

Official Invitation to the European Taido Convention-Event

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To: Taido Soke
Taido Hon'in
Board of the WTF
Presidents and chairmen of the National Taido Associations

From: ETC Organizing Committee

Dear Taidokas,

This is the official invitation to the International Taido convention in Portugal 2025.

In this document we have compiled detailed information about the event. PTA reserves the right to make changes or adjustments to the program, as required.

This information package has the purpose to help with the planning of your trip to Portugal. We would like to inform your National Taido Association **and all its members** about this event.

We hope that Taidokas from every part of the world will meet next for the summer in Portugal, for Taido, sun and beach.

Don't forget to bring your family, children, fathers, brothers, husbands or wives, friends, pets etc.

On behalf of the European Taido Convention Organizing Committee,

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General Information

Lagos and the Algarve

Lagos is one of the Algarve's top destination cities. Situated on the western edge of the region, it has a dramatic coastline that has been carved by the Atlantic Ocean. This geography gives Lagos a beautiful mediterranean climate with prevailing ocean breezes and mild winters, which can have intermittent rainfall. In the peak season, which can start from as early as beginning of May and go all the way to the end of October, temperatures are typically in the high 20's, reaching high 30's in July and August. Boasting a historic old town, modern marina, cultural attractions, with some incredible beaches and scenery, it really combines much of what the Algarve is famous for. In fact, it's probably got so much to do that a day trip to Lagos really doesn't do it justice. It's a perfect place to spend a long weekend, or longer holiday. With a wide variety of bars, pubs, and restaurants it's a lively place that doesn't suffer from the same seasonality that some of the smaller resorts and towns in the Algarve suffer from.



Preliminary Schedule

JULY 2025		Day
23 – Wed	People arriving to Portugal and Lagos Accommodation Accreditation of participants	1
24 – Thurs	Words of welcome Seminar practice morning Lunch break Seminar practice afternoon WTF Meeting Free time practice	2
25 - Fri	Seminar practice morning Lunch break Seminar practice afternoon Shinsa examination Judges Meeting Free time practice	3
26 - Sat	16th International Taido Friendship Games 1st Taido Junior World Games	4
27 - Sun	10th European Championships <i>Morning</i> Individual events <i>Afternoon</i> Group events + finals Disassemble of the venue Banquet	5
28 - Mon	<i>Morning</i> Surf practice <i>Afternoon</i> City site seeing	6
29 - Tues	<i>Morning</i> Surf practice <i>Afternoon</i> Sightseeing monuments	7
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10TH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - Events

Event	Birth year	Belt rank	Notes
A1 Hokei, Men	≤2010	≥ 4 kyu	-tai or -in hokei only
A2 Hokei, Women	≤2010	≥ 4 kyu	-tai or -in hokei only
A3 Jissen, Men	≤2007	≥ 2 kyu	Match time: preliminaries: 1 min 30 sec, finals: 2 min 30 sec
A4 Jissen, Women	≤2007	≥ 2 kyu	Match time: preliminaries: 1 min 30 sec, finals: 2 min 30 sec
A5 Dantai hokei, Mixed	≤2010	≥ 4 kyu	team: 3 competitors -tai or -in hokei only
A6 Dantai hokei, Women	≤2010	≥ 4 kyu	team: 3 competitors -tai or -in hokei only
A7 Dantai jissen, Men	≤2007	≥ 2 kyu	team: 3 competitors and team leader/team * See WTF Competition rules, chapter 8
A8 Dantai jissen, Women	≤2007	≥ 2 kyu	team: 3 competitors and team leader/team * See WTF Competition rules, chapter 8
A9 Tenkai, Mixed	≤2010	≥ 4 kyu	team: 6 competitors

Limitations for participation.

- Individual events: 6 persons per country (time of registration).
- Team events: 2 teams per country (time of registration).

Other information

- 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 2007 or earlier in jissen events and 2010 or earlier in hokei 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

- The competitors may use medical supports (wrists, ankles, knees), but they must not hinder or create any risks for the opponent. Jockstrap, head, chest, leg/instep and teeth protection is allowed.

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 affected competitors belong to.
- Participants of the European Taido Championship (ETC) are not allowed to participate in the International Friendship Games (IFG) nor the Junior World Games (JWG).

Competitor substitution

Only for team events can a competitor be replaced, if the conditions described below 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.)
- Every 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 prevented from participating by a physician s/he will not be allowed to participate in any event whatsoever.



