

THE 42ND AUSTRALIAN KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS – GRADING EXAMINATION

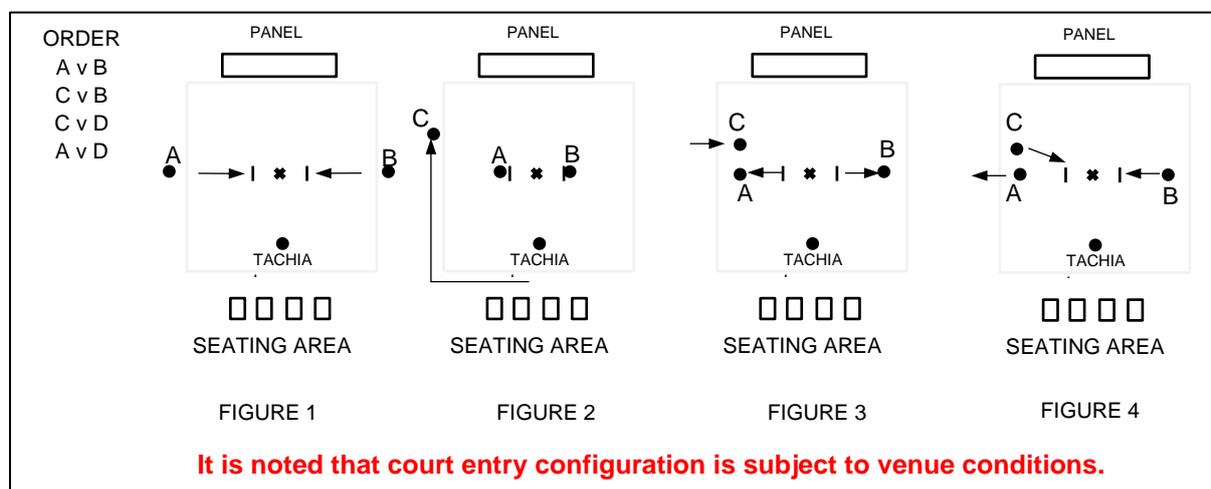
SYNOPSIS

1. REGISTRATION

- On arrival, candidates must register their presence. Late registration will not be accepted.
- No equipment is provided or lent by AKR. Please be responsible for your own equipment.
- Registered candidates are issued a prepared stick-on label which shows the unique registration number. The label is affixed to the front tare. The candidates then wait for further instructions in a designated waiting area.
- Candidates with difficulty in conducting a sonkyo are not required to inform the dojo steward.
- Please pay attention to the following:
 - Keep all valuables in a safe place; and
 - Refrain from any verbal or non-verbal contact with grading examiners.

2. JITSUGI

- A *jitsugi* examination will be undertaken on a group basis. Each group will comprise four candidates (A, B, C and D).
- The first group wait on designated seats facing the examination court. The seat direction is directly opposite to the examiners table. Next groups are standing by behind in a designated waiting area.
- Candidates A and B move to the designated standing position outside the court and wait for instructions.
- The standing candidates enter the court from the side (**Figure 1**). Each candidate performs *jitsugi* twice.
- It is not necessary to bow to the examiners.
- When Candidates A and B are about to conduct a *sonkyo* after finishing *jitsugi*, Candidate C proceeds to Candidate A's standing position on the examiners' side outside the court (**Figure 2**). Candidate C enters the court and approaches the standing bow position as Candidate A moves back to the position (**Figure 3**). Candidates A and C bow to Candidate B simultaneously. Candidates B and C then approach the *kaishisen* as Candidate A exits the court (**Figure 4**). Subsequent applicants follow this process.
- All candidates remain in the designated waiting area.



3. NIHON KENDO KATA

- Candidates who have succeeded in the *jitsugi* examination will perform a *Nihon Kendo Kata* examination immediately after *jitsugi* results are presented.
- Candidates are escorted to designated positions by a steward.
- Candidates will form pairs. Each candidate performs either *uchitachi* or *shitachi*. *Kata* pairs will perform the required *kata* stages until the last stage with no interruption. When all pairs have completed the required stages, they will be escorted to a designated waiting area.

4. WRITTEN EXAMINATION

- Candidates who have succeeded in the *kata* examination will submit a written examination paper which responds to relevant questions presented in the 2017 AKC website.

5. DISCLOSURE OF ASSESSMENT

- For unsuccessful candidates who wish to receive an assessment result, please contact the Grading Procedural Officer when all grading examination requirements have been completed. The Officer will advise those candidates of one of the below responses by email in due course:

A: Almost successful;

B: Additional efforts are required; or

C: Significant efforts are required.

A summary of comments may be provided if applicable.

Please contact stewards or the Grading Procedural Officer on the examination day should there be any questions or queries.