

Date: 1st February 2019

To: Taido Soke

Taido Hon'in Board of the WTF

Presidents and chairmen of National Taido Associations European Taido Championship Organising Committee

Re: Official invitation

Dear recipients,

From:

Greetings from Finland. Here is the official invitation to the European Taido Championship - the biggest Taido event in Europe in 2019. This is the second time in Taido history when European Taido Championships are held in Finland. Last time the competitions were held in Hollola in 2003.

Registration for the ETC Event opens 15st of February 2019. Entry will close on 1st of May 2019. Each National contact person will get detailed guidance about filling the entry form.

Taido Finland processes all data according to the GDPR directive. Taido Finland is gathering data from all participants. The purpose of collecting the data is closely linked to the practical arrangements of the ETC2019 sporting event and communication with the participants. Gathered data is not used for purposes other than what is initially stated during collection.

Please note: Participation in the event is at own responsibility and own risk in every aspect. All participants are obliged to take out private insurance which is valid abroad and covers accidents in Taido competitions.

FTA will see to it that an English-speaking doctor is available for the participants during the IFG and ETC. If any treatment that is not or cannot be carried out by this doctor becomes necessary, it will be a matter between the participant, the local therapists and participants own insurance company.

European taidokas: the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is valid in Finland. Get yourself a free card before your trip to ETC2019-event. That card gives you access to medically necessary, state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay in Finland.

We sincerely welcome all taidokas from all around the world to the 2019 European Taido Championship in Tampere, Finland!

On behalf of the European Taido Championship Organising Committee,

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Welcome to the land of Moomin, Marimekko, littala and midnight sun!

Finland is an easy country to visit. If you love nature, being outdoors, great weather, fantastic people, foraging, forests, holidaying with friends, great food, few crowds, and beautiful scenery, then there are loads of things for you to do in Finland. You need to make visiting Finland in the summer 2019 a high priority. While traveling to the happiest country in the world, you are most welcome to participate in the greatest Taido event of the year!

The ETC2019 event will take place at Tampere, which is the most loved residential and tourism city in Finland. Friendly and casual Tampere is a large city by Finnish standards. With more than 200,000 inhabitants, Tampere has managed to keep the small town feel. The city is located on a scenic spot on a narrow isthmus between two lakes. BTW! Did you know, that world's only Moomin Museum is also located in Tampere! During your stay you have the possibility to take a magical journey into the fairy-tale world of the original Moomin illustrations by Tove Jansson.

The Taido ETC-event is expected to attract approximately 250 contestants, coaches, judges and participants from a total of ten countries. Seminars, shinsa and meetings of the WTF and EuTai will be held during the competition week. The actual ETC and International Taido Games will be held Friday and Saturday 2-3 August 2019.



Schedule

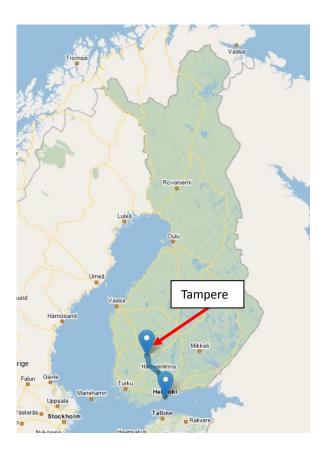
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	Place	Additional Information
10AM-2PM	Meeting: Varala lobby 10AM	*)
2PM-4.30PM	Meeting room Varala	
5PM-7PM	Varala Sporthall	
10AM-2PM	Meeting: Varala lobby 10AM	*)
9AM-4.30PM	Varala Sporthall	
9.30AM-3.30PM	Varala 'Majala budo'	
7-10PM	Meeting room Varala	
4-6PM	Meeting room Varala	
7-11PM		*)
9AM-5.30PM	Tampere Sport and Exhibition Center (TESC)	Competitors 8.00AM at TESC
10AM-4PM	Tampere Sport and Exhibition Center (TESC)	Competitors 9.00AM at TESC
7PM-3AM	Hotel Rosendahl	
11AM-14PM	Meeting:	*)
11AM-17PM	Meeting:	*)
	5PM-7PM 10AM-2PM 9AM-4.30PM 9.30AM-3.30PM 7-10PM 4-6PM 7-11PM 9AM-5.30PM 10AM-4PM 7PM-3AM	2PM-4.30PM Meeting room Varala 5PM-7PM Varala Sporthall 10AM-2PM Meeting: Varala lobby 10AM 10AM 9AM-4.30PM Varala Sporthall 9.30AM-3.30PM Varala 'Majala budo' 7-10PM Meeting room Varala 4-6PM Meeting room Varala 7-11PM 9AM-5.30PM Tampere Sport and Exhibition Center (TESC) 10AM-4PM Tampere Sport and Exhibition Center (TESC) 7PM-3AM Hotel Rosendahl 11AM-14PM Meeting:

