



ENF General Assembly

Rotterdam - 10th November 2017

Minutes



PROPOSED AGENDA:

0. Approval of the topics
1. ENF Financial report
2. Russia application as temporary member
3. Event in ENF in 2017
4. Word of Technical Director
5. 2018 European Championship
6. 2017 INF meeting minutes review
7. Ukrainian federation
8. Official email to be clarified
9. Election 2018
10. Diverse: Hungaria (info about Hungary) / Technical transfer (web and newsletter) / suggestions of federations Members (Please send us your ideas)

ENF General Assembly:

When: 10th November 2017

Where: Rotterdam, Netherlands

Participants:

David D'hose
Mark Berghaan
Andréas Nichol
Kirsi Höglund
Eduardo Brito

ENF President, Representing Belgium and Israel
ENF Technical Director, ENF Vice-President, Representing Netherlands
representing Germany (DnagB)
representing Sweden (SBK President of the Naginata section) and GB
representing Portugal (APNagi), part of the Fiscal Council

The ENF general assembly started at 20.30 P.M.

- There was a discussion to establish whether or not there was quorum for the General Assembly (minimum 51%).
- Out of 12 countries there were 7 represented by 5 people, so it was agreed that there was quorum to proceed with the General Assembly.

ENF Financial report

- David D'Hose started by exposing the situation with the change of Treasurers from Tyl to Sabrina.
- David told that Sabrina had said that opening a bank account in France would be impossible without the people of board being there to sign the papers.



- It was noted that Sabrina was unable to create a report due to health issues she had in the past and that Tyl was then asked to provide a financial report.
 - It was then said that Tyl should make a report until the end of the year and he should also send an e-mail to every federation asking the ENF fees.
- The following problems were detected:
 - Difficulties in creating a bank account for the ENF;
 - Lack of communication when problems happen with the treasurers;
 - Proper communication channel/e-mail for the treasurer was not well defined.
- It was mentioned that Sabrina had told that she would be able to return as a Treasurer in January of 2018.
- At the end it was eventually decided that an e-mail should be sent by the board until the end of the year, requesting the ENF fees.

Russia application as temporary member

- Although Russia sent a government document regarding their federation they did not send all the necessary documents;
- To vote Russia into the ENF they should provide all the required documentation by the ENF statutes and they should be translated into English.
- It was established that without these documents, it is not possible to make them temporary members, as this was the case in the past with other countries trying to become members.
- It was discussed what has been done to represent Naginata in Russia, given the size of the country.

Event in ENF in 2017

- There was a presentation and discussion of the national events in every country.
- The review was positive as there was many more events than in the past.



- Communication of events through proper channels and results of national championships was also raised as a concern.

Word of Technical Director

- Mark Berghaan presented documents related to Kyu gradings and the number of people necessary for the jury.
- David D'Hose commented on the number of people necessary for the Sandan grading, that it had changed and 3 renshi were now needed.
- Mark Berghaan presented a proposal, not to be voted there, about the grading procedure between ENF countries. Mark said it would be sent by email to the federations.
- Mark also presented the work he has been doing to improve the level of Naginata in Europe.
- It was also commented that the federations are still too fragile, depending on only a couple of individuals that, if they disappear, it can break down a federation.
- There was a discussion about Kyu grades in Europe and authorizations for gradings. It was also discussed that countries starting Naginata where there might be different groups

2018 European Championship

- France sent a proposal for the championship in 2018 in Mérignac.
- It was stated that it would be sent to each federation these documents.
- The schedule and dates for the championship was discussed.
- There were no objections related to the schedule, dates, championship and seminar.

2017 INF meeting minutes review

- Next INF seminar will be in 2019.
- Taiwan entered as temporary members.
- It was mentioned that Portugal and Israel would try to enter the INF as temporary members.
- There will be a ZNNK competition on the WNC.
- Some doubts concerning the schedule for the WNC were raised by Andreas Nicol.



- It was asked if there will be a rhythmic naginata event at the WNC.
- It was stated that people going to 5Dan exam in Japan need to inform earlier

Official email to be clarified

- It was discussed the issue of multiple e-mails per country and the need to have only one e-mail per country (that is not a personal e-mail address).

Ukrainian federation

- David states that he has not had contact with Ukraine.
- David read the statutes of the ENF regarding membership.
- It was stated that according to the statutes they could be expelled without further notice because of what is stated in the statutes.
- It was decided based on the suggestions of Andreas and Eduardo, that an e-mail would be sent with a deadline for payment (and reply) of the missing fees.

Election 2018

- Mark clarified the irregularities in the times for the ENF elections.
- It was discussed the procedure for the elections.
- It was agreed that there would be elections in 2018.
- It was proposed to change the year of the ENF elections to be in the year before the WNC.

Hungary / Technical transfer / Other issues

- General secretary has quit. It was stated that it was need to have a transfer of technical infrastructure. General secretary has to be elected in the next GA.
- It was stated that we should have had elected a VP on this GA, so it should be done on the next one.



