4th Hong Kong Asian Open Iaido Invitational Championships (23-25/10/2026) Rules and Regulations

1. Event Date

Date	Time	Event	Location
23rd Oct 2026 Friday	21:00 - 23:00	Iaido Examiner/Referee Seminar 3 Dan or above	Java road Municipal Services building, 3/F Activity room #1
24th Oct 2026 Saturday	10:00 - 17:00	Iaido Seitei/Koryu Seminar (No Dan restriction) and Iaido 1 Kyu Examination	C.C.C. Chuen Yuen First Primary School Hall
24th Oct 2026 Saturday	18:00 - 21:00	Welcome Dinner	Tak Hing Yuen Seafood Restaurant (Tsuen Wan) Shop G21-G28, G/F, Waterside Plaza, 38 Wing Shun Street
25th Oct 2026 Sunday	09:00 - 18:00	1-3 Dan Iaido Dan Examination and 4th Hong Kong Asian Open Iaido Invitational Championships	Lei Yue Mun Sports Centre Main Arena

2. Categories - Individual Event

Group A (Teenager Group): AJKF standard Iaido Kata specified 3 kata (use of Sageo is optional). Match duration: 4 minutes, including AJKF standard Iaido Rei-ho. For participants under 18 years old*.

Group B (Adult Group - 18 years old or above):

No Dan group:
AJKF standard Iaido Kata specified 3 kata (use of Sageo is optional). Match duration: 4 minutes, including AJKF standard Iaido Rei-ho.

1 Dan group:
AJKF standard Iaido Kata specified 3 kata. Match duration: 4 minutes, including AJKF standard Iaido Rei-ho.

2 Dan group:
AJKF standard Iaido Kata specified 5 kata. Match duration: 6 minutes, including AJKF standard Iaido Rei-ho.

3 Dan group:
AJKF standard Iaido Kata specified 5 kata. Match duration: 6 minutes, including AJKF standard Iaido Rei-ho.

4 Dan group:
AJKF standard Iaido Kata specified 5 kata. Match duration: 6 minutes, including AJKF standard Iaido Rei-ho.

- *Note:*
  1.HKKA reserves the right to combine groups if entry numbers are insufficient.
  2.Candidates unable to seiza (sitting) will perform the same selected Katas as seiza candidates.
  3. Candidate's dan level will be based on the highest dan achieved by or before the registration deadline. After the application deadline, candidate is prohibited to change the competition group even if he/she has attained a higher Dan. The organizer reserves the right to disqualify him/her.
  ** Candidates under 18-year-old by the application deadline are considered in the Group A-Teenager competition group.*

3. Regulations

Group A:

All registered players must be below 18 years old and must submit a parental agreement form and disclaimer form.

All matches will follow the latest "Regulations of Iaido Shiai & Shinpan of AJKF" (revised 5th June

Shinken (real swords) are strictly prohibited.

The Association (HKKA) can provide Iaidou for competitors if needed (Subject to a charge).

Group B:

All registered players must be aged 18 or above and must submit a Disclaimer form.

The number of participants is not limited for each region or Association.

All matches will follow the latest "Regulations of Iaido Shiai & Shinpan of AJKF" (revised 5th June 2023).

Shinken (real swords) are strictly prohibited.

The Association (HKKA) can provide Iaidou for competitors if needed (Subject to a charge).

4. Trophies and medals

Trophies and medals will be awarded to the winner, 1st runner-up, and joint 2nd runners-up (two 3rd places) in all events.

The Shinpan-shunin (Court Referee Directors) will nominate players for the Fighting Spirit Awards.

5. Entry Procedure

- Submit the application form to HKKA by email (hkka@hongkongkendo.com) with:

  i. Full Dojo name (Chinese & English) with official chop/authorized signature.
  ii. Full name of athletes (Chinese/Kanji & English).
  iii. Age, Gender, Nationality and Dan
  iv. Notification for players with trouble sitting (Seiza) on the application form.
  v. Signed Disclaimer Form

- Individual contestants and accompanying staff may only represent a single area or group.