^{*)}The details of the excursions (etc. prices an exact times) will be confirmed once the amount of interested participants is known.

How to reach Tampere?

The distance from Helsinki to Tampere is 190 kilometers, and from Turku to Tampere 180 kilometers. You can arrive Tampere

- **By car** (it takes about 2 hours from Helsinki or Turku).
- **By plane** Tampere-Pirkkala Airport is located about 17 kilometres from Tampere city centre. (Flight takes about 35min from Helsinki and costs 80 euros/ one way and about 100 euros two-ways). Read more: https://www.finavia.fi/en/airports/tampere-pirkkala
- **By train** (it takes about 1,5-2 hours from Helsinki or Turku and costs about 20-35 euros/ one way) Read more and book tickets: https://www.vr.fi/cs/vr/en/frontpage
- **By bus** (it takes about 2,5 hours and about 2 hours from Turku. Bus ride costs 8-30 euros/ one way) Read more and book tickets: https://www.matkahuolto.fi/en/







Locations and getting around in Tampere

1. Varala Sports Institute Distance between Varala – City Centre is about 3km

The local bus number 25 runs from the centre of town right next to the institute, two to three times an hour. There is a short 100m walk to the bus stop from the railway station, which is located in front of the Stockmann retail building. Varala is the name of the stop closest to the institute.

- Arriving Varala Sports Institute by car? Read more: https://varala.fi/en/tietoa-varalasta/arriving-to-varala/
- Address for GPS devices
 Varalan Urheiluopisto
 Varalankatu 36, 33240 Tampere
- 2. Scandic Rosendahl Distance between Scandic Rosendahl Varala Sports Institute is about 1,3km

The local bus number 25 runs from the centre of town right next to the hotel, two to three times an hour. There is a short 100m walk to the bus stop from the railway station, which is located in front of Stockmann retail building. Rosendahl is the name of the stop closest to the hotel.

- Arriving Scandic Rosendahl by car? Helsinki-Tampere highway: As you arrive to Tampere you will
 reach Viinikka roundabout. From here you should follow signs KESKUSTA and HÄMEENPUISTO,
 which take you under the Ratina bridge and past the Ratina stadium. Further down the road, you
 turn left at the HOTELLI ROSENDAHL sign after which you drive up the hill and turn left at the
 stop sign.
- Free private parking available at the hotel.
- Address for GPS devices
 Scandic Rosendahl
 Pyynikintie 13, 33230 Tampere

3. Tampere Exhibition and Sports Centre (TESC) Distance between Varala – TESC is about 11km

Tampere Regional Transport bus routes 14 and 34 serve Tampere Exhibition and Sports Centre. Bus route 14 runs via Tampere Railway Station (the stop is outside Stockmann Department Store, stop 0505), the Central Square and Tampere Bus Station (stop 0522). The driving time from the Central Square is approximately 15 minutes.

Bus route 34 is similar, but it runs from the Central Square (stop 0041) to Suupantori Square in the centre of Pirkkala.

