



The All United States Kendo Federation

April 3, 2015

To All members of the All United States Kendo Federation (AUSKF),

The Northern California Iaido Association, part of the Northern California Kendo Federation, is honored to host the AUSKF 2015 National Iaido and Jodo Camp from Thursday, June 18, 2015 to Monday, June 22, 2015 at the San Jose City College.

Enclosed please find a packet of information and registration sheets, all of which should be distributed to any interested individuals. This same information will also be available via the web sites listed below. Online registration will be made available soon as well.

All forms and payments within the packet must be received to the camp mailing address by Friday May 29 to avoid a late fee, or June 5 final cutoff as no late applications will be accepted nor refunds provided after this date.

Candidates seeking ranks up to 6 Dan are eligible to test but must have permission from their instructor and the president of their regional Kendo Federation. Members of non-US federations may also test with the signature of their national Kendo Federation president.

Registrants are responsible for their own ground transportation. Hotel information is in info pack.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the individuals at the addresses and phone number below. Also, we started a Facebook Group page to enable quick information exchanges including updates and member discussions. Please join the group.

We look forward to seeing you in June!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Tanabe

President Northern California Iaido Association

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Northern California Iaido Association: <http://www.nckf.org/laido/index.htm>

Facebook Group Page: 2015 AUSKF Iaido Nationals

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1582320962013929/?fref=nf>



The All United States Kendo Federation 2015 Iaido and Jodo Seminar

Organizers: Northern California Iaido Association (of the Northern California Kendo Federation)

Schedule: Seminar begins Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 09:00 am and ends Monday June 22, 2015 at Noon.
Check-in begins Wednesday, June 17 at 5:00 pm.
See attached schedule for details.

Location: San Jose City College
2100 Moorpark Ave
San Jose, CA

Instructors:



迫野 康雄先生 居合道範士 8 段

Yasuo Sakono Sensei Iaido Hanshi 8 Dan



中村 正人先生 居合道教士 8 段

Masato Nakamura Sensei Iaido Kyoshi 8 Dan

AUSKF Sensei Shozo Kato
Tatsuhiko Konno

Iaido Kyoshi 7 Dan, Kendo Kyoshi 8 Dan
Iaido Kyoshi 7 Dan, Kendo Kyoshi 7 Dan

Taikai Chairman: Susan Sekreta

Iaido Renshi 6 Dan

Shinsa Chairman: Pamela Parker

Iaido 7 Dan

Jodo Coordinator: Pamela Parker

Iaido 7 Dan



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2015 Iaido Taikai Rules:

- Eligibility:** All participants must attend the iaido seminar to compete.
- Nafuda (name tag):** All participants must have a nafuda (name tag) for their uniform. The nafuda must include English name, not just Japanese.
- Sword Check:** All participants must submit their swords for a sword check prior to start of the taikai.
- ZenKenRen Iaido Kata:** To be chosen by the instructors and posted taikai day.
- Koryu Kata:** Will be chosen by the participant.
- Match time limit:** Six minutes, all divisions.
- Match decisions:** All matches are determined by hantei (judges' decision). All decisions of the referees and judges are final.
- Awards:** 1st place, 2nd place, two 3rd place, and Kantosho (Fighting Spirit) awards will be handed out for each division.
- Divisions:** Mudansha- No rank to 2 Kyu
Murakami Cup- 1 Kyu and 1 Dan
Murosako Cup- 2 Dan and 3 Dan
Yamaguchi Cup- 4 Dan and above

2015 Iaido Shinkyu Shinsa (Exam) Requirements

Shinsa candidates must complete or provide **ALL** of the following prior to the examination:

- AUSKF membership or membership of another kendo federation recognized by FIK.
- Completed shinsa application form. ***Exemption from sitting waza must be explained and be accompanied with a doctor's letter.***
- Signed waiver of liability form.
- Permission from iaido Instructor.
- Permission from their AUS Regional Kendo Federation President or National Kendo Federation President for non-US members.
- A copy of their current iaido menjo (rank certificate).
- Written test answer(s), if applicable.
- Two checks: Checks for Shinsa and menjo fees must be two separate checks (see form) Menjo fee will be refunded if shinsa is not passed, only if a separate check is provided.

Candidates may apply to test for rank up to and including 6th dan. **Any shinsa application forms or payments submitted after June 5, 2015 will NOT be accepted.** New menjo will be mailed to each successful candidate's instructor following the completion of the shinsa. **All decisions of the examining board are final.**



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2015 laido and Jodo Seminar**

Please print all information

Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **M / F**
Last First

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

Parent or Guardian (if under 18 yrs old) _____

AUSKF # _____ **Dojo:** _____ **Federation:** _____

Current Rank: _____

Basic Schedule

Wed 6/17/2015 6-8pm	Pre-registration, welcome reception
Thu 6/18 9-5	laido seminar
Fri 6/19 9-5	laido seminar
Sat 6/20 9-5	laido taikai
Sun 6/21 9-12am 1-5pm	laido shinsa Jodo seminar
Mon 6/22 9-12am	Jodo seminar

