



50th World Championship – Information & Entry Guide

Dear Participants,

We are pleased to inform you that the **50th World Championship** will be held as follows. Please find below the event outline and entry instructions. Should there be any changes to the competition format, details will be announced on the association's official website.

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the 50th World Sports Chanbara Championship .

Championship President Tetsundo Tanabe

Event Details

- **Date:** Sunday, September 27, 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM (Scheduled) (Doors open at 9:30 AM)
- **Venue:** YOKOHAMA BUDOKAN
 - 2-9-10 Okinacho, Naka-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa 231-0028
 - Tel: 045-226-2100
 - <https://www.yokohama-budokan.com/>
 - [Yokohama Official Visitors Guide](#)

Events

Contest Rules and Eligibility

- The championship will be contested in accordance with rules and sporting code of the International Sports Chanbara Association (ISCA).
- Events are open to all registered Sports Chanbara members with no restrictions on gender or age.
- Only official Sports Chanbara weapons and approved headgear (men) are permitted for the competition.
- Participants must have achieved a dan or kyu rank for the weapon used.

- **Kihondousa and Datotsu individual competitions will be classified by 'Dan or kyu', with a minimum of 20 participants required.**
- Lending or borrowing weapons is prohibited.
- There will be four prizes for individual categories viz: 1 st , 2 nd and joint 3 rd . A trophy will also be awarded to the “Most Outstanding Player” (based on the recommendations of the officials).
- The organizing committee reserves the rights to add, delete, or amend the contest instructions, without notice, to ensure the successful conclusion of the championship.

Entry Fees

- Individual: ¥5,000 per person
- Team (Kihondosa): ¥5,000 per team
- Team (Datotsu): ¥5,000 per team

Clubs with unpaid annual membership fees (¥10,000/year) must pay.

It should be paid until September 24, 2026 by cash(JPY)

Entry Deadline: Entries must be received by August 17, 2026 (no exceptions).

Please send the entry form by e-mail to japan@internationalsportschanbara.net

Please use the following subject line for your attached email:

[Country Name] Entry: 50th World Spochan Championship

[Entry Form \(Excel\)](#)

Individual Competition

Participants must have achieved a dan or kyu rank for the weapon used. There are no age restrictions.

1. Open

- **Kihondosa**
 - All participants must compete.
 - Free choice of weapons.
- **Datotsu** (Participants may compete in up to two categories.)
 - One from the Bunai (Major weapons: Kodachi, Chōken-Free, Nitō)

- One from the Bugai (Advanced weapons: Chōken-Ryōte, Tate-Kodachi, Tate-Chōken, Bō, Jō, Nagamaki, Tansō, Chōsō-Tantō, Tate-Tantō).

2. **5th Former Champions' Tournament** (Datotsu only)

- For past Grand Champions of the World or All-Japan Championships.
- Free choice of one weapon and weapon changes are allowed.
- Single-elimination tournament; the winner advances to the Grand Champion Match.
- Those entering the "Former Champions' Tournament" may also enter the "Open" or the "Ladies' Tournament," but if match times overlap, they must choose which to attend.

3. **10th Ladies' Tournament** (Datotsu only)

- A final match will be held among the winners of each category, and the champion will advance to the Grand Champion Match.
- Multiple entries in the "Open" and "Ladies' Tournament" are not allowed.

Individual Competition Grand Champion Match

A Grand Champion Match will then be held among the winners of each event at the World Championships, using the weapons they used to qualify.

The winner of the Grand Champion competition becomes the world champion!

Team Competition (Referees will be designated on the day)

Participants must have achieved a dan or kyu rank for the weapon used. There are no age restrictions.

1. **Club Team Competitions** (Only clubs officially certified by ISCA may participate.)

- **Datotsu:** 3-person teams. (Competitors face each other one-on-one)
The available weapons are:
 - Senpō – Kodachi, Tantō, Tate-tantō Tansō
 - Chūken –Chōken-free, Nitō, Chōken-Ryōte Tate-Kodachi, Tate-Chōken, Jō
 - Taishō – Free choice of weapons.

Notes

For the Taishō, weapons cannot be changed during a match, but they can be changed for the next match (e.g., between the first round and the second round).

If a team match results in a tie and proceeds to a playoff, the representative must use a Chōken or a shorter weapon.

- **Kihondosa:** 3-person teams (performed simultaneously, any weapon).

2. **National Team Competitions** (One Kihon-dousa team, one open-datotsu team, and one lady's-datotsu team per country.)

- **Datotsu:** 3-person teams. (Competitors face each other one-on-one)

The available weapons are:

- Senpō – Kodachi, Tantō, Tate-tantō Tansō
- Chūken –Chōken-free, Nitō, Chōken-Ryōte Tate-Kodachi, Tate-Chōken, Jō
- Taishō – Free choice of weapons.

Notes

For the Taishō, weapons cannot be changed during a match, but they can be changed for the next match (e.g., between the first round and the second round).

If a team match results in a tie and proceeds to a playoff, the representative must use a Chōken or a shorter weapon.

- **Kihondosa:** 3-person teams (Competitors face each other one-on-one., any weapon).

■ **Note for entry** ■

Participants are reminded that they compete in the Championship at their own risk and are strongly advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage. The organizers will not be held responsible for any accidents or incidents that may occur during the competition. All participants must complete and submit the official entry form.

Referee Seminar:

Date: Sunday, September 26, 2026

Time: 13:00 –

Venue: TBA (To Be Announced)

Details will be announced later.