- Arriving TESC by car? Read more: https://www.tampereenmessut.fi/en/for_media/getting_here/
- Address for GPS devices
 Tampere Exhibition and Sports Centre (TESC)
 Ilmailunkatu 20, 33900 Tampere





Packages and prices

ETC2019 Taido Tourist Package, over 18 years

Price/ person 165 euros*

Price includes:

- · International Taido Seminar
- · Event T-shirt
- · Entry Ticket (Fri and Sat)
- · 3 x Lunchboxes (Thu, Fri, Sat)
- · Banquette/ dinner (Sat)

ETC2019 Taido Tourist Package, under 18 years

Price/ person under 18 years old 90 euros*

Price includes:

- · International Taido Seminar/ Junior Taido Seminar
- · Event T-shirt
- · Entry Ticket (Fri and Sat)
- · 3 x Lunchboxes (Thu, Fri, Sat)
- · (in case participating banquette on Sat, choose from optional services)

ETC2019 Taido Volunteer/ Judge Package

Price/ person 76 euros*

- · International Taido Seminar
- · Event T-shirt
- · Entry Ticket (Fri and Sat)
- · 3 x Lunchboxes (Thu, Fri, Sat)
- · Banquette/ dinner (Sat)
- *) Accommodation is not included.

Optional services

- · International Friendship Games Participation 40,00 €
- · International Friendship Games Participation Children 25,00 €
- · Entry Ticket (only) to ETC2019 Adult 15,00 €
- · Entry Ticket (only) to ETC2019 Children under 12 years 10,00 €
- · Banquette (only) 70,00 €
- · Banquette (under 18-years with adult) 40,00 €

Shuttle Bus

- · A shuttle bus will be arranged both days (Fri and Sat) for those participants who require transportation to and from Varala Sports Institute/ Scandic Hotel Rosendahl.
- · Shuttle Bus/ one day 10,00€
- · Shuttle Bus/two days 20,00 €

Preliminary sightseeing and excursion possibilities

- · Rajaportti Sauna Experience ≈15,00 €
- · Hiking Tour in Helvetinkolu ≈50,00 €
- · Canoe-tour at lake Näsijärvi 2h ≈35,00 €
- · Sightseeing Tour in Tampere ≈25,00 €

Taido Finland will send more information about the sightseeing and excursion possibilities before the enrolment time ends!

Accommodation

We have booked some rooms from Varala Sports Institute as well as from Scandic Rosendahl for our event. There are plenty of other nice hotels also in Tampere to choose from (for example via booking.com).

In case you find accommodation from the city centre there are good connections to Varala Sports institute and to Tampere Exhibition and Sports Centre with public transportation.

Varala Sports Institute

Seminars, shinsa and meetings will take place in Varala Sports Institute which is located right in the middle of Tampere. Varala is easily accessible with both public and private transport. The rooms are mainly doubles, but some singles and rooms for three are available. *You can choose accommodation from Varala Sports Institute only for the weekend (Fri-Sun).*

Accommodation Fri-Sun (2 nights)			
Single Room	Double Room	Room for three	
166,00€ /person	106,00€ /person	90,00€/person	

Quess what? From Varala Sports institute area you can also find FlowPark which is an ecological adventure park where you can test your courage. Adventure trails have been built on living trees without damaging them. Read more: https://www.flowpark.fi/tampere/puistoon/?lang=en



Scandic Rosendahl

This hotel is located in walking distance from Varala Sports Institute. Rooms at Hotel Scandic Rosendahl are recently renovated and have a modern interior design. The hotel offers extensive recreational facilities. You'll find among other things a swimming pool, sauna, modern gym and squash court. You can borrow a bicycle or walking poles from the reception and enjoy the outdoors in a spectacular lakeside setting.

Single room	Double room
1 night /person 110,00€	70,00€/person
2 nights /person 220,00€	140,00€/person
3 nights /person 330,00€	210,00€/person
4 nights /person 440,00€	280,00€/person
5 nights /person 550,00€	350,00€/person



Banquet

The banquet will take place immediately after the competition on Saturday evening. Event package for adults includes participation. Others who want to join, can choose this option from "optional services" when enrolling. The banquette will take place in Scandic Rosendahl.

Event products

T-shirt (20 euros)

T-shirt is included in all packages. If you have not chosen any package - please notethat the price of the T-shirt is 20 euros.