16TH INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP GAMES - Events

Event	Year of Birth	Belt rank	Note
B1 Hokei, Men	≤2007	≥ 2 kyu	-tai or -in hokei
B2 Hokei, Women	≤2007	≥ 2 kyu	-tai or -in hokei
B3 Jissen, Men	≤2007	≥ 2 kyu	Match time: 1min 30sec
B4 Jissen, Women	≤2007	≥ 2 kyu	Match time: 1min 30sec
B5 Hokei, Men	≤2007	6-3 kyu	-tai or -in hokei
B6 Hokei, Women	≤2007	6-3 kyu	-tai or -in hokei
B7 Jissen, Men	≤2007	6-3 kyu	Match time: 1min 30sec
B8 Jissen, Women	≤2007	6-3 kyu	Match time: 1min 30sec
B9 Hokei "Sei"	≤2007	≥ 6 kyu	tensei, chisei or jinsei hokei
B10 Hokei"Mei"	≤2007	≥ 6 kyu	seimei (first half), katsume or enmei no hokei
B11 Sonen Jissen, men	≤2003	≥ 2 kyu	Match time: 1min
B12 Sonen Jissen, Women	≤1985	≥ 2 kyu	Match time: 1min
B13 Dantai Hokei, mixed	≤2010	≥ 6 kyu	team: 3 competitors, tai or -in hokei
B14 Dantai Hokei, sonen, mixed	≤2010	≥ 6 kyu	team 3 competitors, sei hokei only
B15 Dantai Jissen, men	≤2007	≥ 2 kyu	3 competitors + team leader
B16 Dantai Jissen, Women	≤2007	≥ 2 kyu	3 competitors + team leader
B17 Tenkai, mixed	≤2010	≥ 6 kyu	6 competitors

Other information

- The general rule is that one team consists of members from one country.
- Teams with members from more than one country are allowed. The organization committee encourages this by connecting members from different nations.
- 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)
- In the case of very few or too many enrolled competitors in specific events, the competition committee reserves the right to make alternations in the event-compositions. Any changes will be informed to the NTO's the affected competitors belong to.
- Competitors have to be members of a NTO belonging to the World Taido Federation.
- **New competition format:** individual technique/ combined sequence. It should be understood as a demo, where all ages may participate. Details to be determined/ agreed. The purpose is not to win medals but to show the best Taido skills each has to offer.

Jissen regulation

- The competitors may use medical supports (wrists, ankles, knees), but they must not hinder or create any risks for the opponent. Jockstrap, head, chest, leg/instep and teeth protection is allowed. At their own responsibility competitors can choose not to wear protection. WTF upkeeps list of acceptable chest and face protection.

Participation

- Identical to the ETC

Competitor substitution

- Identical to the ETC

1ST JUNIOR WORLD GAMES- Events

C1 Junior hokei 7-12 years, mixed

- All competitors must be 7-12 years old (competition year); No belt limitation
- Or divided 7-9 and 10-12 years olds
- Competitors are allowed to do only Sen/Un/Hen tai/in no hokei
- Age groups 7-9 and 10-12 years can be combined in case of small amount of participants

C2 Junior hokei 13-15 years, mixed

- All competitors must be 13-15 years old (competition year); No belt limitation
- Competitors are allowed to do only Sen/Un/Hen tai/in no hokei
- C1 and C2 can be combined in case of small amount of participants

C3 Junior hokei 16-17 years, boys

- All competitors must be 16-17 years old (competition year); No belt limitation
- Competitors are allowed to do only tai/in Hokei

C4 Junior hokei 16-17 years, girls

- All competitors must be 16-17 old (competition year); No belt limitation
- Competitors are allowed to do only tai/in Hokei

C5 Junior jissen 10-12 years, boys

- All competitors must be 10-12 years old (competition year); have belt rank ≥ 6 kyu

C6 Junior jissen 10-12 years, girls

- All competitors must be 10-12 years old (competition year); have belt rank ≥ 6 kyu

C7 Junior jissen 13-15 years, boys

- All competitors must be 13-15 years old (competition year); have belt rank ≥ 6 kyu

C8 Junior jissen 13-15 years, girls

- All competitors must be 13-15 years old (competition year); have belt rank ≥ 6 kyu

C9 Junior Jissen 16-17 years, boys

- All competitors must be 16-17 years old (competition year); have belt rank ≥ 6 kyu

C10 Junior jissen 16-17, girls

- All competitors must be 16-17 years old (competition year); have belt rank ≥ 6 kyu

C11 Dantai hokei for juniors

- 3 person teams (the team must have 3 persons when enrolling to the event)
- Age group: those turning max 17 years during the calendar year 2025; No belt limitation
- Competition hokei: sen/un/hen in/tai-hokei, no minus points for stepping out from the area

C12 Tenkai, mixed for juniors

- 4 person teams, shuyaku + sen, un & hen wakiyakus (the team must have 4 persons when enrolling to the event)
- No minus points for stepping out from the area or for undercutting or exceeding the time limit
- Age group: those turning max 17 years during the calendar year 2025; No belt limitation

