



Communique from the desk of the

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Acting Secretary General of the International Aikido Federation (IAF)

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## **IAF NEWSFLASH – NO. 2 !!!**

### **IAF 14th SUMMIT @ NYC YOYOGI SPORTS CENTRE, TOKYO, JAPAN** **(30 September - 06 October 2024)**

#### **1. AGENDA**

The IAF Statutes provide the following points of guidance regarding the Agenda of the upcoming IAF General Assembly (GA) scheduled to take place on 30/09/2024 & 01/10/2024 at the NYC Yoyogi Sports Centre facility in Tokyo, Japan:

*9.3 Items which Full Members may wish to have included on the agenda, will be submitted to the General Secretary, at least six months before the opening of the General Assembly.*

*9.3.1 The General Secretary will circulate the official agenda at least three months before the opening of the General Assembly.*

Kindly note that the date of this communique marks the 6-months official cut-off date for providing any points for consideration to the IAF DC of items to be placed on the IAF GA Agenda by any IAF Member Countries.

#### **2. EVENT REGISTRATION – IAF 14<sup>th</sup> SUMMIT – IAF GENERAL ASSEMBLY (30/09 - 01/10/2024)**

- Registration for the official delegates of IAF Member Countries to the **IAF General Assembly (GA)**, that takes place on 30/09/2024 & 01/10/2024, is scheduled to open on **5 April 2024**.
- A link to the registration form for the IAF GA delegates and also for prospective observers shall be circulated within the next days via the IAF Member Country e-mail addresses list.
- A link to the registration form for the IAF GA delegates and observers shall also be placed on the official website for registration to the IAF 14<sup>th</sup> Summit International Aikido Seminar (AIS) once that goes online.
- The option for IAF GA delegates and observers to take up accommodation for the entire IAF 14<sup>th</sup> Summit (IN: 29/09/2024 - OUT: 07/10/2024) in type-D rooms at the NYC Yoyogi Sports Centre shall be available on this registration form.
- The option to register an Embu group for the Member Country Embukai shall also be available on this registration form (see below for more information on the Embukai).

### **3. EVENT REGISTRATION –IAF 14th SUMMIT – INTERNATIONAL AIKIDO SEMINAR (02 – 06/10/2024)**

- Registration for participation by all Aikido practitioners worldwide who wishes to attend the **International Aikido Seminar (AIS)**, that is conducted from 02/10/2024 to 06/10/2024 in conjunction with the IAF 14<sup>th</sup> Summit, is scheduled to open on **9 April 2024**.
- The registration website shall become live for online registration once all fees and figures are clear.
- The address of the abovementioned registration website to the AIS shall be circulated within the following days and also be published on the IAF website shortly.
- The option for AIS participants to take up accommodation for the entire International Aikido Seminar (AIS) in type-A rooms at the NYC Yoyogi Sports Centre (IN: 01/10/2024 - OUT: 07/10/2024) shall be available on this registration form.

### **4. VENUE**

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- All delegates and observers to the IAF GA must bring along their own laptop computers that can accommodate a digital online connection via wi-fi for the purposes of the IAF GA meeting.
- Both translation services and voting processes shall be only available online.

### **5. EMBUKAI**

- The Member Country Embukai is provisionally scheduled on Saturday 05/10/2024 in the afternoon.
- All participants to the Embu group of an IAF Member Country must be prepared to undergo an anti-doping test if randomly selected to do so.
- All participants to the Embu group of an IAF Member Country must be familiar with the guidelines of the WADA anti-doping policy and must know and understand the Education Plan of their respective countries or that of the Global Anti-Doping Education Plan of ADEL regarding anti-doping issues.
- Take note that the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has recently published the revised International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories (2024 ISCCS). The updated Standard will come into effect on **1 April 2024**.
- Kindly circulate the following two links to all prospective participants to the Country Member Embukai at the IAF 14<sup>th</sup> Summit:
  - <https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn>
  - <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/world-anti-doping-code-and-international-standards/international-standard-code-compliance>

- Each Embu group should have an official coordinator which must preferably be an official delegate of that country to the IAF General Assembly meeting (GA).
- The option for an IAF GA delegate responsible for that country's embu group to register an Embu group for the Member Country Embukai shall be available on the registration form for the official delegates of IAF Member Countries to the IAF General Assembly (GA).
- DC member Adam Manikowski ([adam.manikowshi@aikido-international.org](mailto:adam.manikowshi@aikido-international.org)) shall be the Technical Director of these demonstrations wherein only IAF Member Countries shall participate.

#### **6. IMPORTANCE OF MEMBER COUNTRY E-MAIL ADDRESS**

- From the monitored responses received from IAF Member Countries on official communiques sent to their respective Member Country e-mail addresses, it is clear that the importance of the use of this address in official communication with the IAF is not yet fully appreciated by all IAF Member Countries.
- Official information regarding its relationship with the IAF is sent and received to and from a Member Country via its Member Country e-mail address ONLY.
- This is also true for information regarding the upcoming IAF 14<sup>th</sup> Summit's General Assembly. For instance, the voting procedure at the IAF 14<sup>th</sup> Summit's General Assembly will be conducted ONLY via the Member Country e-mail address of each IAF Member Country.
- Prompt feedback on each official IAF communique – even a simple acknowledgement of receipt – is therefore extremely important for ensuring that an open line of communication exist between the IAF and each of its members. Such responses are therefore carefully monitored by the IAF.
- The Member Country e-mail address of each Member Country is compiled as follows – [countryname@aikido-international.org](mailto:countryname@aikido-international.org) – and is entrusted to one responsible person in each country.
- It is the responsibility of that person to promptly disseminate all official information received from the IAF to the relevant parties within that country and to officially respond on their behalf where needed.
- Not to do so is a serious dereliction of duty and an unacceptable breach of the IAF Statutes which makes provision for suspension or even expulsion of a Member Country not fulfilling this responsibility.

The IAF 14th Summit Organizing Committee shall supply more and better information by e-mail and online on the IAF website as soon as possible. We are committed to make the IAF 14th Summit a memorable experience to all attendees. We look forward to meeting you all in Tokyo for the IAF 14th Summit!

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