



Rules & Regulations

4th Canadian National Junior Kendo Championships



1.1 Promoting Organization: Canadian Kendo Federation (CKF)

1.2 Hosting Organization: Kendo Alberta

1.3 CKF Executive Contact: Makiko Ara, Vice President

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1.3 Location: Calgary, AB

Bishop O'Byrne Senior High School

333 Shawville Blvd SE #500, Calgary, AB T2Y 4H3

1.4 Date: Saturday, May 16th to Sunday, May 18th, 2025

1.5 Event Schedule:

Date	Time	Event	Facility
Friday, May 16th	19:00 - 20:30	Godo Keiko (open to any CKF members)	Bishop O'Byrne High School 333 Shawville Blvd. SE #500, Calgary, AB
	19:30 - 20:30	Shinpan Orientation Tournament Registration	
Saturday, May 17th	08:00 - 17:00	Registration Opening Ceremony Individual Tournament Lunch Club Team Tournament Provincial Team Tournament Award Ceremony	Bishop O'Byrne High School 333 Shawville Blvd. SE #500, Calgary, AB
	18:00 - 20:30	Social Event at Chinook Dojo Check-in: 6:15-6:30 PM	Calgary Korean Association 7008 Farrell Rd SE Calgary, AB
Sunday, May 19th	09:00 - 12:00	Junior Kendo Seminar	Bishop O'Byrne High School 333 Shawville Blvd. SE #500, Calgary, AB

Any updates will be available here: <https://kendo-canada.com/kendo-national-championships>

2.0 Provincial Organizations

To facilitate the Provincial teams and support the coordination of teams and shinpan attending Junior Nationals, a provincial liaison has been appointed. Please note your provincial liaison person listed below and ensure your dojo leaders are in contact with them. Future communications about Junior Nationals will be through the provincial liaison.

BC - Minako Gardner

Alberta - Kyle Lee

Saskatchewan - Neil Gendzwill

Manitoba - Brian Villanueva

Ontario - Koichi Miyamoto

Quebec - Junko Ariyama

Atlantic Provinces - Wilson Humphries

Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut - Makiko Ara

3.0 Championship Fees

The Junior Nationals will be subsidized by funds from the CKF and from the generous donation of individuals and businesses. Participation fees help to cover some of the cost of making this event possible.

Fees are paid by the registering club and can be paid via eTransfer by **May 3rd, 2025**. Please note "Junior Nationals-**club name**" on your eTransfer to treasurer@kendo-canada.com.

Participation fee is \$75 per individual competitor and \$50 per club team submitted. No fee is collected for Provincial Teams. Individual competitor fees include registration to the tournament, lunch, and attendance to the social event.

3.1 Individual Competitor Divisions

The goal of the CKF is to ensure that competitors have several opportunities to compete. As the number of competitors and teams is unclear at this time, the divisions set below may change due to the number of submissions in each division. **Club registrations are due April 5th, 2025.**

Divisions*	Years of Birth
Girls and Boys 9 & Under	born 2016 and later
Girls and Boys 10 & 11	born 2015 and 2014
Girls and Boys 12 & 13	born 2013 and 2012
Girls 14 & 15	born 2011 and 2010
Boys 14 & 15	born 2011 and 2010
Girls 16 to 18	born 2009 to 2007
Boys 16 to 18	born 2009 to 2007

*Divisions may be adjusted based on final entries. Final divisions will be communicated by May 3, 2025.

After each individual division the first place winner will be awarded the Canadian National Champion title, and one second place, and two third place finishers will be awarded. For each individual division, there will also be a Fighting Spirit award based on the recommendations of the judges and officials.

3.2 Club Teams

All Club Teams will be 3-person teams. Clubs can submit up to three teams for each team division. Club Teams with only 2 players may still submit a team and the Chuken (middle) position will be forfeited.

Divisions	Years of Birth
Junior Youth Team	born 2012 and later
Senior Youth Boys Team	born 2011 to 2007
Senior Youth Girls Team	born 2011 to 2007

Mixed club teams will be created by the organizers based on athletes not participating in a club or provincial team. Please mark “NO” for those not participating in Club Teams. We will do our best to place these players into mixed teams.

3.3 Provincial Team

The Girls Provincial Team will be made up of 3 players and is open to all ages. Teams can be submitted with a minimum of 2 players. Two spare players may be submitted and substituted in.

The Open Provincial Teams will be made up of 5 players. Teams can be submitted with a minimum of 3 players. Provincial Team is open to all ages and genders. A single player can be on either the Girls or Open Team but not both.

As in past championships, we ask each province to establish a selection process that should include but is not limited to a round-robin or based on tournament results.

The Provincial Team lineup and name of Provincial Coach will be submitted by the Provincial Liaison by **April 29, 2025**. Players must be a registered member of a club in the province being represented.

4.0 Referee (Shinpan) Training

To ensure a positive experience for the athletes attending the Junior Nationals, shinpan will also need to hone their skills and be trained on all current tournament rules as outlined by the All Japan Kendo Federation.

The CKF encourages provinces to host referee training. Please be sure to have at least one senior member of your club attend the seminar and pass along information to athletes and other referees.

Shinpan candidates must be 4 Dan and over and be actively practicing kendo. Shinpan should be versed on all technical aspects of refereeing and be skilled in discerning *yukoudatotsu* (valid strike). Shinpan lists will be submitted through the provincial liaison by **April 26, 2025** and final

approval of Shinpan will be determined by the CKF National Chief Examiner.

We need the support of all senior kendo leaders across Canada to make this Junior Nationals a success. We cannot have a tournament without Shinpan. We ask for your support through volunteering your time to these Championships.

