



# Regulations for the award of Shogo titles Kendo/Iaido/Jodo

## Introduction

The Shogo title is awarded to people who have excelled in Swiss Kendo, Iaido or Jodo. There are three "stages": Renshi, Kyoshi and Hanshi. According to the regulations of the EKF (European Kendo Federation), the Swiss Kendo Federation (SKI) is only allowed to award the titles Renshi and Kyoshi. Candidates for Hanshi must pass the corresponding exam according to the regulations of the ZNKR/FIK (Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei or International Kendo Federation). A Shogo title is awarded to people who have made a special contribution to the association. The templates of the EKF, the AJKF and the FIK serve as a basis.

At this point, it is explicitly pointed out that both the exam for Renshi and the exam for Kyoshi can be taken directly at the ZNKR/FIK. The procedures for this are described below.

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### 1. Eligibility criteria

#### Eligibility Criteria for Renshi Exam

##### Candidates

- have had the 6th Dan for at least one year
- are active and committed members of the SKI in their disciplines and play a leading role in them
- enjoy a high reputation in the association's community
- can substantiate the information in their CV
- regularly conduct trainings at club or association level
- advocate for their discipline at club and/or association level
- show high technical skills and solid knowledge as coaches, instructors and referees (know the currently applicable regulations) in their sport
- have repeatedly attended seminars and courses of the EKF, ZNKR, FIK or their affiliated organizations and thus represent the interests of the SKI.





### Eligibility Criteria for Kyoshi Exam

#### Candidates

- have had the 7th Dan for at least two years
- have held the Renshi title for at least seven years
- are active and committed members of the SKI in their disciplines and play a leading role in them
- enjoy a high reputation in the association's community
- can substantiate the information in their CV
- regularly conduct trainings at club or association level
- advocate for their discipline at club and/or association level.
- show high technical skills and solid knowledge as a coach, instructor and referee (know the currently applicable regulations) in their sports art
- have repeatedly attended seminars and courses of the EKF, ZNKR, FIK or their affiliated organisations and thus represent the interests of the SKI

### Foreign Candidates

Persons from other associations can be admitted to the SKI Shogo exam. They must meet all the eligibility criteria mentioned above and will then be registered with the SKI via the president of the respective association.

### Registration for examinations according to ZNKR/FIK or other associations

For examinations abroad, the corresponding dossier must be submitted to the President at least 14 days before the registration deadline for the corresponding examination.

In addition to formal criteria, candidates must be able to demonstrate a high level of technical skills, in-depth knowledge and a high level of commitment to their discipline. The Admissions Committee decides whether the conditions are met and then forwards the dossier to the competent authority.

## 2. Admissions Committee

The President and the Technical Director, together with at least one President-appointed Shogo holder from the same discipline, will decide whether the candidate should be admitted to the examination.

## 3. Board of examiners

The examination board consists of six members and is elected in each examination period. Both Technical Directors and the President are ex officio members of the Commission. All other members must be at least Shogo wearers in one of the three Budo disciplines of SKI. Each discipline examined should be represented in the Commission. The Board of Directors requests appropriate persons and grants them the right to act as an examination board.

The examination board meets at least once a year, usually in November. It has access to the candidates' dossiers and then decides whether or not to pass the exam. The Commission may also meet virtually to take a vote.

The exam is deemed to have been passed if four of the commissioners agree.





#### 4. ExamTeacher

Each candidate submits the following documents to the examination board:

- A professional curriculum vitae. In particular, it must include:
- Full name, address and discipline in which they wish to take the exam.
- Activities and responsibilities in their association, at association level and/or at international level.
- Sporty palmarès.
- An essay on a topic of your choice according to the guidelines below.

Together with the dossier, an examination fee of CHF 100 must be transferred to the SKI.

#### Guidelines for the Essay

The essay must be an independently written work on a topic of your choice.

Circumference:

- RENSHI: 400-600 words (approx. 1-2 pages at 12 point font size)
- KYOSHI: 900-1100 words (approx. 3-4 pages at 12 point font size)

Language:

A Swiss national language (German, French, Italian or Romansh) or English.

The choice of topic is a criterion for passing the exam and must cover at least one of the following topics:

- Techniques of the relevant discipline
- The teaching of the relevant discipline
- The history of the respective discipline
- The philosophy of the respective discipline

When reading the paper, each member of the commission should be able to perceive the candidate's point of view on one of the aspects of the relevant discipline.

The essay can be submitted in electronic or written form. The SKI has the right to publish the essays in any form with appropriate accreditation.

#### 5. Evaluation of the exam

The essay, together with the curriculum vitae submitted, forms the basis on which the Commission will make its decision.

#### Criteria to be taken into account in the audit

The following (non-exhaustive) list of criteria serves as the basis for the examination board's decision on whether to pass or fail the examination:

- Quality of the essay
- Contributions of the candidate to the promotion of the Budo in Switzerland and internationally
- Leading national or international courses
- Experience as a national or international referee
- Experience as a member of national or international examination boards





## Decision

All members of the commission read through the candidates' dossiers individually and record their decision to pass independently of each other.

- For Renshi, at least 4 out of 7 members must declare the exam passed
- For Kyoshi, at least 5 out of 7 members must declare the exam passed

In the event of a failed examination, the examination board will provide a brief justification for the candidate's attention, stating which aspects have not been fulfilled or have been insufficiently fulfilled. In particular, attention will be drawn to the fact that one or more of the conditions for admission are not considered to be met. A new candidacy can be submitted at the earliest one year later, at the next regular hearing .

## 6. Procedure, Dates and Fees

Candidates for Renshi or Kyoshi decide whether they want to be tested according to the regulations of the ZNKR/FIK or SKI.

### Dates and Organization

Candidates who are examined in accordance with the SKI regulations are eligible until 31. October of that year, submit their dossier (curriculum vitae and essay) to the President. This person forwards the dossier to the examination board.

The examination board usually communicates the results within 30 days.

### Dues

Candidates must pay an examination fee of CHF 100 when submitting the dossier. If the exam fee has not been received by October 31st, the exam will be considered failed.

If you pass the exam, you will be charged a registration fee of CHF 150 (Renshi) or CHF 200 (Kyoshi). In addition, there is a registration fee of EUR 100 at the EKF for both degrees.

For foreign examinations, the corresponding fees apply. Approved dossiers will be forwarded by the President to the relevant association at no additional cost.

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