

Vienna, Austria, November 15th, 2010

Dear National President,

the Austrian Kyudo Federation, under the auspices of the EKF, has the pleasure to invite your federation to participate in the 11th EKF Kyudo Taikai, to be held in Vienna, Austria, over the weekend of the 28th – 29th May, 2011.

One condition for our hosting the 11th EKF Kyudo Taikai, is the attendance of at least 8 teams. This is in order to finance the event at a cost roughly equal to those of the EKF Kyudo Taikai of 2008. At this time we see no indication that this condition will not be met, but in the case of too few team registrations or payments not received by the due date, we will need to raise the question for discussion within the EKF, as to possible alternatives.

Event and application details together with the competition guidelines are given below.

Yours sincerely,

Diethard Leopold

Chairman AKF

EUROPEAN KYUDO FEDERATION

11th EKF KYUDO TAIKAI

Vienna, Austria

28th - 29th May 2011

Hosted by the Austrian Kyudo Federation Under the Auspices of the EKF

Competition Committee Chairman: Feliks F. Hoff, Kyoshi 6th Dan

Judging Committee Chairman: Liam O'Brien, Kyoshi 7th Dan

Management Committee Chairman: Branko Kecojevic, 3rd Dan

Judging Panel

Shajo:

Liam O'Brien, Kyoshi 7th Dan

Feliks F. Hoff, Kyoshi 6th Dan

Tryggvi Sigurdsson, Kyoshi 6th Dan

Matomae:

Hans de Wekker, Kyoshi 6th Dan

EVENT DETAILS

Place: Kurt-Kucera-hall, Jura-Soyfer-Gasse 3, Vienna

Date: 28th – 29th May 2011.

PROGRAMME:

Friday 27th May 2011

Arrival at the sports hall on Friday evening

Registration in the sports hall possible 6 – 9 pm

Registration in the hotel lobby possible 3 – 6 pm

Practice possible 6 – 9 pm

Saturday 28th May 2011

Registration: 8 – 10 am

Draw of the sequence of the team competition, followed by the draw of the sequence of those archers who will take part in the preliminary of the individual taikai within the team taikai: 10:15 am

Lunch: 11 – 12 am (at the Taikai venue)

Opening Address and Yawatashi: 1 – 2 pm

National team Competition: 2 – 7 pm

Close: 7 pm

Sunday 29th May 2011

Yawatashi: 9 - 9:30 am

Individuals Competition: 9:30 – 12:30 pm

Close and Awards Ceremony: 12:30 – 1 pm

Lunch: 1-2 pm (at the Taikai venue)

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS and TAIKAI GUIDELINES

A maximum of 2 teams of 3 archers per country (1 reserve per team; optional). Double entry for the team and individual competition.

Those countries who can not send a team may send individual archers. Those archers will start grouped by three (like a team) on Saturday together with the regular teams. They have to qualify themselves for the individual taikai like the archers within the team competition.

The minimum age is 16 years old, with no upper age limit.

The minimum grade for a participant is the shodan.

The event is open to both men and women.

The overall rules governing this tournament are the ANKF Rules of Competition (June 1991) with the guidelines based on these rules :

Both competitions will be held in kneeling form - zassha; if the time allows. Otherwise, standing form - rissha will be used .

Participants unable to perform zassha must submit a request to perform rissha supported by a medical certificate.

Scoring for both competitions will use the accuracy system (tekichusei) - decision based on the number of hits. Order of shooting will use kyogi maai (competition timing) for the team taikai and shinza maai for the individual taikai.

Both national team and individual competition shall follow the tournament method with tie breaks following the izume method .

Finalists for the individuals competition will be selected from the 20 highest individual scores in the team event.

Minimum rounds for the team competition will be 2 x 4 (yotsuya) plus the tie break.

Minimum rounds for the individual competition will be 2 x 2 (hitote) plus the tie break.

AWARDS

Both team and individuals competitions will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places awarded. 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will receive an award certificate, and the 1st place holders will hold the team and individuals trophy until the next EKF Taikai. Their achievement will be recorded on a ribbon to be attached to the trophy.

A "style prize" will be awarded by the shajo judges to the most promising archer in the event. Selection of the "style prize" winner will be based on overall performance. The winner will also receive an award certificate.