- Referees: Holders of AJKF approved 5 Dan or above qualifications who are familiar with regulations are welcome. Attending the Referee Seminar on 23rd Oct 2026 is mandatory. Please submit the registration form with a copy of your certificate. Accepted overseas Shinpan will receive free accommodation for the night of 24th Oct and a waived Welcome Dinner fee.

6. Enrolment fee

Local Players**:**

- Entry Fee HK$200/ head (include competition fee, and insurance)
- Iaido Seitei/Koryu Seminar on 24th Oct 2026 (Sat): HK$300/person
- Welcome dinner on 24th Oct 2026 (Sat): HK$200/person

Overseas Players:

- Entry Fee HK$1,100/head (include competition fee, insurance, Iaido Seitei/Koryu Seminar, accommodation for 24th Oct night (organizer will arrange players of the same gender to share a Twin room) and welcome dinner).

- For players who choose to stay in a Single room, an additional fee of HK$450 will be charged.

- Additional accommodation arrangements (23rd Oct or/and 25th Oct)
  Single room: HK$900/person/night
  Twin room: HK$450/person/night (organizer will arrange players of the same gender to share a Twin room)

Payment Method Note:
All fees must be paid in full via bank remittance or Alipay. Payment details will be provided by the Association upon registration confirmation.

7. Official Hotel
iClub Mong Kok Hotel
Address: 2 Anchor Street, Mong Kok, Hong Kong

8. Welcome Dinner
The dinner will be held on 24th Oct 2026 (Saturday).
Venue & Address: Tak Hing Yuen Seafood Restaurant (Tsuen Wan)
Shop G21-G28, G/F, Waterside Plaza, 38 Wing Shun Street

9. Deadline of competition application
on or before 5pm, 5th Oct, 2026 (Monday)
Interested parties please submit your application in advance.

10. Dan Examination (1 Kyu and 1 Dan to 3 Dan)
Written test questions will be announced on the HKKA website in due course.
Dan examination fee with a copy of certificates shall be send to the HKKA office in advance.
Deadline of application: **on or before 5pm,5th Oct, 2026 (Monday)**

11. A first aid team will be stationed at the venue during the Championships.
12. The HKKA reserves the right to retain any veto for any entry and application.
13. The HKKA reserves the right to final amendment and interpretation in respect of the above terms

The Kendo Association of Hong Kong, China
10th Sept, 2026

Reminder Note

1. The participants are required to stay at the hotel arranged by the Association.

2. Participants must provide the name that exactly matches their travel documents.

3. If any changes are requested or needed, participants are required to be responsible for the additional fees charged by the hotel or hotel supplier. The Association will not be responsible for this. Additionally, the Association may charge an administrative fee of HK$500 per person.

4. Participants may make requests for room assignments, but the Association will decide whether to accept them based on the actual situation at the time.

5. The Association, hotel, and hotel suppliers cannot guarantee that any special requests regarding the hotel can be made. If the requests cannot be made, participants are not entitled to request any changes, refunds, or compensation.

6. Participants must hold valid travel documents and entry visas with a validity of six months or more. The Association will not be responsible for any issues arising from participants' personal documents and visas, and no refunds or compensations will be provided.

7. Participants can stay in rooms with family members, and the Association will charge according to the number of people. For details, please refer to the "Non-participant Charges".

8. The Association accepts payments by bank transfers or Alipay. If participants require special arrangements, they need to contact the Association.

9. Alipay will charge an additional 1.5% administrative fee for each transaction. Participants are required to bear this fee themselves.

10. Once all fees are accepted, participants are not entitled to request a refund.

11. Candidate’s dan level will be based on the highest dan achieved by or before the registration deadline. After the application deadline, candidate is prohibited to change the competition group even if he/she has attained a higher Dan. The organizer reserves the right to disqualify him/her.

12. Candidates under 18-year-old by the application deadline are considered in the Group A-Teenager competition group.