

KUDO International Federation (KIF) Regulations for Continental Committee

Section 1 Purpose and Activity

Article 1 The purpose of the Continental Committee is to promote international KUDO tournaments, and to promote the expansion of awareness and knowledge of KUDO spirits and techniques.

Article 2 The Continental Committee will carry out the following activities in order to achieve the purpose of the preceding article.

1. Planning and support for international tournaments such as continental tournaments.
2. Planning and support for international seminars.
3. Training of referees and approval of licenses.

Section 2 Organization

Article 3 The Continental Committee is positioned as a committee under the NPO KUDO International Federation (hereafter referred to as KIF). The Continental Committee acts on behalf of KIF and under its mandate to achieve the purpose set forth in the previous section.

Article 4 The following Continental Committees shall be established: Europe Committee, Asia & Oceania Committee, Americas Committee, Middle-East & Africa Committee

2 Further division of the above committees by areas within the relevant continent is possible.

3 If the number of member countries in Africa and Oceania increases, it will be possible to create dedicated committees.

Article 5 The Board of Directors of KIF decides which country belongs to which committee.

Article 6 Members of each Committee are appointed by the KIF Board of Directors. Committee members are in principle appointed for a term of four years, and may be reappointed. There is no limit to the number of times committee members can be reappointed. The Board of Directors may if it deems necessary rescind an appointment at any time.

Article 7 In addition to the committee members mentioned in the preceding article, a person supervising all Committees shall be appointed by the Head Director of KIF and will be placed in KIFHQ. This person is in principle appointed for a term of four years, and may be reappointed. There is no limit to the number of times this person can be reappointed. The Board of Directors may if it deems necessary rescind the appointment at any time.

Article 8 The number of members in each committee shall in principle be no less than 5 and no more than 7.

2 If committees by areas are created under article 4, item 2 above, the number of members shall be of no less than 3 and no more than 5.

Article 9 The composition and the leadership of each Committee will be decided and appointed by the Board of Director of KIF.

Section 3 Holding international tournament and seminars.

Article 10 Each committee must plan international tournaments (for instance Continental Cup) and international seminars, in which the countries belonging to the area covered by the committee participate.

Article 11 The host country will be proposed by the committee and approved by KIFHQ.

2 If the host country is not decided, KIFHQ may nominate one.

Article 12 Each committee must hold a Continental Cup in-between world Championships and the World Cup.

* That is, each Continental Cup must be held under each committee once every two years.

However, for the time being, it will be possible to hold the Continental Cup once every four years for the time being.

* The World Championships will be sponsored by All Japan KUDO Federation and will be held once every four years in Japan. In-between world Championships, another world-wide tournament, the World Cup, will be hosted by a country other than Japan, with the support of KIF.

Article 13 Due to the wide geographical range of each continent, it will be possible to hold tournaments such as the Western Europe Championships, South Asian Championships, and South American Championships. In this case, it is proposed by the host country and approved by the committee to which the country belongs and KIFHQ.

Article 14 The host country will bear the cost of the event. Participating countries must pay the participation fee set by the host country and the committee.

Article 15 The host country may have up to two athletes in each class as national representatives.

Countries other than the host country may have one athlete in each class as a national representative.

Article 16 The host country must appoint a chairperson of the tournament organization committee.

2. For each international tournament, a tournament chairperson of referees body from KIFHQ must be invited.

Article 17 An international seminar must be held in conjunction with the Continental Cup. Instructors must be invited from KIFHQ.

2 Participation fees for international seminars are determined by the host country and the committee.

3 It is possible to hold an international seminar at a different time from the Continental Cup, but in this case as well, the host country will be proposed by the commission and approved by KIFHQ.

4 In addition to the tournament rules and referee's guidelines, KIF will provide the tournament management manual for the purpose of maintaining the quality of international tournaments. International tournaments must be organized and held in accordance with the said manual.

Article 18 When the Continental Cup and international seminar are held at the same time, the tournament chairperson of referees body and 2 referees/instructors will be dispatched at the expense of KIF.

2 If only international seminars are to be held, two instructors will be dispatched at the expense of KIF.

Article 19 Participants in any international tournament must be members of KIF.

2 The organizer of an international tournament shall verify with KIFHQ that prospective participants are members of KIF.

3 In principle, participants of international seminars must be members of KIF, but the committee may allow exceptions for the purpose of popularizing KUDO.

Section 4 Recruitment and training of referees

Article 20 Each committee must form a refereeing body within the committee under the inspection conducted by KIFHQ. This refereeing body must promote the training of referees within the committee and seek to increase the number of referee license holders.

Article 21 The referee licenses will be approved by KIFHQ. If a committee is able to demonstrate that the referee's skill has matured enough, the committee will be allowed by KIFHQ to decide to grant referees licenses up to class A with a report to KIFHQ. KIFHQ will continue to grant S-class licenses (they can serve as main referees at World Championships and World Cups).

Section 5 Authority and means

Article 22 The Committee has no budget in principle. They do not set up any office.

Article 23 KIFHQ's approval must be obtained in advance for their activities, such as holding international competition and seminar, and dispatching instructors to other countries.

Article 24 The Committee can make proposals to KIF, and KIFHQ decides whether to approve them, with consultation of the Board of Directors of KIF as necessary.

Article 25 Each national organization must maintain good relations with the Committee. Countries belonging to each committee are obliged to participate in official KIF events as well as official events in the Committee.

Article 26 For interactions (for example, holding a joint event) between countries belonging to different Committees, approval of KIFHQ must be obtained in advance.

Section 6 Miscellaneous

Article 27 The revision or abolition of these regulations are subject to decision by the KIF Board of Directors.

Article 28 These regulations shall become effective from May 27, 2022.

The above regulations shall become effective after the KIF Board of Directors on April, 2022 and to remain valid of a period of 2 to 4 years, following which they shall be reassessed.