

MWKF TEAM 2020 NATIONALS
GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Selection Period.
 - a. April 2019 through October 2019 (the "Trial Period").
 - b. Preliminary squad selection to be completed on or around the 2019 MWKF taikai.
 - c. Focus on final squad selection through and until the 2020 Nationals ("Nationals") registration deadline.
2. Selection/Evaluation Criteria.¹
 - a. Much of the Trial Period will be self-eliminating (ability of a prospect to meeting the commitment and practice requirements/expectations).
 - b. Team management will do its utmost to include/keep as many prospects who show the required commitment to the team and its activities/practices.
 - i. Does a prospect come to all the practices, participate in all the events, and demonstrate a kendo ability at a level Nationals requires? Is a prospect a positive influence on the team and the federation going forward?
 - c. Factors in selection (non-exhaustive list):
 - i. Commitment to team activities/practices/events, from April 2019 through 2020 Nationals.
 - ii. Individual potential and realization thereof.
 - iii. Current individual skill and results.
 - iv. Positive influence on the team and federation going forward.
3. Philosophy of Team Management.
 - a. Work with and support those prospects committed to preparing for Nationals.
 - b. Will not persuade, cajole, or coddle potential prospects to turn out or participate who are not 100% committed to the team process.
 - i. This leaves open the possibility that at the tournament registration deadline, there may be slots or entire divisions that are not filled because not enough committed prospects turned out/remained committed.
 - ii. Team management accepts and is prepared to go to Nationals without participants in certain divisions as a result.
4. Divisions/Maximum Number of Entrants.²
 - a. See the attached 2020 AUSKF National Championships Preliminary Information.
 - b. All age requirements are as of January 1, 2020.
5. Selection/Evaluation Opportunities.
 - a. Team-specific practices
 - b. MWKF godo keiko
 - c. MWKF/AUSKF events (tournaments, seminars, summer camps)
6. Eligibility.
 - a. Federation membership. Pursuant to the ALL UNITED STATES KENDO FEDERATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES, APPENDIX B, REGULATIONS FOR THE AUSKF KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS:

¹ Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis, as deemed warranted and justified by team management.

² Number of entrants is the maximum allowed. Team management reserves the right to select less than the maximum entrant amount in its sole discretion.

- i. "All competitors must be on the registration census of the member in good standing one year prior to the tournament and their dues paid by March 31, of the tournament year provided, however, that competitors in the following divisions must be on the registration census of the member in good standing for three (3) years prior to the tournament:
 - Men's Individual
 - Women's Individual
 - Men's Team
 - Women's Team"
 - b. ACCORDINGLY:
 - i. For the Men's/Women's Individual or Men's/Women's team, you MUST have been a paying/registered federation member beginning with the 2017-2018 year, and for all years 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21.
 1. If you were not a paid/registered federation member beginning in 2017-18, or 2018-19, unfortunately you are NOT eligible for these four divisions.
 2. For those eligible, to MAINTAIN eligibility you must pay/register for 2019-20 (now is ideal/preferred).³
 - ii. That said, if you want to participate in any of the other divisions (Men's/Women's mudansha/team, senior/junior divisions), you MUST be a paying/registered federation member for 2019-2020 (this year), and 2020-21 (next year).
 - iii. For those interested in the remaining divisions (Men's/Women's mudansha/senior/junior), you must register for 2019-20 (now is ideal/preferred).³
7. Current Schedule for Selection/Evaluation Opportunities.⁴
- a. Team-Specific Practices:
 - i. April 21, 2019: University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall, Third Floor. Noon to 4pm (doors open at 1130am).
 - ii. May 2019 (third or fourth Sunday): Michigan (TBD)
 - iii. June 2019 (third or fourth Sunday): Chicago (TBD)
 - iv. July 2019 (third or fourth Sunday): (TBD)
 - v. August 2019 (third or fourth Sunday): Chicago (TBD)
 - vi. September 2019 (third or fourth Sunday): Michigan (TBD)
 - b. MWKF Godo Keiko:
 - i. April 7, 2019: Chicago, Illinois
 - ii. May 5, 2019: Davenport, Iowa
 - iii. June 2, 2019: Chicago, Illinois
 - iv. July 14, 2019: South Bend, Indiana
 - v. September 2019: TBD
 - vi. October 6, 2019: Chicago, Illinois
 - c. MWKF/AUSKF Events:
 - i. July 26-28, 2019: MWKF Summer Camp, St. Louis, Missouri
 - ii. August 2019: AUSKF Summer Camp, TBD
 - iii. October 2019: MWKF Taikai, Chicago, Illinois

³ In any event, registration for 2019-20 must be completed no later than March 14, 2020.

⁴ Subject to change/revision. Juniors participating in the 2020 Junior Open are welcome and encouraged to attend the team practices and godo keiko.



2020 AUSKF National Championships Preliminary Information¹

Date: 2020 Summer
Location: Detroit, MI
Hotel: TBA

- Individual Divisions:*
- Men's Individual (max 7 registered participants per federation)
 - Women's Individual (max 7 registered participants per federation)
 - Senior Youth Boy's Individual (ages 16-18) (max 5 registered participants per fed.)
 - Junior Youth Boy's Individual (ages 12-15) (max 5 registered participants per fed.)
 - Senior Youth Girl's Individual (ages 16-18) (max 5 registered participants per fed.)
 - Junior Youth Girl's Individual (ages 12-15) (max 5 registered participants per fed.)
 - Seniors Men's (3-dan and above, ages 50+) (max 5 registered participants per fed.)
 - Seniors Women's (3-Dan and above, ages 45+) (max 5 registered participants per fed.)
 - Mudansha Division (men and/or women combined division, ages 19 and up, 1-kyu and lower) (max 5 registered participants per fed.)

* *Age requirements for the Youth Divisions, Seniors Divisions and Mudansha Division shall be determined as of January 1, 2020.*

- Team Divisions*
- Men's Team (5 participants, max 7 registered team members)
 - Women's Team (5 participants, max 7 registered team members)
 - Senior Youth Boy's Team (3 participants, max 5 registered team members)
 - Junior Youth Boy's Team (3 participants, max 5 registered team members)
 - Senior Youth Girl's Team (3 participants, max 5 registered team members)
 - Junior Youth Girl's Team (3 participants, max 5 registered team members)
 - Senior Team (3 participants, max 5 registered team members) (men, women or combined team)
 - Mudansha Team (3 participants, max 5 registered team members) (men, women, or combined team)

Yellow highlight are newly added divisions

- New Shiai Rules:*
- Competitors in the following divisions must be a registered AUSKF member in good standing for **three (3) years** prior to the date of the 2020 AUSKF National Championships:
 - i. Men's Individual and Team
 - ii. Women's Individual and Team
 - All individual championships will utilize a "double-elimination" seeding format in which each player participates in an initial "seeding" round to determine their placement (either first or second) in the championship round. In the event there is an odd number of participants, a random participant shall be automatically placed in the seeding round.
 - The tournament regulations, entry forms, etc. will be sent by January 2020

Questions/Comments: Please send any questions or comments to Yuji Onitsuka, VP of Competition, at vp-competition@auskf.org

¹ All information contained herein is subject to change depending on the number of participants and other factors.