

Shiai Rules

- Individual Championships will be OPEN to any youth kenshi with AUSKF membership. Each individual is only eligible to participate in a single individuals division. Girls are allowed to compete in one of either the Girls Individual Division or Boys Individual Division.
- Time limit in Preliminary Matches for all divisions is 2 minutes with hantei.
- In the tournament, time limits are as follows:
 - 9 years old and under – 2 minutes with hantei
 - 10-11 years old– 2 minutes with hantei
 - 13 years old and under Girls – 2 minutes with hantei
 - 12-13 years old– 3 minutes with hantei
 - 14-15 years old– 3 minutes with hantei
 - 16-18 years old– 3 minutes with hantei
 - 14-18 years old Girls– 3 minutes with hantei
 - **For all divisions, from the quarter finals onwards there will be unlimited encho.**
- Team Championships for both Boys and Girls divisions will consist of up to 2 teams per federation (to be decided by federation at the Championships). Each participant can only play in ONE team.
 - Team matches in the Boys Team Division will consist of 5 members selected from each age group as outlined above (see chart). **Time limit is 3 minutes with no encho.**
 - Team matches in the Girls Team Division will consist of 3 members with no age or rank restrictions (open to all girls). **Time limit is 2 minutes with no encho.**
 - Team matches in the Youth Team Division will consist of 3 members with age limit of 11 years and under (Boys or Girls). **Time limit is 2 minutes with no encho.**
 - In case of daihyo-sen, match will be determined by ippon-shobu
- Tsuki is valid only for 16-18 year old age group in the Individual and Boys Team (Fukusho and Taisho) Championships. Jodan and Nito will only be allowed in the 16-18 year old age group for Boys Individual and Boys Team (Fukusho and Taisho) Championships.
- Taikai format (round robin, tournament brackets, etc.) will mirror the format of the 2015 U.S. Junior Open Championships – further details regarding the Individual and Team Championships will be announced at a later date depending on the number of participants
- All other rules will comply with standard rules and regulations set forth by the Federation of International Kendo (FIK).