2015 AUSKF Iaido/Jodo Seminar Fee Form

Activity	Number		Unit Cost	Total Cost	
Check #1:					
Iaido Seminar (Thursday, Friday)	0	x	\$110.00	\$0.00	
Iaido Taikai (Saturday)	0	x	\$25.00	\$0.00	
Jodo Workshop (Sun 1-5, Mon 9-12am)	0	x	\$25.00	\$0.00	
Lunch (Bento)					
Thursday	0	x	\$10.00	\$0.00	
Friday	0	x	\$10.00	\$0.00	
Saturday	0	x	\$10.00	\$0.00	
Sunday	0	x	\$10.00	\$0.00	
Sayonara Dinner (Saturday)	0		\$40.00	\$0.00	
Other:					
2015 AUSKF Iaido Camp t-shirt	0		\$15.00	\$0.00	Size:
Donation to AUSKF Iaido Camp	0	x	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Non-AUSKF Member Fee	0	x	\$40.00	\$0.00	
Late Fee (after May 22)	0	x	\$35.00	\$0.00	
				Subtotal =	\$0.00
Check #2:					
Iaido Shinsa Sunday 9-12am	0	x	\$50.00	\$0.00	
				Subtotal =	\$0.00
Check #3:					
Iaido Menjo Fee					
Kyu (Age 17 and under):	0	x	\$10.00	\$0.00	
Kyu (Age 18 and over):	0	x	\$20.00	\$0.00	
1 Dan:	0	x	\$30.00	\$0.00	
2 Dan:	0	x	\$40.00	\$0.00	
3 Dan:	0	x	\$60.00	\$0.00	
4 Dan:	0	x	\$80.00	\$0.00	
5 Dan:	0	x	\$100.00	\$0.00	
6 Dan:	0	x	\$150.00	\$0.00	
				Subtotal	\$0.00
				GRAND TOTAL = \$0.00	
NO applications, changes or refunds will be accepted after June 5, 2015.					
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AUSKF					
Ch Seminar, Bento, Sayonara dinner, and other					
Check #2: Shinsa (Testing) Fee					
Check #3: Menjo (Certificate) Fee					



2015 Iaido/Jodo Seminar
Shinsa (Examination) Application Form

Requesting rank: _____ Exam date: _____ Date: _____
(Kyu or Dan)

Federation: _____ Dojo: _____ AUSKF# _____

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ FAX: _____

Present rank: _____ Date received: _____

Place of Practice: _____ How many times per week: _____

List any handicaps, injuries etc.: _____

(Signature of applicant) (Date)

(Signature of Regional Federation President) (Date)

(Printed Name - Regional Federation President)

- * To avoid mistakes and delays, please print clearly.
- * See Shinsa Checklist for accompanying documents and fees
- * Payment must accompany this form.
- * We cannot process without your AUSKFID Number.



AUSKF 2015 IAIDO SHINSA WRITTEN TEST QUESTIONS

Answer two questions from the group of questions for the rank for which you are testing.

Submit your answers with your application or email them to pam_a_parker@yahoo.com (shinsa administrator), or bring them to the seminar and turn them in to the shinsa administrator.

Applicant's Name (print legibly): _____

Regional Federation: _____ Dojo: _____

First Kyu Candidates:

1. List the names of the twelve All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata. Include a short English translation for each.
2. Describe the proper way of gripping the katana when cutting.
3. Why are you studying laido? What do you hope to accomplish?

Shodan Candidates:

1. Explain what is meant by the term saya biki. Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata.
2. Draw a simple diagram of a katana, label as many parts as you can.
3. What is kirioroshi? Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata.

Nidan Candidates:

1. Discuss zanshin. Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata.
2. The blade of the katana is divided into 3 parts; describe the use of each part.
3. What is meant by the term lai-goshi? Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata.

Sandan Candidates:

1. What is metsuke? Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata.
2. Describe how to clean a sword (shinken and/or iaito).
3. Discuss jo-ha-kyu.

Yondan Candidates:

1. Define hasuji and discuss its importance in laido.
2. What is saya biki? Why do we do it?
3. Explain fudo-shin.

Godan Candidates:

1. Describe the hara (tanden), and explain its importance for laido.
2. What is meant by saya-no-uchi? How does it apply to AJKF laido?
3. What is important when teaching laido to beginners?

Rokudan Candidates:

1. Explain the importance of reiho? How should it be taught?
2. What are maa and maai? Discuss how to teach them in laido.
3. What is kigurai? How is it developed?

WAIVER OF LIABILITY
For Participation in Events of the
2015 AUSKF Iaido/Jodo Seminar, Taikai, and Shinsa

I, the below signed Participant, intending to be legally bound, do hereby, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors and administrators, waive, release, and forever discharge any claims for damages, illness, injuries and/or death which may hereafter accrue to me against Northern California Iaido Association, the Northern California Kendo Federation (NCKF) and its affiliates, The All United States Kendo Federation (AUSKF) and the San Jose City College _____, their members, employees, instructors, agents, invited Sensei and participants in the 2015 AUSKF Iaido/Jodo Seminar, taikai and shinsa in San Jose, CA for any and all damages which may be sustained or suffered by me in connection with, in association with, travel to or from or participation in the 2015 AUSKF Iaido/Jodo Seminar, taikai and shinsa.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Northern California Iaido Association (of the NCKF) and its affiliates, The AUSKF, and the San Jose City College, their members, employees, instructors, agents, invited Sensei and participants in the 2015 AUSKF Iaido/Jodo Seminar, taikai and shinsa for any claims I may have outlined herein.

