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Subject: Invitation 18th Furuya Cup 2010

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am pleased to announce you that we, Kendo Dojo Renshinjuku, will hold the 18th Furuya Cup, the European Kendo Tournament for Youth, on Saturday, 6 March 2010 at Emergo Sports Hall in Amstelveen, the Netherlands.

Same as last year, there will be an individual tournament for participants without bogu and a team tournament with bogu. As for the team tournament, the participating teams will be divided into two categories, "Junior" and "Youth", and the winners of each category will be awarded the Inoue Pennant and Furuya Cup respectively. Please note that there will be no individual tournament with bogu this year.

Please refer to the attached program for the details, and kindly submit an application form no later than 14 February 2010 to the (email) address mentioned above.

Lastly, I would be very grateful if those who would be a shinpan or coach could bring bogu, as we are also planning to have a jigeiko after the tournament.

Should you have any question, please do not hesitate contact us. Thank you very much for your kind cooperation and participation in advance, and we Renshinjuku look forward to seeing you in Amstelveen!

With kind regards,

Kendo Dojo Renshinjuku
Bert Heeren, 6th dan Renshi

For those who are planning to book a hotel; we advise hostellerie de Veenen (www.deveenen.nl) in Amstelveen.

- Program -

- Date: Saturday, 6 March 2010
Time: 9:30 – 17:00
Location: Emergo Sporthal
Langs de Akker 3, 1186 DA Amstelveen, The Netherlands
- Schedule:
1. Opening Ceremony
 2. Individual Tournament without Bogu
 3. Team Tournament with Bogu
 - Category Junior
 - Category Youth
 4. Final Matches Team Tournament
 5. Closing Ceremony
 6. Central Jigeiko
- The end of the program
- Organizer: Kendo Dojo Renshinjuku
- Supported by: Embassy of Japan in the Netherlands
Municipality of Amstelveen
The Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the Netherlands
Stichting The Japanese School of Amsterdam
Dutch Kendo Renmei
Isao Furuya Sensei, Renshinjuku Ibaraki, Japan
Masahito Inoue Sensei, Chiba, Japan

- Regulations / Remarks -

1. The basic rules of the matches will be based on the rules designed by Zen Nihon Kendo Renmei. Any other special rules that differ from them will be announced later.
2. The participant may be admitted to the tournament if (s)he is 18 years old or younger as of 1 March 2008, and if the organizer judges the participant's skill to be sufficient.
3. The rules particular for Furuya Cup:
 - Individual Tournament without Bogu (Hantei Jiai)
 - a. Beginners without or with little experience with bogu may participate in this category.
 - b. All the participants are basically required to wear the keikogi and hakama.
 - c. Each dojo must bring one motodachi for each participant. The organizer will not prepare any motodachi. When you apply, please sign up the participant and motodachi as a pair.
 - d. Both participant and motodachi must be present at the court when the match starts, or they will be disqualified.
 - e. The motodachi can be a participant of the team tournament or the coach of the club. You are however not allowed to be a motodachi for more than 1 participant. Change of a motodachi is permitted even on the day of the tournament.
 - f. The pool: Kirikaeshi x1 and uchikomi (Men x2, Kote-men x2, Kote-men-do x2)
 - g. The final tournament: Kirikaeshi x1 and free uchikomi of 30 seconds
 - h. One pool will consist of three to four participants, and the winner from the pools will proceed to the elimination rounds. All players who win the first elimination round will be awarded.
 - Team Tournament with Bogu
 - a. Teams consist of 5 players and are divided into two categories, "Youth" and "Junior".
 - b. The team that consists of children of 13 years old or younger will be in the "Junior Category", and the team consisting of the players 12 years old or older will be in the "Youth Category". There is no limitation to the number of teams participating from one dojo.
 - c. Each position in the team of 5 players should be assigned according to the following age regulations. A team should at least consist of 3 players.

<Junior Category>

Position	Senpo	Jiho	Chuken	Fukusho	Taisho
Age	10 and under	11 and under	12 and under	12 and under	13 and under

<Youth Category>

Position	Senpo	Jiho	Chuken	Fukusho	Taisho
Age	12 – 14	13 – 15	13– 17	15 – 18	16 – 18

* The 12 & 13 year olds may enter the tournament either as a taisho in Junior, or as a senpo or jiho in Youth. One player can join only one team.

- d. In principle, please form a team within the same dojo. It would be ideal if the team name shows to which dojo the team belongs, but otherwise each dojo may name the team as they see fit.

- e. If it is impossible to form a team within the same dojo due to age regulations etc, mixed teams with other dojo's are also permitted. In this case, please register the team under the name of one of the contributing dojo's.
- f. If there is any member of your dojo who cannot be included in any of the teams, the organizer will compose an international team with such members from other dojo's. If you have such members, please sign them up only if they are sure to join the tournament to avoid other such participants find themselves without a team on that day.
- g. Application forms must be submitted to the organizer by 31 January 2008 and changes of members after the deadline, in principle, will not be accepted. In case of changes due to inevitable causes, please contact the organizer by 15 February 2008. Any missing position due to the change after that point will be lost by default.
- h. The organizer will form a pool so that all the teams will at least have 4 matches, although it might depend on the number of participating teams.
- i. Awards (it may change depending on the number of teams)
 - 1st Place: The 1st place winner of each category
* Inoue Pennant for Junior and Furuya Cup for Youth
 - 2nd Place: The 2nd place winner of each category
 - 3rd Place: The 3rd place winner of each category
 - Best Fighting Team (Bert Heeren Prize):
The team who have shown excellent quality of kendo. The winners of 1st – 3rd place will not be entitled for this prize.
 - Fighting Spirit:
One player from each category who has displayed the best quality of kendo, to be selected by the jury of shinpan.
 - All-winning Prize:
Participants who have won all the matches in the pool

4. Jigeiko

There will be time for jigeiko with all the participants after the closing ceremony. Please make sure that you bring your bogu with you, as we hope that children can have a chance to have keiko with as many sensei's as possible.

5. Shinpan

Due to the increase of the number of participants, we are in need for many shinpan. Please sign up as many shinpan as possible from your dojo. We would appreciate it if each shinpan could study the regulations of matches and shinpan before hand. The dress code is either the uniform or keikogi and hakama, and the organizer will take care of the lunch for shinpan.

6. Others

- Please stay in the court while participating in the tournament, and refrain from using the canteen to ensure the tournament to proceed smoothly.
- Unfortunately, some inappropriate behavior has been observed in the past years during the matches, especially of those who finished the matches earlier and of the participants without bogu. Please be kindly reminded that each dojo is responsible for instructing the belonging children to behave as expected from a kendoka.
- In order to ensure that the tournament will run smoothly, please assign a team coach or manager for the Junior Category to accompany the team.

Should you have any question or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.