



9th International Heki Taikai

Hajdúnánás 2017

Dear Presidents, dear Kyudoka,

I am pleased to inform you that in 2017 the Kyudo-club Bukyukai will host the 9th International Heki Taikai.

The dates are: **28th, 29th and 30th April**. The competition will take place in the Somorjai László Sports Facility in Hajdúnánás, Hungary.

Building on the success of the past events we want to preserve this important meeting among the Kyudoka of the Heki Tô Ryû. By doing so we all support Mori Sensei's instructions about exchanging information and maintaining friendship within our School in Europe.

The maximum number of attending teams will be 24. As in the past events, we will use the chronologic order of the pre-registrations as a selection method. The closing date for applications will be 01. February 2017. The deadline for the definite confirmation of your participation and fee payment will be 1. March 2017. There will be a "waiting-list" in which following clubs resp. their applications will be added after the attendance limit has been reached, so they will have the opportunity to attend the competition if one or more pre-registered clubs would turn down.

The participation fee will be 180.00 € per Team (each 3 or 4 Kyudoka). After the pre-registration you will be sent a detailed program, which won't be much different from the previous ones:

- Friday, 28th April: arrival, hotel accommodation, free shooting in the evening,
- Saturday, 29th April: team competition on 20 arrows per Kyudoka,
- Sunday, 30th April: individual competition on 20 arrows per Kyudoka.

The meeting will end on Sunday approximately around 1:30 pm, after lunch.

I hope you will welcome this initiative as a possibility to meet and to compete with friends.

If you like to have a visual indication of the competition ceremony:

<http://it.youtube.com/watch?v=MJ24QoHlKmg>

Address for pre-registration: bukyukai@gmail.com

Thank you very much.

Best regards

Tamás Olah



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SCHEDULE

Friday, 28th of April:

- 17:00 - 18:00 arrival and check-in in Sportshall
- 18:30 Dinner at Hotel Median
- 20:00 Briefing in the sports hall, drawing starting numbers of the teams - questions time and team registration
- after briefing free shooting until 21:00

Saturday, 29th of April:

- 7:00-8:30 Breakfast at the Hotel Median
- 9:30 Rei and Yawatashi
- 10:15 Start of team competition. 3 teams shooting simultaneously, 12 arrows each (4 per archer)
- 12:30 Lunch time at Hotel Median
- 14:00 Team competition will continue until 20 arrows per archer have been shot
- after competition Individual Competition registration, drawing starting numbers for individual competition
- 18:30 Dinner
- free shooting for Individual competitors until 21:00 at sports hall
- Free time Wellness at Hotel

Sunday, 30th of April:

- 9:00 Rei
- 9:15 tachi of seven archers will shoot 5 rounds (4 arrows per archer)
- 12:00 Heki ceremony by the winning team
- 12:30 Rei
- 12:45 Lunch time at Hotel Median
- Check out until 14.00

The program can change according to occurring needs.



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Instructions for team competition

Saturday morning, after the rei, the team shooting order will be drawn by one arrow of the captain.

If possible 3 teams will shoot at the same time for 5 rounds, 4 arrows each archer.

The three teams walk in and out with YU to the kamiza and wait at the honza line for the sign of the judge- 'hajime'. Then each team one after another proceeds with kiai (TO-HO) to the shai.

Arrows of all team members will be placed in an appropriate arrow-holder according to the draw order closed by.

Every shooting position will have one arrow-holder. Kanteki will bring back shot arrows into these.

All team archers will have to wear the numbers on the right-hand side of the hakama, substitute archer included. The team order will be defined by the number drawn.

Each team with a substitute archer, a trainer or a companion kyudoka, must define one of them as competition Assistant. In case the team has only 3 members, the organization will provide an Assistant.

The Assistant's duty will be:

- to stand at the honza line holding the team tsurumaki and being ready to provide a new string in case of bow string snapping,
- to provide fudeko even during competition.

The Assistant is forbidden to check and correct aim, during competition, or directly intervene on the competing kyudoka shooting. The Assistant is allowed, if entitled, to give advices, when a shooter is in kiza while waiting his/her own turn to shoot.

Please, be always on time for your shooting turn, in order to avoid useless waste of time, and so affecting the competition timing.