C13 O-jissen, mixed 10-11 years

- no belt limitation Match time 1min

C14 O-jissen, mixed 7-9 years

- no belt limitation; Match time 1min

C15 O-jissen, mixed 4-6 years

- no belt limitation; Match time 1min

GUIDELINES FOR ALL EVENTS

Uniform

- The competitors must have clean, proper and undamaged Taidogi or Karate-gi.
- For ETC only Taido-gi is allowed.
- Properly tied obi must be worn.
- Wearing glasses in Jissen & Tenkai is forbidden, but contact lenses are approved. Sport glasses can be worn if judges find them safe.
- Earrings, rings and other similar adornments are forbidden. If these cannot be removed, they must be totally covered with tape. There must not be any hard or sharp objects in the hair.

Protective gear

- The competitors may use medical supports (wrists, ankles, knees), but they must not hinder or create any risks for the opponent. Jockstrap, head, chest and teeth protection is allowed.

Jissen

- Grabbing and pushing: It's forbidden to grab the opponent's Dogi. Body checks and pushing are not allowed. A warning (chūi) should be given if grabbing and/or pushing is done. Points and warnings are awarded in accordance with the international competition rules.
- Active jissen time is used. A jissen match duration is 1 minute 30 seconds in all matches. The timing begins when the Shinpan-in says "Hajime" in "Shobu ippon - Hajime". The time is paused, when either Shinpan-in pauses the match. The time is then restarted when Shushin restarts the match.
- The possible extension time is 30 s and it is used fully (the match does not end at the first point during the extension time). Maximum two (2) extension times can be used. An extension should only be used when it is impossible to declare the winner otherwise. Extension is only used in semi-finals and finals.

Judges

Judges/ Referees – ETC2025, ITFG2025, JWTG

- All judges have to enroll as judges in all the different events.
- The general rule is that a person should have experience in judging and should have at least 4th dan.
- If a person has 4th dan shinsa in the event he/she can roll as judge.
- Enrollment as judges is binding and judges cannot compete in the events.
- Enrollment to judge will be done when enrolling to the events.
- PTA, FTA, STA together with WTF will review all judges' enrollments and will confirm if a person is qualified. When choosing judges to both events, experience and amount of judges per country will be reviewed.



Insurance - Insurance policy in the events

All participants are obliged to take out private insurance which is valid abroad and covers accidents in sports competitions. By signing the entry form participants accept that participation in the event is at their own responsibility and their own risk in every aspect.

The organization will see to it that an English speaking First-Aid Group is available for the participants during the events. If any treatment that is not or cannot be carried out by this first response team becomes necessary, it will be a matter between you, the local therapists and each participant insurance company.

European taidokas: European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is valid in Portugal. You should request a free card before your trip to Portugal. This card gives you access to medically assistance and state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay in Portugal.

Others

- All competitors entrust their Portrait Rights to the ETC organizing committee, after their enrollment.
- ETC organizing committee will only use the Portrait Rights to promote and value the discipline of Taido and its participants/ competitors.
- National Taido Organizations (NTO's) may apply for an exception to belt rank or age with a letter of justification and an application form that should be communicated to the Organizing Committee preferably before entry time ends.



Take note!

The International Taido Friendship Games + the 1st World Taido Junior Games will take place on the 26 (Saturday) of July.

The European Taido Championship on the 27(Sunday) of July.

Packages and Prices

ETC 2025 Portugal		
Taido Tourist Package	over 18 years	170 €
<i>Price includes:</i>		
International Taido Seminar		
T-shirt		
2 lunchboxes (Sat, Sun)		
Banquette		
ETC ticket		
TOTAL		
registration starts on 2025.02.27		
submission deadline 2025.05.11		
Taido Tourist Package	under 18 years	95 €
<i>Price includes:</i>		
International Taido Seminar		
T-shirt		
2 lunchboxes (Sat, Sun)		
Banquette		
ETC ticket		
TOTAL		
(Banquette is under optional services)		
Taido Volunteer/ Judge Package		80 €
<i>Price includes:</i>		
International Taido Seminar		
Special Judge/ Volunteer T-shirt		
Special Judge gift		
2 lunchboxes (Sat, Sun)		
Banquette		
ETC ticket		
TOTAL		
(Banquette is under optional services)		

NB: If you are not a Taido participant but a supporter, such as a parent, sister, brother, grandmother, grandfather, or any relative or friend you only need to choose from “**Optional Services**”