Material: 100% cotton

- *Heather Grey 97% cotton, 3% polyester
- Weight: White 160gm/m², Colour 165gm/m²
- Innovative Sofspun® fabric with a super soft feel
- Fashion fit for a retail look
- Crew neck with cotton/Lycra® rib and single needle stitching
- Self-fabric shoulder to shoulder taping



Embroidered hoodie (75 euros)

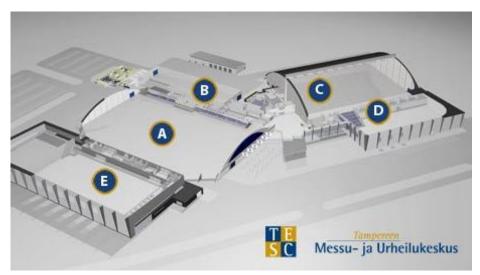
Product Material: 20% Polyester (3 layer fabric); 80% Combed Ring Spun Cotton Product Laundry: Suitable for 40°C machine wash and low temperature tumble dry Product Fabric Weight: 280g/m²

- Herringbone neck tape for superior comfort and stability
 - Flat, chunky drawcords with buttonhole eyelets
 - Double layer hood with cover seam drawcord channel
 - Slimmer shoulders and leaner arms with front facing shoulder seams
 - Wider hem and cuff constructions
 - Cover seam armholes, cuffs and hem
 - Headphones access
 - YKK Metal (Antique Silver) Full Zipper
 - Kissing (covered) zip for full cross body decoration
 - Kangaroo pockets



Competition Venue

The European Taido Championship and International Taido Friendship Games will take place on the 2^{nd} - 3^{rd} of August 2019 in the Tampere Exhibition and Sports Centre (TESC) Hall D. TESC is one of the largest exhibition and sports centres in Finland.



D-Hall 4,350 m². Usable floor area 3,600 m²

Arriving to TESC

TESC is within a 15-minute drive from Tampere railway station, bus station and airport, and is easily accessible by both public transport and by car. Plenty of outdoor parking space is available.

A shuttle bus will be arranged both days for those participants who require transportation to and from Varala Sports Institute/ Scandic Hotel Rosendahl. Make sure to reserve a seat on the shuttle bus while doing the enrolment. The cost of the transport is 10 euros / day / person.

Events in International Taido Games (IFG)

Events (changes in events possible)

Event	Birth year	Belt rank	Note
B1 Hokei, men	≤2004*	≥ 2 kyu	tai or in hokei only
B2 Hokei, women	≤2004*	≥ 2 kyu	tai or in hokei only
B3 Jissen, men	≤2001*	≥ 2 kyu	Match time 2min
B4 Jissen, women	≤2001*	≥ 2 kyu	Match time 2min
B5 Hokei, men	≤2004	6-3 kyu	tai or in hokei: sen, un, hen
B6 Hokei, women	≤ 2004	6-3 kyu	tai or in hokei: sen, un, hen
B7 Jissen, men	≤2001	4-3 kyu	Match time 2min
B8 Jissen, women	≤2001	4-3 kyu	Match time 2min
B9 Hokei sonen, mixed	≤1989	≥6 kyu	mei hokei only
B10 Hokei sonen, mixed	≤1989	≥ 6 kyu	sei hokei only
B11 Hokei sonen, mixed	≤1989	≥6 kyu	in/tai hokei

