

Safety Rules

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§ 1 [General information]

(1) This safety regulation must be signed by the candidate for the examinations from the 5th Kyu on. The content can be part of these examinations. A corresponding entry in the Kyudo passport is made by the candidate after successful examination to the 5th Kyu, 3rd Kyu, 1st Dan and 3rd Dan.

(2) Basically, the Sport Regulations of the DKyuB as well as the respective dojo rules have to be followed.

(3) Authorized to give instructions and responsible for the regular training operation are the trainers appointed by the club president, for competitions and courses at the federal level the competition committee appointed by the organizer or host as well as the management board of the DKyuB. The respective responsible person can nominate a representative or have one nominated by the organizer. The named person in charge must be able to prove the necessary qualification. In case of competitions and training courses the organizer can demand a certain proof. If this proof cannot be provided, the organizer can reject this person in charge and, if necessary, cancel the event.

1. The valid trainer C license for competitive sports (Kyudo) is valid as proof of qualification for all competitions, and the valid trainer C license for general sports (Kyudo) is valid for all training courses.

2. Any instructions given by the person in charge must be followed. This applies to order and behavior on the field (dojo) and for the equipment, if this has safety-relevant defects. In case of non-compliance with instructions, the person in charge has to exclude the person in question from the event. In this respect he exercises the authority of the host and the organizer. Helpers and spectators are also subject to this authority.

(4) Only shooters who have passed the 4th Kyu examination are admitted to mato shooting. The first time should be shot strictly under the supervision of the trainer or under a kyudoka appointed by the trainer.

§ 2 [Location]¹

(1) At events, the organizer must know the nearest available telephone and the telephone number of the responsible rescue service and hospital. A "first aid" kit must be available at the shooting range. A suitable first aider must be provided.

(2) The shooting range or the danger zone of a dojo is to be marked and secured by sufficient markings (writing boards, route tape, barriers etc.). This also applies to Enteki and long range shooting events.

(3) For long-range shooting (60 m and more), a sufficiently large reserve distance must be clearly marked behind the intended target or impact area, which may not be entered. If necessary, this area must be closed off and supervised.

(4) Outdoors and in halls it must be ensured that bystanders do not reach the side of the shooting area or behind the target (Makiwara, Mato, impact area for Enteki and long range shooting). Seats must be provided for visitors to events and spectators during training. There shall be no spectator seating in the Azuchi area. Any hall doors in front of the Shai and especially in the Azuchi area must be kept closed. Spectators and third parties may only enter the shooting area under supervision or with permission.

¹ compare with competition rules § 25

- (5) Equipment may only be parked behind the honza. A minimum distance of three meters from the makiwara must be maintained.
- (6) During the shooting session, the shai must not be crossed. The space between the honza and the shai must remain clear. Trainers and correction partners are exempt from this regulation. During competitions only the competition committee is allowed to enter this area. Helpers may only enter this area with the permission of the competition leader.
- (7) Any drawing of the bow with an arrow in it must always be done in the direction of the makiwara or mato. Under no circumstances may bystanders be endangered.
- (8) In indoor arenas, arrow safety nets must be hung freely and at a distance from the wall behind them. The safety nets must have a minimum height of 180 cm and project at least 150 cm beyond the first and last mato.
- (9) During competitions, a full-length azuchi (made of straw bales, for example) should be installed so that cross-cutting arrows can be caught as far as possible.
- (10) During competitions the Kanteki have to stay behind a sufficiently high and wide protection (box or similar).
- (11) The yatori (arrow retrievers) gather laterally next to or just in front of the shai. After clapping, the call to fetch the arrows is made by the "onegai shimasu" or "request" ("dozo") of the practitioners. This call may be given only when no archer has raised the bow. At competitions and training courses this request may only be given by the competition committee or an authorized person. In any case, care must be taken to ensure that the person giving the command overlooks all archers.
- (12) No bow may be raised after the yatori has been clapped. One waits in the dozukuri until the clearance of the shooting range is given.
- (13) The clearance of the shooting range is done by the last Yatori, when he has left the shooting range sufficiently far, by calling "Clear!".
- (14) In the case of cross-cutting arrow, the normal training will proceed accordingly
- (15) Makiwara must be sufficiently stuffed to prevent the arrows from bouncing off. The diameter of a makiwara must be at least 35 cm.
- (16) After the uchiokoshi of the neighboring makiwara shooter you have to wait with the extraction of the arrow until he has shot. The shooter waits at the shooting line.

§ 3 [Equipment]

- (1) Only shooters with defect-free equipment are admitted to the Shooting Range. Complaints can be pronounced by the responsible person.
- (2) Special attention should be paid to the fact that no defective arrow shafts and nocks are used. A correct nakajikake (string reinforcement) must be in place.
- (3) Do not shoot with makiwara arrows at a long distance.
- (4) The arrow length should surpass the shooter's full extension by at least three Centimeter.
- (5) At competitions, the equipment of each shooter can be checked by the competition committee