Optional Services		Price
International Friendship Games Participation		50 €
World Junior Taido Games Participation - Children		30 €
International Taido Seminar		40 €
Entry ticket Adult		20 €
Entry ticket Children	under 12	free
Banquette only		70 €
Banquette under 12 with adult		35 €
Extra lunchboxes (if selected)		13 €
T-shirt		25 €

Extra activities + Sight seeing

2 hour Boat Trip (2)	max 66 persons	33 €
Dolphin Watching (6)	max 72 persons in 2 boats	40 €
Surf experience - 2,5 hours	máx 24 persons (includes transport from Lagos)	70 €

Extra Activities

1. 2 hour boat trip in traditional Portuguese sailboat - up to 66 persons distributed in 2 similar sailboats

Unforgettable experience sailing through the crystal clear waters of the Algarve, along Ponta da Piedade, with a visit to the Ponta da Piedade Caves Ex Libris of the city of Lagos

- Includes a stop for a swim and a visit to the Ponta da Piedade Grottos
- Bar service available on board
- With local guide
- Schedule: 10h30, 12h30, 14h30 e 16h30.
- Price: 33,00€ (adults) | 17,50€ (children up to 12 years old) | Under 2 years old free



2. Dolphin watching - Capacity 72 persons distributed in 2 similar sailboats

A magical moment on board, with detail explanations from a marine biologist

- Marine biologist.
- Duration 1h30.
- Price: 40€ (adults) | 25€ (children up to 12 years old).



3. Group surf lesson min 2 persons – max 24

A great opportunity to learn or improve your skills, catering to all levels: beginner, intermediate or advanced, suitable for 12 years old onwards.

- Wetsuit, surfboard and insurance included
- Transfer from Lagos to the beach
- Approximately 2.5 hours
- Certified instructors
- Price: 70€ (adults)



Venue of the Competition



Aerial view of Lagos City



Venue



Meia Praia beach

Banquette

Beach barbecue in Meia Praia. Hotel Tivoli Duna Beach Club.



Getting around

Distances

The venue, a school – **Escola Secundária Julio Dantas** - is located in the western outskirts of the old town, within a 5 minute walk from the old city walls.

Transportation

Transportation to the venue can be done by bus, taxi or Uber.

Buses – “ONDA” - available to the venue: #1, #4, #9 and #10, with a cost of 1,20€ by trip.

Distances from the sports venue to :

- Mercado Municipal de Lagos – Main avenue – 18 min walking / 5 min by car
- Hotel Aqualuz Lagos – southern outskirts of old town – 25 min walking / 6 min by car
- Banquet hall, Duna beach, Meia Praia - 47 min walking / 7 min by car



Accommodation at the venue

There is the possibility of accommodation at the venue. These are classrooms that will be stripped of school equipment and will be prepared for this purpose. The school has sports changing rooms and showers and bathrooms. Bring your sleeping bag and mattress and spirit to participate!

This option of accommodation is free.

Close to the venue – 5 min there is a [Intermarché](#) supermarket with take away meals, sushi made on the spot, a Burger King. Also includes a drugstore and a laundry.

Accommodation

There are plenty of options to choose between hotels, hostels and villas for rent in Lagos area. We recommend as an affordable option for families, groups of friends the rental of an apartment or villa. (check [booking.com](#) or [trivago.com](#))

Example only:

The screenshot shows the Vrbo website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Vrbo logo, a 'Get the app' button, currency (GBP), and links for 'Trip Boards', 'List your property', 'Help', 'My trips', and 'Sign in'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Holiday Rentals > Portugal > Faro District > Lagos > Meia Praia > Stunning Modern 2 Bedroom Apartment with Seaviews and Communal Roof Terrace Pool, Meia Praia. The main search area has three input fields: 'Where to?' (filled with 'Lagos, Faro District, Portugal'), 'Dates', and 'Travellers' (filled with '2 travellers'). A 'Search' button is to the right. Below the search bar, there's a link 'See all properties' and a 'Save' button. The listing title is 'Stunning Modern 2 Bedroom Apartment with Seaviews and Communal Roof Terrace Pool'. Below the title are five images: a large balcony view of the sea, a living room, a dining area, a kitchen, and a bedroom. Below the images are tabs for 'Overview', 'Amenities', 'Policies', 'Location', and 'Host'. The 'Overview' tab is selected. It shows a rating of 10 'Exceptional' with a link to 'See all 12 reviews'. Below this are icons for '2 bedrooms', '2 bathrooms', and 'Sleeps 4'. On the right, there's a section 'Add dates for prices' with 'Check-in' and 'Check-out' date selectors. Below that, it shows 'Travellers' as '1 room, 2 travellers'.

Entries and deadlines

Entries will be done by each participant via the webpage www.taïdo.pt

Registration for the events opens on the 9th March and will close on the 15th May 2025