B12 Jissen sonen, men	≤1989	≥ 6 kyu	Match time 2min
B13 Jissen sonen, women	≤1989	≥ 6 kyu	Match time 2min
B14 Hokei, girls	2002-2004	≥ 7 kyu	tai or in hokei
B15 Hokei, boys	2002-2004	≥ 7 kyu	tai or in hokei: only sen, un, hen
B16 Hokei, girls	2005-2007	≥ 7 kyu	tai or in hokei: only sen, un, hen
B17 Hokei, boys	2005-2007	≥ 7 kyu	tai or in hokei: only sen, un, hen
B18 Hokei, mixed	2008-2009	≥7 kyu	tai or in hokei: only sen, un, hen
B19 Hokei, mixed	2010-2012	≥ 7 kyu	tai or in hokei: only sen, un, hen
B20 Jissen, girls	2002-2004	≥ 6 kyu	Match time 1min 30sec
B21 Jissen, boys	2002-2004	≥ 6 kyu	Match time 1min 30sec
B22 Jissen, girls	2005-2007	≥ 6 kyu	Match time 1min 30sec
B23 Jissen, boys	2005-2007	≥ 6 kyu	Match time 1min 30sec
B24 Taido trick track, mixed	2008-2009	no belt limitation	
B25 Taido trick track, mixed	2010-2012	no belt limitation	
B26 Taido trick track, mixed	2013-2015	no belt limitation	
B27 O-jissen, mixed	2008-2009	no belt limitation	Match time 1min
B28 O-jissen, mixed	2010-2012	no belt limitation	Match time 1min
B29 O-jissen, mixed	2013-2015	no belt limitation	Match time 1min
B30 Dantai hokei juniors, mixed	2002-2012	≥ 7 kyu	team: 3 competitors, tai or in hokei only
B31 Dantai hokei, mixed	≤2004*	≥ 6 kyu	team: 5 competitors, tai or in hokei only
B32 Dantai hokei sonen, mixed	≤1989	≥ 6 kyu	team: 3 competitors, sei hokei only
B33 Dantai jissen, men	≤2001*	≥ 2 kyu	team: 3 competitors and team leader/team
B34 Dantai jissen, women	≤2001*	≥ 2 kyu	team: 3 competitors and team leader/team
B35 Tenkai, mixed	≤2004*	≥ 6 kyu	team: 6 competitors
B36 Tenkai juniors, mixed	2002-2012	≥ 7 kyu	team: 4 competitors

Other information

- 1. The general rule is that one team consists of members from one country. Teams with members from more than one country are allowed.
- 2. In Dantai jissen the general rule is that one team should consist of 3 competitors, however, if a player is not able to participate due to injury or similar and no substitution is available, the match for the absent player will be counted as a "default loss" and the team can participate in the event with two (2) competitors. In dantai jissen, all five Taido technique classes must be represented by the three members of the team. Possible combinations:
 - a) sen-un (1), hen-nen (3), ten-sen (5)
 - b) sen-un (1), un-hen (2), nen-ten (4)

- c) un-hen (2), hen-nen (3), ten-sen (5)
- d) un-hen (2), nen-ten (4), ten-sen (5)
- 3. In case of very few or too many applied competitors in specific events, the competition committee reserves the right to make alternations in the event-compositions. Any changes will be informed to the national taido organizations the affected competitors belong to.
- 4. Competitors have to be members of a national taido organization belonging to the World Taido Federation.
- 5. Participants of the European Taido Championship (ETC) are not allowed to participate in the International Friendship Games (IFG).

Competitor substitution:

- 1. Only for team events can a competitor be replaced, if the conditions described below are fulfilled.
 - Only if a competitor must cancel participation due to illness or injury or similar reasons, the substitute that has been registered can replace the competitor as from the next match. (One substitute per team can be registered. No competition fee is necessary.)
 - Before any replacement, the replacement must be reported to and approved by the competition head office.
 - If a competitor has been replaced, even if the competitor recovers from his/her illness or injury, s/he will not be able to take part in the same event again.
 - If a competitor is stopped from participating by a physician s/he will not be allowed to participate in any competition event what so ever.

2. Jissen regulation:

- 1. For jissen, men are allowed to wear specified chest protections, and women and juniors both the specified chest protection and the specified face protection especially. With own responsibility competitor can choose not to wear protection. WTF upkeeps list of acceptable chest and face protection.
- 3. Judges/Referees: All judges must enroll as judge in both events IFG and ETC. General rule is that person should have experience in judging and should have at least 4. dan. If person has 4th dan shinsa in ETC Event, he/she can enroll as a judge. Enrollment as a judge is binding and judges cannot compete either in the IFG nor the ETC. Enrollment to judge will be done when enrolling to ETC event via web enrollment page by National contact person, enrollment to judge must be made before entry closing time 1st of May. Enrollments cannot be done after that. FTA with WTF will review all judges' enrollments and will confirm if the person is qualified. When choosing judges for both of the events, experience and number of judges per country will be reviewed as well.

European Taido Championships

Events (changes in events possible)

Limitations for participation.

- Individual events: 6 persons per country (time of registration).
- Team events: Dantai hokei and tenkai 2 teams per country (time of registration) and dantai jissen 3 teams per country.