At the end of each team round, the following teams will have to reach the Honza line after judges have completed the shooting registration of previous teams and the Mato judge has given out the word "dòzo".

At the competition each archer will shoot 20 arrows probably 8 in the morning and 12 in the afternoon.



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Team competition rules

The tachi is made of 3 archers.

The Heki team competition is carried out with each archer shooting a total of 20 arrows.

The competition ceremony will be the one used by Japanese students and archers will shoot 4 arrows each round.

Arrows will be valid if hitting the target and staying there in place.

Arrows will not be considered valid if:

- not completely inserted into the target (inside at the mato face).
- In case an arrow hits a previous arrow shot into the mato and it is diverted outside the target or it is bounced back, the arrow is not considered valid, unless it gets stuck into a valid one and off the ground.
- hitting the target after having touched the ground o any other obstacle.
 - hitting the target of another shooter, even if belonging to the same team.
 - released before the preceding archer has released its own, in the team order.
 - falling down after having completed yugamae. In that case the archer will not shoot that arrow and a judge will collect it.

In case of bow string snapping the archer must close his/her shooting as if going back to Honza making two little steps backwards in order to allow the assistant to fetch easily the bow and replace the string. The archer will stay in Kiza waiting for the strung bow to be brought back to him/her. Then he/she will move to the Shiai line in order to carry on with his/her turn.

Please make sure you check your scoring at the azuchi area each round, if you don't agree in any case please bring up your complain straight away to the shai judge otherwise there will not be a correction afterwards.

If an archer, during the competition, is of any hindrance or damages of another kyudoka during his/her shooting, the kyudoka can ask the Shai judges, just after the end of his/her turn, to repeat that arrow, unless the archer provoking the damage belongs to the same team.

In case of same score between two or more teams, within the first three positions, a deciding shooting (play-off) will be carried out.

The teams start with two arrows each. After shooting their haya they return to the honza and wait in Kiza for the result. And case of another draw they shoot their otoyas as well and walk out.

For any complaint or doubt, the verdict from the mato judge and the Shai judges is one and unquestionable.



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Team competition registration

Team name _____

(Please specify the Team's Captain)

1 - Archers name

2 - Archers name

3 - Archers name

Archers name - Reserve





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Instructions and rules for individual competition

Saturday evening is the deadline for all teams to name the single archer, who will participate at the individual competition.

Sunday morning, after Rei, the tachi will be defined by draw.

The competition will be performed by tachi of probably six archers shooting at the same time 4 arrows each for 5 rounds.

In this competition Kiai will be made only once at the beginning by the first tachi.

Like for the team competition an assistant per tachi is requested for keeping tsurumaki and providing fudeko.



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Individual competition rules

One archer of each registered team will take part at the individual competition.

The individual competition is carried out with archers shooting 20 arrows each.

The competition ceremony will be the one used by Japanese students and the archers will shoot 4 arrows each round.

Arrows will be valid if hitting the target and staying there in place.

Arrows will not be considered valid if:

- not completely inserted into the target (inside at the mato face).

In case an arrow hits a previous arrow shot into the mato and it is diverted outside the target or it is bounced back, the arrow is not considered valid, unless it gets stuck into a valid one and off the ground.

- hitting the target after having touched the ground or any other obstacle.
- hitting the target of another shooter.
- released before the preceding archer has released its own, in the team order.
- falling down after having completed yugamae. In that case the archer will not shoot that arrow and a judge will collect it.

If an archer, during the competition, is of any hindrance or damages another kyudoka during his/her shooting, the damaged kyudoka can ask the Shai judges, just after the end of his/her turn, to repeat that arrow.

In case of string snapping, the archer has to close the shooting as if going back to Honza, by making two little steps backwards, in order to allow the assistant to take easily the bow and replace the string. The archer will be waiting in kiza position for the strung bow to be brought back to him/her. The archer will then go back to the Shai line to carry on shooting.

Please make sure you check your scoring at the azuchi area each round, if you don't agree in any case please bring up your complaint straight away to the shai judge otherwise there will not be a correction afterwards.

In case of same score between two or more archers within the first three positions a deciding shooting (play-off) will be carried out.

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Individual competition registration

Team Name _____

Archers name

Please fill in and return within the evening of **29th** April 2017. Thank you.