- For 2019 it was stated that Portugal might host the ENF seminar. Sweden was proposed for the ENC in 2019.
- It was stated that there should be something in the statutes clarifying the role of the vice-president.
- David stated that the ENF should be notified about seminars and other events that the countries organized so that they can pass that information to other countries. Mark stated that the countries should themselves contact each other **in addition** to contacting the ENF.
- It was asked by David if it was possible for the ENF to support things like national championships, so that people feel more motivated with having championships with shinpanes that are not from the same country.
- Some ideas to promote Naginata were exchanged, including approaching Kendo groups.
- Kirsi talked about how the Swedish Budo federation supports the practice of Naginata based on goals, such as gradings and international participation.

Proposal on agreement of procedure introduction

The following agreement has the purpose to strengthen the European Federation Members and to avoid unbalancing a local federation's hierarchy and structures by acts of careless individuals.

Aside from this, agreement will improve the registration done at the European and National level.

When the word federation is mentioned. It means the national Naginata federation.

This agreement purely covers the agreement between the members of the ENF (national federations) . It does not regulate procedures within the individual member countries which do not involve international relations.

If there is mention of membership of an ENF affiliated federation. This means direct as an individual but also covers membership via another organization like a dojo.

As for concerns about local laws and added bureaucracy:

1. Being a part of a club, association or federation always bring in rules which are valid for their members. By having this membership your members agree to have a board to represent them and make the choices needed to run the organization including rules of conduct and procedures.
2. Since the amount of people in each federation who interact internationally is relatively low and the frequency of these events is low as well, the benefit of these procedures are outweighing any added bureaucracy .

I know this document does not cover all concerns but it should act as a first set of agreements to work with complimenting the ENF Statutes. Once this is in place more will follow.

As a reminder of procedure.

If during the next few years we notice that some of these rules are hard to work with. We can review this agreement and change what is needed.

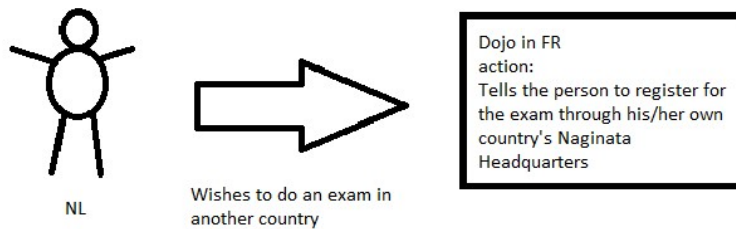
We the members of ENF agree to the following:

1. Agreement 1: Interaction between ENF members regarding examinations
2. Agreement 2: Instructing in another country
3. Agreement 3: Registration for international events organized by National and International Federations.

The agreement part 1

1. **When a citizen* of a country of an ENF affiliated federation** wants to do an **exam** in Naginata the registration for that exam will go through the headquarters of his/her own country.

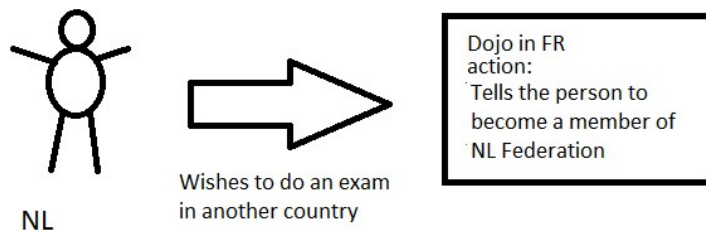
* Unless this person has been a resident in the country of the exam for a minimum of 6 months continuously up to the time of the exam.



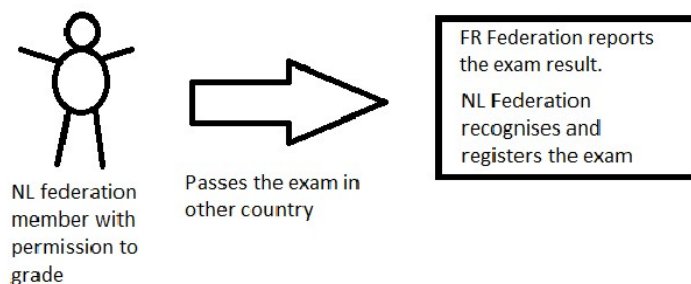
2. **When a citizen* of another country with an ENF affiliated federation** wants to do an **exam** and is not a member of the local federation, that person has to become a member of the federation of his/her country of origin.

* Unless this person has been a resident in the country where the exam will be held for a minimum of 6 months continuously up to the time of the exam.

* Unless the federation of the country of origin agrees on the person becoming a member of the local federation.



3. **All exams done by ENF or other ENF affiliated federations** with granted permission are afterwards recognized and registered by the federation that gave the permission.



5. The national federation running the examination needs to **report the result of examination** to the examinee's nation's federation*.

