year in accordance with the instruction of FIK.

- ② If any Affiliate fails to pay its annual membership fees for more than three (3) years without any legitimate reason, such Affiliate and the members who are registered with such Affiliate may be refused to participate in any event such as World Kendo Championships in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Directors.

Article 30. (Fiscal Year, Settlement of Account & Financial Report)

A fiscal year of FIK shall commence from April 1st and end on March 31st of the next year.

- ② The description of business and the settlement of accounts shall be subject to audit by the Auditors within three (3) months after the end of the fiscal year and the Secretary General shall report such description of business and settlement of accounts at the Board of Directors Meeting that is initially held after the audit.
- ③ The President shall provide the General Assembly with three (3) fiscal years' accounting reports every three (3) years, and obtain the approval thereof, by the General Assembly.

Additional Clause

1. This Constitution shall become effective on April 4, 1970.
2. This Constitution shall be partially revised and become effective on April 9, 1973.
3. This Constitution shall be partially revised and become effective on May 27, 1988.
4. This Constitution shall be partially revised and become effective on March 26, 1997.
5. This Constitution shall be partially revised and become effective on March 23, 2000.
6. This Constitution shall be partially revised and become effective on July 3, 2003.
7. This Constitution shall be partially revised and become effective on December 7, 2006.

(The acronym change only: It has been changed from IKF to FIK.)

Supplemental Provisions of FIK Constitution

Article 1. (Conditions for Affiliation Application)

The requirements set forth in Article 8 of FIK Constitution (hereinafter referred to as the “Constitution”) shall be as follows:

- (1) The organization has fifty (50) or more registered members and has already performed Kendo activities;
- (2) The organization has been established for two (2) years or more;
- (3) The organization has appropriate instructors (It is desirable that a plurality of 3-Dan or higher Dan holders provides coaching);
- (4) The organization has steady financial background, which enables it to pay the annual membership fees and to participate in the World Kendo Championships;
- (5) The organization obtains the official recommendations from two (2) FIK Affiliates. (among which, at least one (1) Affiliate shall be the Affiliate that belongs to the same Zone as the organization. See the Exhibit for Zones.); and
- (6) An organization of a country in the European Zone shall be affiliated with the European Kendo Federation.

Article 2. (Procedures for Affiliation Application)

The procedures set forth in Article 9 of the Constitution shall mean provision of the following documents:

- (1) An application form for affiliation prescribed by FIK (mandatory);
- (2) Official recommendation letters from two (2) Affiliates (mandatory);
- (3) Statutes and other regulations of the Applying Organization (mandatory);
- (4) List of the members of the organization (mandatory); and
- (5) Any other documents provided by the Applying Organization as supplementary materials for examination of the application (option).

Article 3. (Application Period)

The Applying Organization shall provide the FIK with the documents set forth in the preceding article in order to obtain the approval from the General Assembly eighteen (18) months prior to the month in which the General Assembly is held.

Article 4. (Matters to be examined in the Investigation)

After receipt of an affiliation application, FIK shall mainly conduct the investigation as to each of the following matters in accordance with Article 10 of the Constitution:

- (1) Matters concerning establishment of the organization, its organizational structure and its affiliated organizations;
- (2) Matters concerning Officers of the organization;
- (3) Matters concerning Statutes and other regulations of the organization;
- (4) Matters concerning financial status;

- (5) Matters concerning the number of the registered members and Dan holders;
 - (6) Matters concerning activities including practices;
 - (7) Matters concerning the implementation circumstances of Championships, tournaments and seminars;
 - (8) Matters concerning the instructors; and
 - (9) Matters concerning the position of the organization in the domestic sports society.
- ② The investigation shall be conducted by means of checking the contents of submitted documents in detail and taking any other method as applicable.
 - ③ Concerning any affiliation application by the organization that may conflict with Article 2 of the Constitution, the investigation thereof shall be commenced upon obtaining the approval of the Board of Directors each time.

Article 5. (Payment of Affiliation Fee/Annual Membership Fee for New Affiliate)

An organization whose affiliation is approved pursuant to Article 10-① of the Constitution shall pay its affiliation fee and the annual membership fee of such fiscal year by the end of the fiscal year in which its affiliation is approved.

Article 6. (Conditions of Requests for Expulsion)

The “Conditions of Requests for Expulsion” set forth in Article 13 of the Constitution shall be as follows:

- (1) The case in which the annual membership fees fail to be paid for more than successive three (3) years without any appropriate reason;
 - (2) The case in which it is deemed that the instruction and promotion of Kendo is insufficient;
 - (3) The case in which instruction of Kendo is unfaithfully utilized for any commercial purpose;
 - (4) The case in which any more appropriate Kendo organization is established within the nation; or
 - (5) The case in which it is not deemed appropriate that the organization exists.
- ② Anyone who files an expulsion request shall make the request in writing as well as submit the evidences that specify the items set forth in Article 6-① hereof.

EXHIBIT

Definition of “Zones”

The “Zones” mentioned in the FIK Constitution and the Supplemental Provisions are defined as follows. However, if it is unclear that the Nation belongs to any Zones, including, but not limited to, in case a country splits or some countries are unified, or in case of an organization of a country that newly applies for affiliation, or in case it is difficult to determine which zone a country belongs to, FIK Board of Directors discusses and determines the zone to which that country belongs each time.

Asian Zone: East Asia including Japan, South East Asia, South Asia, West Asia, Oceania, the South Pacific islands and a part of the Middle and Near East

American Zone: North America including Hawaii, Middle America and South America

European Zone: West Europe, East Europe including Russia, a part of the Middle and Near East, and Africa