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To: CKF Directors and Members
From: Roy Asa
Subject: Team Canada Qualifications and Selection Procedure for the 12th WKC

The procedure for the selection of members for the team to represent Canada at the 13th World Kendo Championships in Taipei, Taiwan in December, 2006 is set forth below.

Please note that for the first time, unofficial women's selection matches will be held following the 15th Canadian Kendo Championships, concurrent with the men's round-robin, to assist the Team Canada Women's Coach and Manager in making selections to the women's team. Qualified candidates wishing to participate in the women's selection matches should refer to the details below.

1) Men's Qualifications

Prospective candidates must have the following qualifications:

- a) Must have obtained the rank of Kendo 2nd Dan or higher as of April 30, 2005.
- b) Must be 17 Years of age or older as of December 31, 2004.
- c) Mental and physical health must be adequate for the demands of travel and training.
- d) Must be a Canadian citizen and be able to present proof thereof.
- e) Must be a CKF Member in good standing.

2) Men's Regional Selection Process

Twelve prospective candidates will be chosen from the CKF's three divisions, with the allocation of candidates among the divisions as follows:

- a) Five candidates from the Western Division (B.C, Alberta, Saskatchewan)
- b) Five candidates from the Central Division (Manitoba, Ontario)
- c) Two candidates from the Eastern Division (Quebec, and Maritimes)

In consultation with the Team Canada Manager and Coaches, each of the three divisions will conduct a round-robin tournament to select the allocated number of candidates. Depending on the number of prospects applying in each division, the round-robin format may be modified to limit the number of matches required so that the selection can be completed in a single day.

The 12 candidates selected as outlined above will be invited to participate in a National round-robin selection tournament to be held in Montreal, QC on July 3, 2005, following the 15th Canadian Kendo Championships.

3) Men's Final Selection Process

The number of players on the Men's team will be limited to a maximum of eight. The players will be selected as follows:

- a) The first and second place winners in the men's individual competition at the 15th Canadian Kendo Championships will be selected to the team.
- b) The top four finishers in the National round-robin selection tournament will be selected to the team.
- c) The Team Canada Men's Coach and Manager will select a maximum of two other players to the team.



4) Women's Qualifications

Prospective candidates must have the following qualifications:

- a) Must have obtained the rank of Kendo 1st Dan or higher as of April 30, 2005.
- b) Must be 17 years of age or older as of December 31, 2004.
- c) Mental and physical health must be adequate for the demands of travel and training.
- d) Must be a Canadian citizen and be able to present proof thereof.
- e) Must be a CKF Member in good standing.

5) Women's Selection Process

The number of players on the Women's team will be limited to a maximum of seven. The players will be selected as follows:

- a) The first and second place winners in the women's individual competition at the 15th Canadian Kendo Championships will be selected to the team.
- b) The Team Canada Women's Coach and Manager will select a maximum of five other players to the team.

To assist the Team Canada Women's Coach and Manager in making the selections, unofficial women's selection matches will be held in Montreal on July 3, 2005 following the 15th Canadian Kendo Championships, concurrent with the Men's round-robin. Participation will be limited to those who meet the women's qualifications outlined above. All qualified candidates are encouraged to participate. However, please note that the results of the women's round-robin will not be binding upon the Team Canada Women's Coach and Manager in making selections to the team, and persons who do not participate will still be eligible for selection. The format for the women's selection matches will be determined once the number of qualified participants is known.

Qualified persons interested in participating in the women's selection matches should register with Team Canada Manager, Richard Tizzard, by e-mail at richardtizzard@hotmail.com or by telephone at 905 607-9905 no later than May 31, 2005. The CKF will reserve the right to refuse those who do not meet this deadline. Participants must be prepared to present proof of rank, age and citizenship at the event.

Any questions regarding the above qualifications and selection procedures should be addressed to Team Canada Manager, Richard Tizzard, by e-mail at richardtizzard@hotmail.com or by telephone at 905 607-9905.

Best Regards,

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