



THE 15TH LONGHORN INVITATIONAL TEAM KENDO TAIKAI

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016

**“Kendoists Gather to Experience Team Competition
in Accordance With the Spirit and Principles of Kendo”**

Summary

Date & Time	Saturday October 8, 2016, 8:00am – 6:00pm
Registration Deadline	Monday - September 19, 2016 (Entries and payment must be in our possession by this due date)
Founded By	Sensei-Tetsuo Komizu
Hosted By	The University of Texas Kendo Association http://www.utexas.edu/students/utkendo/
Sponsored By	Division of Recreational Sports – The University of Texas at Austin
Supported By	The Austin Kendo Doshikai
Tournament Location	Recreational Sports Center (RSC), 2100 San Jacinto Boulevard 20 th Street at San Jacinto, on the University of Texas Campus Map - http://www.utexas.edu/maps/main/buildings/rsc.html
Tournament Coordinator	Jeff Chen 1200 Barton Creek Blvd, #12, Austin, TX 78735 512.657.6846 info@austinkendo.org
Eligibility	By invitation only
Team Organization	Each dojo may enter 1 or 2 team(s) composed of 5-6 members (5 players and an optional alternate) and an optional team manager.
Entry Fee	\$150 per team (last year’s winning team is exempt from the entry fee)
Tournament Hotel	Drury Inn & Suites Austin North 6711 IH 35 NORTH AUSTIN, TX 78752 (800) 325-0720 Group # 2284296 Group Name “Austin Kendo” https://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2284296 Hotel Reservation Deadline: Monday, September 5, 2016 \$139.99/night, 10/7 (Friday) and 10/8 (Saturday)
Team Captains Meeting	Friday October 7 th , 7:00pm - 7:30pm At the Drury Inn – room to be communicated later
Lunch	Bento \$14 – Reserve and pay with registration by September 14
Sayonara Party	Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 7pm to 9pm To Be Announced \$35 per person - Reserve and pay with registration by September 14
University of Texas at Austin	http://www.utexas.edu/maps



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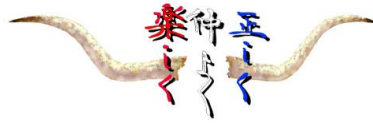
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Information for Participants

1. All competitors should be familiar with the enclosed “Rules and Regulations” of The Longhorn Invitational Team Taikai before the day of the taikai. Any questions regarding these rules should be directed to the Tournament Coordinator.
2. All participants must register and have their shinai inspected and marked properly before group assembly at 8:45a.m. At registration, participants will be issued 2 identification tags, identifying them and their team (see “Rules and Regulations” section). These should be applied to each side o-dare of the tare.
3. All competitors should be in keiko-gi, hakama, and bogu by 8:30am.
4. Each team should be ready to compete immediately after the preceding team match is finished.
5. The taikai will take place at the Recreational Sports Center (RSC), 2100 San Jacinto Boulevard, 20th Street at San Jacinto, on the University of Texas Campus.
6. Parking is best in the Manor Parking Garage (behind the University of Texas Darrell K Royal football stadium) located at 2017 Robert Dedman Dr, Austin, TX
7. Please take care of your belongings. The University of Texas, Division of Recreational Sports, U.T. Kendo Association, and the Austin Kendo Doshikai are not responsible for any lost, missing or stolen articles.
8. The University of Texas regulations prohibit food and beverages in all activity areas. Food and beverages are allowed in the hallways outside of these rooms.
9. The University of Texas regulations prohibit smoking in all University buildings. Smoking must be done at least 20 feet from any entrance.
10. Sales and Vending: Only registered student organizations, UT, and UT approved businesses are allowed to conduct business transactions on UT property. Student organizations are free to conduct fund-raisers within the established rules and regulations.

