

About countries participating in the World KUDO Championships (Part 2)

On April 17th, I reported that we had decided to conditionally allow the participation of Russian athletes. However, after that, I received the following message from the Russian Kudo Federation.

“Due to the international situation, the Russian Ministry of Sports strongly recommended that the athletes not be dispatched overseas”

It is very disappointing, but I think that it was the athletes who were most shocked as the selection of players had already progressed.

KIF has been seeking participation in the World Championships from both its old friends, Russian and Ukrainian kudo athletes. Ultimately, however, they had no choice but to follow the policies of the Ministry of Sports and sports federations.

Unfortunately, athletes from Russia and Ukraine will not be able to participate. However, I am confident that our friends from all over the world who love KUDO will fight passionately in place of the Russian and Ukrainian athletes who were not able to participate. Also, I believe that the hearts of those who have finished the fight will naturally be filled with joy that their opponents are comrades who love this sport and have honed their skills, rather than what country their opponents are.

KIF sincerely hopes that the World KUDO Championships will be held as a place to pursue world peace and cooperation through a Budo named KUDO in a chaotic world where conflicts of various forms continue.

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