

## Report from KIF Board

A KIF board meeting was held in writing.

The proposals and voting results are as follows.

### Proposal 1 – Participation of Russian athletes in the World Kudo Championships

KIF strongly hopes that both Ukraine and Russia will participate in the World Championships.

Russian athletes are allowed to participate in the 6th World Kudo Championships under the following conditions.

1. Participation is recognized as "AAHOC (Athlete Authorized by the Hokutoki Organizing Committee)" without a country name, not as a representative of the country of Russia.
2. But, however, those who post on SNS or some other media in support of the invasion of Ukraine will not be allowed to participate.
3. Group supporters from Russia will be prohibited.
4. Usage of the Russian flag and loudly chanting "Russia" are both prohibited at the competition venue.
5. KIF plans to invite several athletes from Ukraine, mainly Junior athletes, at KIF's expense. Russian athletes can not participate in the category where Ukrainian athletes participate.
6. Considering that some countries are strongly opposed to Russian athletes participating in international competitions, we will strive as much as possible so that athletes from countries that are strongly opposed and Russian athletes will not be in the same category.
7. Prohibition of political messages and slander for participants and spectators from all countries. We seek an attitude of mutual support, genuine sportsmanship as practitioners of KUDO. )
8. If the above is violated, some kind of penalty (removal of rank, demotion, etc.) will be imposed on the person who violated and the federation of the country to which he belongs.

amendment : If the Russian Kudo Federation officially supports the invasion of Ukraine, the participation of athletes, etc. will not be allowed at all, but KIF has confirmed that it is only humanitarian assistance at the request of the country's Ministry of Sports.

amendment : Russian Junior athletes will not participate.

amendment : Even if this proposal is approved, this does not apply if the Japan Sports Agency or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ultimately does not approve it. Depending on the IOC's policy, these ministries may object to the participation of Russian athletes.

Voting results:

Agree:11, Disagree:1, Delegate to the Head Director:3

### Proposal 2 – Participation of Russian Referees in the World Kudo Championships

At the 6th World Kudo Championships, the participation of Russian Referees is permitted under the following conditions.

1. Approved to participate as a KIF certified international referee without a country name, not as a representative of the country of Russia.
2. However, those who support the invasion of Ukraine on SNS etc. will not be allowed to

participate.

3. Participation of group supporters from Russia is not allowed.

4. Russian Referees are not allowed to participate in categories with Ukrainian athletes.

5. Considering that some countries strongly oppose the participation of Russian athletes in international competitions, consideration will be given to ensure that Russian Referees do not referee categories in which athletes from these countries participate.

amendment : KIF wants Referees from countries other than Japan and Russia to actively serve.

amendment : Even if this proposal is approved, this does not apply if the Japan Sports Agency or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ultimately does not approve it.

Voting results:

Agree:12, Disagree:0, Delegate to the Head Director:3

Proposal 3 – Participation of up to 2 athletes from the same category, excluding the host country.

Currently, 24 countries have applied, and it is expected that 25 to 30 countries will eventually participate. At the moment, there are about 100 applicants for both Adults and Juniors, and since there are still many countries affected by Covid, there is some room for athletes to participate.

Multiple countries have wished to send 2 athletes in the same category (a total of 10 Adults from five countries, a total of six Juniors from two countries). KIF wants to accept this matter. Japan can participate 2 athletes in each category as a host country, but there will be no increase in this capacity.

Voting results:

Agree:11, Disagree:0, Delegate to the Head Director:1

Proposal 4 – Regarding the standards for using the Kudo mark.

Recently, there are some cases where the marks of each country deviate significantly from the simple designs used in Japan, so we would like to establish a certain standard.

We propose the following.

- As shown in the sample below, the one with the "空道" or "空" in Japanese character is displayed in the center is defined as the standard type and can be used as the official mark.



- If the "空道" or "空" logo is covered by other designs, it will not be accepted as an official mark.
- However, as long as it is used in next each other with the official mark, it is allowed to be used as an unofficial mark.
- It is allowed to use the characters of each country, such as "全日本空道連盟" and "KUDO All Japan Federation" for the characters used in the official mark.
- In principle, the term equivalent to Federation shall be used, and when there are restrictions on the use of Federation, the term equivalent to Association shall be used.
- If this proposal is approved, countries that need changes must make the amendments immediately.

Voting results:

Agree:14, Disagree:0, Delegate to the Head Director:1