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Tournament Regulations

Team Organization and Eligibility

1. Eligible participants: by invitation extended to dojos or federations.
2. Each team must have at least 4 competitors and at most 6 competitors.
3. Each team may have an optional, non-competing manager.
4. All team members must be 16 years or older. Players 17 years old or younger must provide written parental or legal guardian consent with the team registration form.
5. The rank of the team members must be godan (5-Dan) or less.
6. At least 3 team members must live within 100 miles of the dojo and keiko on a regular basis with their member dojo. Up to two (2) team members will be allowed exemption to the mileage and keiko rule. The rank the exempt team member(s) must be sandan (3-Dan) or less.
7. Eligibility exemptions will be considered on an individual basis prior to the tournament registration deadline. Exemptions must be requested through the tournament coordinator and must be approved by the tournament committee.
8. The number of teams allowed from a dojo is as follows:
 - a. Each Texas dojo may enter up to two (2) teams; the maximum number of competitors from any one Texas dojo is 12.
 - b. Individual dojos or regional federation teams out of the state of Texas
 - i. In their first year participating may have one (1) team
 - ii. In subsequent years may have two (2) teams
 - c. The Tournament committee may adjust eligibility of invitees where it deems necessary.
9. At registration and check-in, each player will be issued a pair of name tags to be worn on the odare (side flaps) of the tare. Players who are not listed in the Taikai Application Form will not be issued name tags and will not be allowed to compete.
10. If sickness, injury or lack of members causes a team to fail to have the required number of competitors, the team may compete with 4 or 3 members. If competing with less than the maximum amount of members, those available will fill the first positions of the team order. For example a team with 4 members forfeits Taisho (5th player position).
11. Team members are to be selected from the list registered with the team application form. Team members may not be exchanged between the A and B teams from a dojo.
12. Each team must select at most 5 members to compete in each match. Matches must be completed by the original team members chosen for the match. In the case of injury a team alternate may not substitute for the injured player until the end of the match.
13. The competitors and their order for a team may be changed freely for every team match by submitting a "Team Order Form" to the scoring table.
14. The team captain must present a "Team Order Form" of competitors to the head table by the end of the immediately preceding match. If not presented in time, the last "Team Order Form" submitted is considered unchanged for new match. The "Team Order Form" for the first match of the day must be presented immediately after "Assembly of Participants" at 8:45am.
15. Substitution of a Team Member: After the registration deadline each team will be allowed one (1) player substitution on a team, prior to or at the team captains meeting (7:00 p.m. Fri.) or by submission to the registration table on the day of tournament at (8:00 a.m. Sat.).

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Entry Fee

\$150 per team to be paid with team registration
Last year's winning team is exempt from the entry fee.

Tournament Pairings

Team pairings and alignment will be announced on tournament day.

Tournament Format

1. The Tournament Founder will set the rules, standards, and format of tournament.
2. Rules and regulations of matches will be according to the:
 - a. "The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan"
 - b. "The Subsidiary Rules of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan"
 - c. "The Guidelines for Kendo Shiai and Shinpan" - Revised 2004 - International Kendo Federation
3. The tournament will have league matches (preliminary round) and tournament matches (final round). League matches will be held for each zone. The 1st and 2nd place teams of each zone will advance to the tournament matches.
4. The matches will be conducted according to SANBON-SHOBU; 3-point match.
 - a. Preliminary Round/league matches: 3 minutes, no encho
 - b. Semi-final and Final Rounds: 4 minutes, no encho
5. The winning team and ranking will be determined by the following rules:
 - a. Determination of the winning team will be made in the following order:
 - i. Higher number of individual winners. In the event of a tie, then;
 - ii. Higher number of points scored. If still a tie, then;
 - iii. A draw will be declared (for league matches) OR a play-off will be conducted (for tournament matches).
 - b. Determination of the team ranking in each zone of the league matches (preliminary round) will be made in the following order:
 - i. Higher number of matches won. In the event of a tie, then;
 - ii. Higher number of individual winners. If still a tie, then;
 - iii. Higher number of points scored. If still a tie, then;
 - iv. A play-off between representatives of each team will determine their position.
 - c. Play-offs will be "ippon-shobu" of 4 minutes length between representatives from each team without time limit.
 - d. A default is regarded as a loss; an opponent is given 2 points against 1 default.
6. Awards:
 - a. Team Trophy to First Place Team (conditional 1 year possession)
 - i. Awards will be given to all competitors and the Kantoku
 - b. 2nd place and 3rd place (2 teams tie for 3rd place)
 - c. The Longhorn Award is awarded to two players of potential for the future in kendo.

