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Japan Aikido Association

Re: Aikido Toshu-Randori Competition

**1. Positioning of 2017 Akita International Tournament:**

- (1) Based on the rules of JAA Aikido Toshu Randori, the tournament of Toshu Randori will be performed as open competition hosted by JAA, by selected players from Japan and other countries (selection of these players will be done by the Educational Division of JAA. Sorting according to the weight is expected be adopted). In this tournament, we hope that players will perform in conformity with the idea of the aikido competition than victory or defeat.**
- (2) Application of Toshu-Randori to be an official event of the International Tournaments after the Akita International Tournament will be done through the process of deliberation and approval in ITAF (International Tomiki Aikido Federation).**
- (3) The new rules of Toshu-Randori will not be applied in the Itemized Mixed-group Competition in Akita International Tournament. It shall be conducted with the rules conforming to Tanto-Randori as it had been done until last time.**
- (4) It will not be applied to Tanto-Randori competitions in Akita International Tournament.**

**2. Major points in Toshu-Randori competition.**

- (1) Ippon system is employed.**
- (2) When the player could not avoid opponent's Atemi-waza against his face by Tai-sabaki, it will be a subject of Shido, and such player would possibly lose the game by foul defeat in case it happened repeatedly. Such rule is aiming at preventing agglutination and keep the appropriate distance between the opponents.**

**3. Future Schedule**

- November 2016: Holding (in Japan) a Toshu-Randori Tournament which also serves a briefing session at the same time.**
- November 2016: Establishment of the rules of JAA Toshu-Randori Competition.**
- September 2017: Toshu-Randori Seminar and the tournament by selected players will be performed at Akita International Tournament.**

**4. Tanto-Randori Competition**

**Tanto-Randori Competition will be held continuously from now on. Corrections of the game will be planned by Improvement in operation based on current rules.  
In future, JAA will start radical review of the rule of Tanto-Randori.**

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