* Unless this person has been a resident in the country of the exam for a minimum of 6 months continuously up to the time of the exam

and therefore had no need to be a member of the federation in country of citizenship.

6. All Dan-grade examinations will be reported to ENF by the federation executing the exams.

The agreement part 2

7. Before instructing Naginata in a country without affiliation to ENF in the European Zone, members of ENF affiliated federations shall consult with ENF about current activity via their own federation. This way any groups with interest are joined together as a single growing group.

The agreement part 3

8. Registrations to ENF events and Naginata events by ENF affiliated federations will be done via the national federation, not as an individual.

Proposal on agreement of procedure revision table

2014 GA	Original version
2015 GA	Removed: 1.- When a citizen of a country of an ENF affiliated federation joins regular Naginata training in another country the local federation will report this to the federation of the country of origin*.
20171027	<p>Removed: 4. When visiting another country for practice. It is preferred that the person going to visit asks his/her federation to introduce him/her to the federation he/she will visit*. Removed because this would be the task of the dojo not the federation perse.</p> <p>Added: " Unless the federation of the country of origin agrees on the person becoming a member of the local federation." to point 2</p> <p>Changed: The examination execution country needs to report the result of examination to the examinee's nation's federation*.</p> <p>To: The national federation running the examination needs to report the result of examination to the examinee's nation's federation*.</p> <p>Added: "* If there is no national in country where the instruction will be given, only the permission of the own federation (ENF member) is needed" to point 7</p> <p>Added : the introduction</p> <p>Added: split into 3 parts</p>
20171101	<p>Changed: 7. No member of a ENF affiliated federation shall instruct Naginata in another country without consent of their own federation and the local federation. (Article 4.1 ENF Statutes).</p> <p>* If there is no national in country where the instruction will be given, only the permission of the own federation (ENF member) is needed</p> <p>To: Before instructing Naginata in a country without affiliation to ENF in the European Zone, members of ENF affiliated federations shall consult with ENF about current activity via their own federation. This way any groups with interest are joined together as a single growing group.</p> <p>Changed: 2. improved grammar and removed typos</p> <p>Added: Clarification of the word membership, changed concerns part, added text about this document and follow up plans in the introduction</p>

April 1, 2009

Examiner's qualification, required number of examiners and eligibility criteria are as follows:

Grade	Examiners (Shinsa-in)	Leaders in the country	Total number of Examiners
Under 2-kyu		3 (include 1 person who has sho-dan and above)	3
1-kyu		3 (3-dan and above)	3
Sho-dan	1	2 (3-dan and above)	3
2-dan	1	2 (4-dan and above)	3
3-dan	2	1 (4-dan and above)	3
4-dan	7 (include 1 Shingi-in)		7

Shinsa-in's qualification

1. Shinsa-in shall be Renshi or above.
2. Shinsa-in shall be instructor s in their own countries.
3. They shall receive a recommendation from the directors committee and shall be appointed by the AJNF chief director.

Shingi-in's qualification

1. Shingi-in shall be Kyoshi or above.
2. They shall be instructor s in their own countries.
3. They shall receive a recommendation from the Hanshi committee and shall be appointed by the AJNF chief director.

Dan Examination

Grade	Interval	Minimum age
Syo Dan	6 months or over after 1 Kyu	over 13 years old
2 Dan	1 year or over after Syo Dan	over 16 years old
3 Dan	2 years or over after 2 Dan	over 19 years old
4 Dan	3 years or over after 3 Dan	over 22 years old
5 Dan	3 years or over after 4 Dan	over 25 years old
Renshi	3 years or over after 5 Dan	over 28 years old
Kyoshi	7 years or over after Renshi	over 35 years old
Hanshi	20 years or over after Kyoshi	over 55 years old

Contents of examination

Dan	Kihon	Waza	Shiai	Coaching	Paper test
Syo-dan	Jyoge-buri Datotsu (Men,Sokumen, Sune, Do)	Shikake-Ohoji (1~5 honnme)	Uchikaeshi Kakari-geiko Gokaku-geiko	×	○
2-dan	Happo-buri Datotsu (Men,Sokumen, Sune, Do, Kote)	Shikake-Ohoji (1~8 honnme)	Uchikaeshi Kakari-geiko Gokaku-geiko	×	○
3-dan	Happo-buri Datotsu (every part)	Shikake-Ohoji (1~8 honnme)	Uchikaeshi Hikitate-geiko Shiai	○	○
4-dan	Happo-buri Datotsu (every part)	Shikake-Ohoji (1~8 honnme) Renmei-no-kata (1~5 honnme)	Uchikaeshi Hikitate-geiko Shiai Shinpan	○	○
5-dan	Happo-buri Datotsu (every part)	Shikake-Ohoji (1~8 honnme) Renmei-no-kata (1~7 honnme)	Uchikaeshi Hikitate-geiko Shiai Shinpan	○	○