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Tournament Hotel Information

Drury Inn & Suites Austin North
6711 IH 35 NORTH, AUSTIN, TX 78752
(512) 467-9500

Group Reservation Link: <https://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2284296>

Group Info: "2284296 - AUSTIN KENDO"

Group Rate: **\$139.99 / night + taxes** (available evenings: 10/7, 10/8)

Breakfast included (starting at 7am) and Free wireless internet

Reservation Deadline: A block of 25 Rooms is being held at a discounted rate of \$139.99 for 10/7 (Friday) and 25 rooms for 10/8 (Saturday). Please **make your reservation before Monday September 5, 2016**. Reservations made after this date will be subject to prevailing rate and availability. The hotel is expected to be sold out for Saturday, 10/8, so please make your reservations timely.

Driving Directions From Austin-Bergstrom Airport (AUS): <http://goo.gl/maps/zMzxb>

Driving directions to Drury Inn, 6711 N IH 35, Austin, TX 78752

A Austin-Bergstrom International-Aus
3600 Presidential Blvd # 411, Austin, TX 78719

1. Head east toward Presidential Blvd
2. Continue straight onto Presidential Blvd
3. Slight right to stay on Presidential Blvd
4. Turn left onto E State Hwy 71 Service Rd
5. Take the ramp on the left onto TX-71 W
6. Take the I-35 N/US-290 E exit toward Waco
7. Keep right at the fork and merge onto I-35 N/US-290 E
Continue to follow I-35 N
8. Take exit 239-240A toward US-183 S/St Johns Ave/Anderson Ln
9. Merge onto I-35 Frontage Rd

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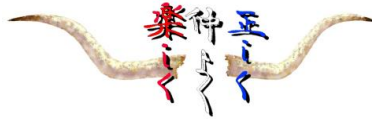


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Schedule of Events

Building Opens	8:00 a.m.
Open warm-up in designated rooms and areas	
Registration	8:00 a.m./8:45 a.m.
Shinai check	8:00 a.m./8:45 a.m.
After 9:00 a.m. there is to be no practice; kiai, fumi komi, shinai-to-shinai contact, or sounds in main hall. Please use the designated areas down the hallway for practice.	
Assemble Participants	8:45 a.m.
March-in and Opening Ceremony	9:00 a.m.
Preliminary Round (2 or 4 team line up)	9:30 a.m.
We will use two (2 or 4) team line up procedure; ending and beginning teams.	
Lunch Break	12:30 p.m.
Semifinal/Final Matches	1:15 p.m.
Awards Ceremony	3:45 p.m.
Closing Declaration	
Group Photo (10 minutes after closing declaration)	
Goodwill Keiko	4:30 p.m./5:30 p.m.
Finish	6:00 p.m.
Sayonara Party / Dinner	7:00 p.m.

**Do not practice or walk on shiai –jo or in front of shinpan head table.
No shoes on shiai-jo (match courts).**



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Individual Team Member Entry Form & Liability Waiver

Name _____ Dojo: _____
 First **Middle** **Last**

Rank: _____ Age: _____ Gender: M / F

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Day / Night () _____ E-mail: _____

LIABILITY WAIVER

I am aware that enrollment in this tournament constitutes an assumption of risk because of the nature of the activity. The University of Texas, the Division of Recreational Sports, the UT Kendo Association and the Austin Kendo Doshikai members involved in this event shall not be held liable for any personal injuries or property damages or losses incurred as a result of participation. It is my intent to release and hold harmless The University of Texas, the Division of Recreational Sports, the U.T. Kendo Association members and The Austin Kendo Doshikai members for injuries or losses incurred while participating in the activities. Where the contestant is a minor, I the parent or guardian, do agree to the above waiver and give permission to the tournament officials to seek medical attention for my son or daughter in the event of sickness or injury. I also realize that kendo is a martial art and therefore contains some inherent risks.

Signature of Participant

Date

Name of Parent / Guardian

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