I further agree that All claims or disputes arising out of or related to my participation in this event shall be decided by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association (“AAA”) pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act 9 U.S.C. 1, et seq. and in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the AAA and agreeable to all parties.

Participant:

_____ Date: _____

*Parent or Legal Guardian:

_____ Date: _____

*(Note: Parent or Legal Guardian must sign if the Participant is under the age of eighteen years old)

The All United States Kendo Federation 2015 Iaido and Jodo Seminar CHECKLIST

**Mail the following registration package components
to the address below by Friday, May 29**
(or by June 5 with late fee):

- 🍏 Seminar Registration Form
- 🍏 Seminar Fee Form
- 🍏 Check(s) made out to All United States Kendo Federation
(do not abbreviate)
- 🍏 Shinsa Requirements (if testing):
 - AUSKF Shinsa (Examination) Form
 - Copy of your current Menjo (rank certificate) – if you have an Iaido rank
 - Written Exam Form – Submit answers to appropriate test questions on the day of the Shinsa or email to pam_a_parker@yahoo.com (shinsa administrator) by June 5.

Online Registration will be made available, but please mail checks by the deadline to the Camp Address. Check the websites and Facebook page for more information.

Mail registration package and checks to:

AUSKF 2015 Iaido Camp
C/o Kimiye Touchi
5010 Manzanillo Street
Fair Oaks, CA 95628
Phone: 916-390-5955
E-mail: laido2015@nckf.org

Supplemental Information- Hotel Options

For easiest access to the San Jose City College, the main event hotel will be the:

[DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Campbell - Pruneyard Plaza](#)

1995 South Bascom Avenue, Campbell, California, 95008, USA
TEL: +1-408-559-4300
FAX: +1-408-559-9919

Room selection is limited, so we recommend making a reservation quickly. Looking for a roommate? Try the Facebook page to find other solo travelers.

Rates are as follows:

Room	Single rate	Double	Triple	Quad
Classic king 1-2 people	\$169	\$169		
Classic 2 queen 1-4 people	\$169	\$169	\$179	\$189

1) Online [Reservation Link - DoubleTree by Hilton Campbell](#)

Enter Dates: Arrival **June 17, 2015** and Departure **June 22, 2015** Under the “Add Special Rate Code” tab in the Group Code Box Enter: **NCI**

2) Phone 1-800-222-TREE (222-8733) & request the code **NCI**.

Your group block is open till **May 20, 2015**. Thank you for sharing this information with your group and encouraging them to book a room with us.

Directions:

Mineta San Jose International Airport, CA

- » Depart Airport Blvd toward Ewert Rd (1.4 mi.)
- » Take ramp left for I-880 South toward Santa Cruz (3.3 mi.)
- » Road name changes to CA-17 S (1.3 mi.)
- » At exit 25, take ramp right and follow signs for Hamilton Ave (0.2 mi.)
- » Turn left onto E Hamilton Ave (0.5 mi.)
- » Turn right onto S Bascom Ave (0.3 mi.)
- » Arrive at 1995 S Bascom Ave, Campbell, CA 95008 (0.0 mi.)

Other nearby options-

Motel 6 San Jose - Campbell Camden Ave, Campbell 1-866-599-6674

Bristol Hotel, Boutique Collection- S Bascom Ave, Campbell 1-866-599-6674

Campbell Inn- E Campbell Ave, Campbell 1-866-599-6674

Main Venue- **SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE**

2100 Moorpark Ave

San Jose, CA 95128

<http://www.sjcc.edu/discover-sjcc/directions-parking>

Parking is \$3/day in the parking garage or free on the street outside of campus. Parking on the street will be difficult on Thursday, but easier on the other days.

From San Jose Airport:

Take the 880/17 freeway south to the 280 freeway exit south. Immediately after entering 280 south take the Bascom/Leigh exit. At the top of the ramp the college will be on your right, with an entrance to the parking lot at the stop light.

From San Francisco airport:

The most scenic way is to take freeway 380 west exit from the airport. After several miles take the freeway 280 south exit and you will be on what has been called the most beautiful freeway in the world. Continue south to San Jose. Immediately after passing beneath the freeway 880/17 interchange take the Bascom/Leigh exit. At the top of the ramp the college will be on your right, with an entrance to the parking lot at the stop light.

OR

A slightly faster but often more congested route is to take freeway 101 south to San Jose. At the freeway 880/17 interchange you will exit to the south, heading toward Los Gatos. When you reach the freeway 280 interchange you will take 280 to the south. Immediately after entering 280 south take the Bascom/Leigh exit. At the top of the ramp the college will be on your right, with an entrance to the parking lot at the stop light.