Events in European Taido Championships

Event	Birth	Belt rank	Note
	year		
A1 Hokei, men	≤2004	≥ 4.kyu	tai or in hokei only
A2 Hokei, women	≤2004	≥ 4.kyu	tai or in hokei only
A3 Jissen, men	≤2001*	≥ 2.kyu*	Match time 2min, Finals 3min
A4 Jissen, women	≤2001*	≥ 2.kyu*	Match time 2min, Finals 3min
A5 Dantai hokei, men / mixed	≤2004	≥ 4.kyu	team: 5 competitors tai or in hokei only
A6 Dantai hokei, women	≤2004	≥ 4.kyu	team: 5 competitors tai or in hokei only
A7 Dantai jissen, men	≤2001*	≥ 2.kyu*	team: 3 competitors and team leader/team, Match
			time 2min, Finals 3min
A8 Dantai jissen, women	≤2001*	≥ 2.kyu*	team: 3 competitors and team leader/team, Match
			time 2min, Finals 3min
A9 Tenkai, mixed	≤2004	≥ 4.kyu	team: 6 competitors

Other information

- 1. A mixed team in A5 must have at least three men. If either A5 or A6 does not have enough participating teams, the series will be combined. In this case, a country may have more than two participating teams.
- 2. The rule is that one dantai jissen team should consist of 3 competitors and team leader at entry time. However, if after entry has been done and a player is not able to participate due to injury or similar and no substitution is available, the match for the absent player will be counted as a "default loss" and the team can participate in the event with two (2) competitors. 2 competitors is smallest team that can participate. In dantai jissen, all five Taido technique classes must be represented by the three members of the team. Possible combinations:
 - a) sen-un (1), hen-nen (3), ten-sen (5)
 - b) sen-un (1), un-hen (2), nen-ten (4)
 - c) un-hen (2), hen-nen (3), ten-sen (5)
 - d) un-hen (2), nen-ten (4), ten-sen (5)

Qualification

- The general rule is that competitors in jissen/ dantai jissen should have at least 2.kyu belt rank and in hokei, dantai hokei and tenkai 4.kyu green belt.
- Competitors have to be born in 2001 or earlier forjissen events and 2004 or earlier forhokei and tenkai events.
- Competitors must be members of a National Taido Organization (NTO) belonging to the World Taido Federation (WTF). A person who lives permanently and is a member of a club belonging to the NTO can be included in the NTO's national team with the consent of the person. Citizenship is not needed.

Jissen regulation

• Players are allowed to wear specified chest protections and the specified face protection. With own responsibility competitor can choose not to were protection. WTF keeps a list of acceptable chest and

face protection.

Participation

- There is no limitation of the number of events one competitor can participate in.
- In case only a few or too many applied competitors in specific events, the competition committee reserves the right to make alternations in the event-compositions. Any changes will be informed to the national taido organizations the effected competitors belong to.

Competitor substitution

- Only for team events might a competitor be replaced, if the below conditions are fulfilled.
- Only if a competitor has to cancel participation due to illness or injury or similar reasons, the substitute that has been registered might replace the competitor as from the next match. (One substitute per team can be registered. No competition fee is necessary.)
- Before any replacement, the replacement has to be reported to and approved by the competition head
 office.
- If a competitor has been replaced, even if the competitor recovers from his/her illness or injury, s/he will not be able to take part in the same event again.
- If a competitor is stopped from participating by a physician s/he will not be allowed to participate in any
 event what so ever.

Registration

Registration for ETC Event opens 15th of February 2019. Entry will close 1st of May 2019.

- Registration will be done in first phase individually via enrolment link in Google Forms.
 - Responses will be automatically collected in Google Forms. One can edit one's enrolment after submit until 1st May 2019. For editing: When one has completed filling the form one will be given a unique URL. One will need this URL to edit the response! One will also receive a confirmation e-mail which will verify that one's information was sent through, but it also allows one to see/edit one's responses through the "Edit Response" -link. One needs to save the confirmation e-mail in case one must edit one's enrolment.
 - o one person from each country will have an admin link to NTO'S Google Form and sees the current registration situation
- In the second phase after the registration time has come to an end the national responsible confirms all NTO's registrations.
- Invoicing will be done after confirmation in June 2019.

WELCOME TO FINLAND!