



9th International Heki Taikai

Hajdúnánás 2017

Instructions and rules for individual competition

Saturday evening is the deadline for all teams to name the single archer, who will participate at the individual competition.

Sunday morning, after Rei, the tachi will be defined by draw.

The competition will be performed by tachi of probably six archers shooting at the same time 4 arrows each for 5 rounds.

In this competition Kiai will be made only once at the beginning by the first tachi.

Like for the team competition an assistant per tachi is requested for keeping tsurumaki and providing fudeko.

Individual competition rules

One archer of each registered team will take part at the individual competition.

The individual competition is carried out with archers shooting 20 arrows each.

The competition ceremony will be the one used by Japanese students and the archers will shoot 4 arrows each round.

Arrows will be valid if hitting the target and staying there in place.

Arrows will not be considered valid if:

- not completely inserted into the target (inside at the mato face).

In case an arrow hits a previous arrow shot into the mato and it is diverted outside the target or it is bounced back, the arrow is not considered valid, unless it gets stuck into a valid one and off the ground.

- hitting the target after having touched the ground or any other obstacle.
- hitting the target of another shooter.
- released before the preceding archer has released its own, in the team order.
- falling down after having completed yugamae. In that case the archer will not shoot that arrow and a judge will collect it.



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If an archer, during the competition, is of any hindrance or damages another kyudoka during his/her shooting, the damaged kyudoka can ask the Shai judges, just after the end of his/her turn, to repeat that arrow.

In case of string snapping, the archer has to close the shooting as if going back to Honza, by making two little steps backwards, in order to allow the assistant to take easily the bow and replace the string. The archer will be waiting in kiza position for the strung bow to be brought back to him/her. The archer will then go back to the Shai line to carry on shooting.

Please make sure you check your scoring at the azuchi area each round, if you don't agree in any case please bring up your complain straight away to the shai judge otherwise there will not be a correction afterwards.

In case of same score between two or more archers within the first three positions a deciding shooting (play-off) will be carried out.

For any complaint or doubt, the verdict from the Mato Judge and the Shai Judges is one and unquestionable.