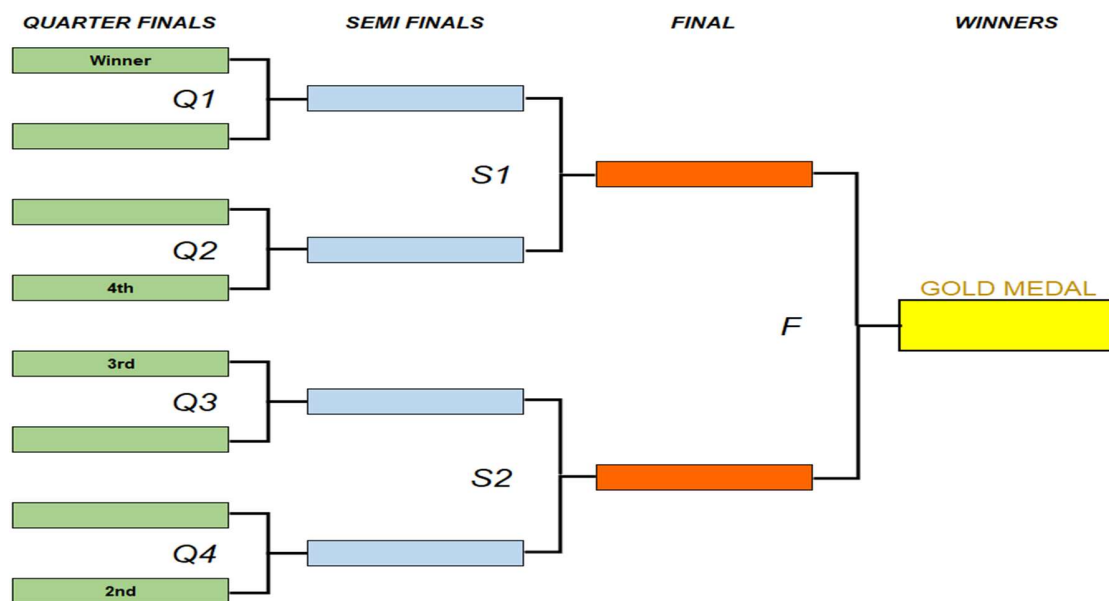


European Championships Competition Rules



1. General Organization

- Duration: Official competitions take place over two days.
- Transition Period Between Competitions: There is a 15-minute break between competitions to allow the referees and competitors to prepare.
- Protected Spots: The top 4 finishers from the previous edition are separated in the competition bracket to avoid meeting early on (see table below).
 - In the case of a competition with a pool system, the protected spots will be arranged in such a way that, if participants place first in their pool, the bracket layout resembles the table below.



- Pool Rules:
 - The competition should not be held solely in a pool format.
 - Avoid placing participants from the same country in the same pool.

2. Specific Competition Rules

- Time Rules: Extensions (encho) depend on the number of competitors and the time available for each competition.
- Zen Nihon no Kata and Shikake Oji Rules: The ENGI Championship will follow the HATA KEISHIKI method (flag decision with an impair referee number)
- Individual Women and Men Rules: Fight will be 3 minutes long and SAN BON SHOBU decision.
- Hantei decision: Fight will be 3 minutes long with the SAN BON SHOBU decision. The chosen direction is to not allow hikiwake. The main referee will refer to the current regulations to determine the winner of each match. This will be the case for individual and team competitions.
- Shiai Recovery Time: After the Pool stage, a competitor may take a 2-minute break between two shiai, if he or she wishes. As soon as the competitor is ready—and no later than 2 minutes after his or her last match—he or she takes his or her place in front of the shiaiyo to begin the next shiai.

3. Substitutions

- Number of Substitutes: Up to 2 substitutes are allowed per competition.
 - The substitute is chosen from the two people designated as alternates, with no requirement to select the first name on the list.
- Change Announcements: Any change in competitors must be communicated to the table manager as soon as possible, and before the start of the relevant competition.
- Exclusion Rule: A participant who does not take part in a competition is not allowed to participate in any competitions for the remainder of the day.
- Substitutions in Engi Competitions: Roles can be freely redefined. The substitute does not automatically assume the role of the person they are replacing.

4. Admission Criteria for Official Competitions

Competition	Age Requirement	Required Rank	Allocated Places
Shikake Oji	/	Up to 5 th dan inclusive	2 pairs
Individual Shiai (Women/Men)	17 years* and older	From 3rd kyu to 5th dan inclusive	3
Team Shiai (Women/Men)	17 years* and older	From 3rd kyu to 5th dan inclusive	One team of 3
Zen Nihon Kata	/	From 3rd dan to 5th dan inclusive	1 pair

** A 17-year-old competitor must provide parental authorization to validate their registration, along with the official selection provided by the relevant federation*

5. Admission Criteria for Goodwill Competitions

Competition	Age Requirement	Required Rank	Restriction	Allocated Places
Shikake Oji	/	up to and including 3rd dan	medalists in shikake oji of the official competition	2
Youth Shiai	13* to 16 years* old	/	/	unlimited
Shiai Kyu	16 years* and older	6th to 2nd kyu	medalists in individual or team events of the official competition	5
Shiai Dan	16 years* and older	1st kyu to 5th dan inclusive	medalists in individual or team events of the official competition	5

** Participants in shiai competitions who are under 18 must provide parental authorization to validate their registration, along with the official selection provided by the relevant federation*

If necessary, the competition format may be modified. For example, the addition of a goodwill shiai competition for 1st kyu and 1st dan may be considered by the technical committee.

6. Victory Criteria: Pool System

Victory Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Shikake Oji	Number of wins	Number of flags	/	/	/
Individual Shiai (without Hikiwake)	Number of wins	Number of ippon scored	Number of ippon received	/	/
Individual Shiai (with Hikiwake)	Number of wins	Number of Hikiwake	Number of ippon scored	Number of ippon received	/
Team Shiai (without Hikiwake)	Number of overall wins (country vs. country)	Number of individual wins	Number of ippon scored	Number of ippon received	/
Team Shiai (with Hikiwake)	Number of overall wins (country vs. country)	Number of individual wins	Number of Hikiwake	Number of ippon scored	Number of ippon received

7. Framework and Flexibility of European Competition

Regulations

These regulations serve as the guiding framework for European competitions and will be applied as closely as possible to align with the vision of the technical committee. However, certain aspects may be adapted as needed based on practical requirements or constraints. Any such changes will be approved by the technical committee, and federations will be clearly informed no later than at the managers' meeting.

These regulations may also be reviewed by the technical committee in the future if certain rules are found to no longer align with its vision.

8. Engi Matches

- Competitors will perform the following forms

SHIKAKE-OJI CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Pairs will have to compete on the following SHIKAKE OJI WAZA :
Ippon-me, Yonhon-me and Hachihon-me (1, 4, 8)

ZEN NIHON KATA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Pairs will have to compete on the following KATA :
Ippon-me, Sanbon-me and Gohon-me (1, 3, 5)

GOODWILL SHIKAKE OJI

- Pairs will have to compete on the following SHIKAKE OJI WAZA :
Nihon-me and sanbon-me (2, 3)