EQUIPMENT and CLOTHING

Equipment must follow the accepted requirement (§ 23) ANKF Rules of Competition. Clothing must follow the accepted requirement (§ 24) ANKF Rules of Competition.

ACCOMMODATION, MEALS and TAIKAI FEE

All participants, judges and attendants will be accommodated in the hotel or hostel. Please find a location map of the venue and hotel/hostel below. Further details will be sent to the participating national teams upon their application.

Arrival and registration takes place in the evening of May 27th, 2011. The cost of the Taikai includes accommodation for two nights, including breakfasts, dinner on Friday and Saturday, as well as lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

Hotel, single room, € 250.-

Hotel, double room, € 210.- per person

(The hotel is a three-star hotel within walking distance from the Dojo – appr. 15 min. – or 2 stations by tram, 5 min. by car.)

Hostel, four persons bedrooms, € 130.- per person

(Rooms are with toilet and shower. 20 min. drive by car or 30-40 min. by underground and tram to the Dojo.)

The charge for participation in the taikai is € 50.-

PAYMENT

Participants or teams must pay their fees and accommodation to the Austrian Kyudo Federation by bank transfer. National federation will be liable for default on hotel bills.

Payment by Bank transfer to:

NAME: Österreichischer Kyudo-Verband

IBAN: AT681400002510113724

BIC: BAWAATWW

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS and PAYMENTS

All application forms, as well as deposit payments, must be received no later than January 15th, 2011.

The amount of the deposit is € 150.- per person and includes the € 50.- participation fees. With the attendance of 8 teams or more, the Taikai organizing procedure will continue, with **no refund possible.**

In case of an attendance of less than 8 teams, discussions within the EKF, regarding the situation with an agreement as to the continuation, must take place no later than January 28th, 2011.

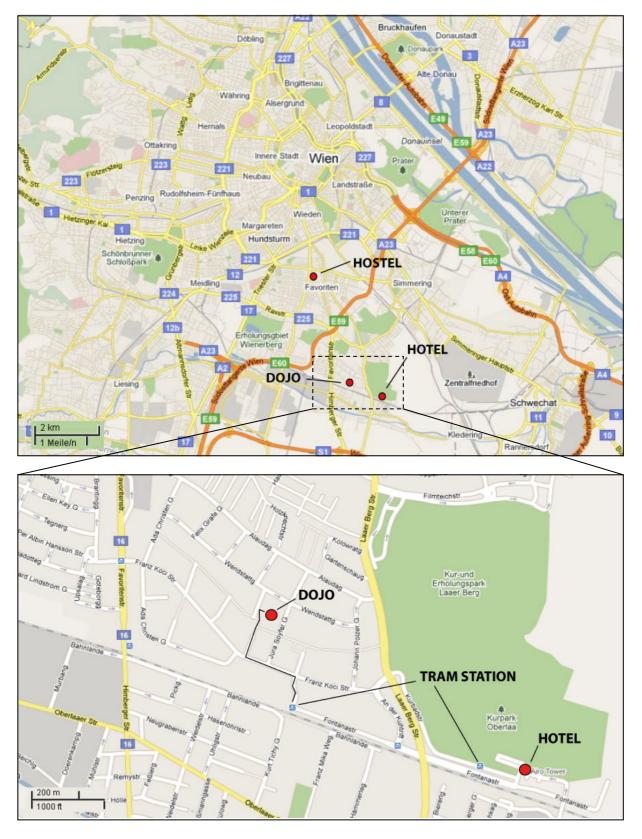
Closing date for the second payment is April 15th, 2011, with no refund possible.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The chairman of the national federation must inform the **Management Committee Chairman** of the hosting country (Autrian Kyudo Federation; **name and e-mail address see application form, p. 1**) of the number of teams (and reserves) they wish to send, by completing the application form below, and returning it to him by **January 15**th, **2011 at the latest.**

If a country cannot send a minimum team of 3 persons they are allowed to send a maximum of 2 archers to join with other nominal team members to meet the qualification for the individuals. Please name such archers as participant for the "individual taikai only".

Names of the participants and companions must be submitted no later than April 15th, 2011.



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