5.0 Refereeing Rules & Regulations

The tournament rules will follow "[The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan \(September 2nd, 2017 - "The Regulations" and subsequent corrections\)](#)", published by International

Kendo Federation (FIK). In addition, Shinpan will apply the [Provisional Match and Referee Rules](#) as developed by All Japan Kendo Federation (ZNKR).

Shinpan are required to bring their own flags.

6.0 Tournaments and Pools

Individual and Team matches will be 3 minutes for all matches. The number and length of encho (overtime) will be determined once we know the number of participants.

As much as possible, individual and team competitions will begin with a round-robin pool format. After the pool, the tournament will follow the single-elimination tournament format.

7.0 Shinai Regulations

The shinai will follow the requirements as illustrated in the "[The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan \(Revised September 2nd, 2017\)](#)", published by FIK (see page 22).

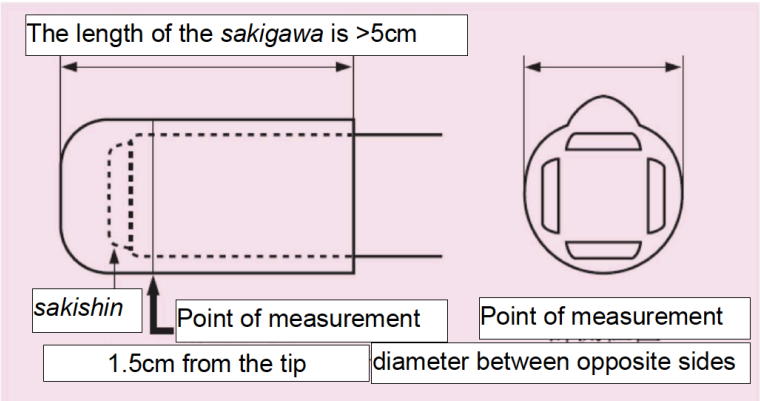
Shinai Inspection will be conducted for all players in the U19 division, only.

Figure 1: Specifications of Shinai

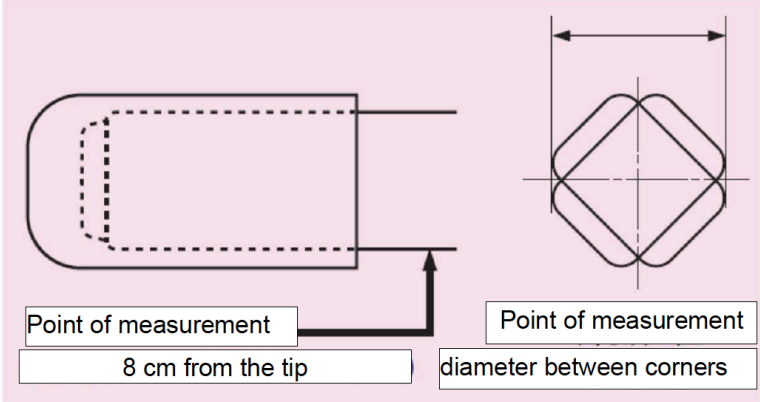
A. Itto

	Category		Junior High School	High School	University/ General
Length	Male & Female		<114cm	<117cm	<120cm
Weight	Male		>440 grams	>480 grams	>510 grams
	Female		>400 grams	>420 grams	>440 grams
Thickness	Male	Min. diameter of tip	>25mm	>26mm	>26mm
		Min. diameter of <i>chikuto</i>	>20mm	>21mm	>21mm
	Female	Min. diameter of tip	>24mm	>25mm	>25mm
		Min. diameter of <i>chikuto</i>	>19mm	>20mm	>20mm

Figure 2: **Method for measuring the diameter of the tip of *sakigawa***



Method for measuring the minimum diameter of the *chikuto*



8.0 Qualifications of Participants and Requirements

The goal of the CKF with Junior Nationals is to provide a meaningful opportunity to compete, for all youth athletes practicing kendo across Canada. The requirements for participation are meant to provide inclusion to all CKF members and not to intentionally exclude any youth athletes.

1. Each participant must be a current member of the CKF with 2025 membership fees paid.
2. Each participant must be a member of an active CKF club and registration to the Championships must be through the member club.
3. All participants must be born on or after January 1, 2007.

Although Canadian citizenship is not a qualification of this event, we will

For individuals participating in the individual divisions and Club Teams, competitors must wear a *zekken* (name tag) that shows the name of their club and the name matching the name submitted in the registration.

Provincial *zekken* (name tags) are optional but recommended. Individuals participating in the Provincial Teams may wear their club or provincial *zekken*. The name on the *zekken* must match the name submitted in the registration.

Each Club is required to prepare their own *tasuki* (red and white ribbons) for individual and Club Teams. Each club is responsible for putting *tasuki* on their own players.

9.0 Waiver and Photo Release

The CKF will require all participants to complete a Liability Waiver to participate in Junior Nationals. Individuals cannot participate without a signed waiver. Participants will also be asked to sign a photo release form. Both Liability Waiver and Photo Release only be shared with clubs participating in the Championships.

10.0 Important Dates for Registration

Date	Information Requirement
February 20, 2025	Provincial liaison to be nominated and confirmed with CKF.
April 5, 2025	Club Tournament Registration Form for individual clubs uploaded through the Submission Google Form
April 26, 2025	Province liaisons submit Provincial Teams Lists (provided once we know the number of Provincial Teams) to mara@kendo-canada.com
May 3, 2025	Clubs make payment based on the Club Payment Form total. Payments can be made by eTransfer to treasurer@kendo-canada.com . Please note “Junior Nationals - club name ” on your payment.