



2023 Nabeshima Cup Taikai, Texas Open Taikai, and Shinsa

DFWKIK, in conjunction with the SWKIF, is excited to announce the 18th Nabeshima Cup Taikai, the 12th Texas Open Taikai, and SWKIF Spring Shinsa up to 4 dan. The events will take place **April 28 - April 30**.

This year we will offer the following divisions for the Nabeshima Cup:

- Junior Youth (8 - 12 years)
- Senior Youth (13 - 16 years)
- Mudansha (1 kyu and below)
- Yudansha (1 dan - 3 dan)
- Women's (3 dan and below)

Junior Youth and Senior Youth divisions may be combined depending on registration.

If you qualify for multiple divisions, please be aware you may only compete in one.

The Texas Open is open to all 4 dan and above.

We appreciate the vendors who come to this event. However, please be advised that any products or services offered by vendors are chosen by them and are offered without any endorsement, explicit or implied, by the DFWKIK, SWKIF or the AUSKF.

Locations

Taikai, Seminar, and Shinsa

The Episcopal School of Dallas
4100 Merrell Road
Dallas, Texas 75229

[Google Maps](#)

Saturday Dinner

Maggiano's Little Italy
6001 W Park Blvd
Plano, TX 75093

[Google Maps](#)

We do not have an event hotel with a special rate available this year.

Schedule

April 28 Seminar

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM SWKIF Board of Directors meeting (*Holiday Inn Express & Suites North Dallas at Preston*)

6:00 PM - 8:45 PM Seminar led by:

Doug Imanishi Sensei: Kyoshi 7 Dan, AUSKF Competition Committee and Risk Management Committee Member, President of PNKF, Head Instructor of the Seattle Kendo Kai

Takuro Yamaoka Sensei: 5 Dan, Team USA, Captain of the SWKIF Regional Team, Head instructor of the Omaha Kendo & Iaido Kyokai

April 29 Taikai

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM Taikai registration and Shinai Check

8:30 AM Shinpan meeting

9:00 AM March-In, Opening Ceremony

9:30 AM Group Photo

9:40 AM Nihon Kendo Kata Enbu

10:00 AM Nabeshima Cup division and Texas Open matches

12:30 PM Lunch

1:15 PM Jodo Enbu

2:30 PM Nabeshima Cup and Texas Open Semifinals/Finals (Court A)

5:00 PM Awards Presentation & Closing Ceremony

6:00 PM Empty Building

Time permitting Godo Keiko

7:30 Dinner at Maggiano's Little Italy

The above times may change as required on the day of the event.

April 30 Shinsa

8:00 AM Building Opens

8:30 AM Shinsa registration

9:00 AM Shinsa Starts (up to 4 dan)

12:30 PM Empty Building

Time permitting Godo Keiko

Registration

Please use the link below to register online.

[Seminar and Taikai Registration Form](#)

The deadline for registration is April 14th.

Payments

Please pay based on your registration selections using the paypal links on our event webpage:
[2023 Nabeshima Cup \(dfwkik.org\)](https://www.dfwkik.org/2023-Nabeshima-Cup)

You may also send a check for your total amount to our PO box, payable to *DFWKIK*:

DFWKIK
4145 Belt Line Rd
Ste 212-104
Addison, TX 75001

Please notify our Treasurer, Denise Verastigue Sensei (treasurer@dfwkik.org) if you have sent a check in the mail.

The payment amounts for the seminar and taikai are as follows:

- \$20** Seminar registration fee
- \$40** Taikai registration fee - Adult divisions
- \$20** Taikai registration fee - Youth divisions
- \$12** Saturday lunch (*Shinpan will receive complimentary lunch*)
- \$35** Saturday dinner - Adult
- \$18** Saturday dinner - Kids (ages 5-11)

We will also graciously accept any additional donations to aid the success of the event!

Saturday lunch will be bento provided by [Mitsuwa Marketplace](https://www.mitsuwa.com/) with the option of meat, fish, or veggie.

We will not be able to provide extra lunches nor accommodate dinner guests without RSVP on the day of the taikai. Please fill out your registration accordingly, and make your payments before the weekend of the event.

Shinsa payments are handled separately by SWKIF.

Shinsa

You can find the instructions for shinsa registration hosted on our event page:

[SWKIF Spring 2023 Kendo Shinsa Application Material \(PDF\)](#)

This includes registration details, fee structure, essay prompts, and the AUSKF affiliate examination request form (for applicants outside SWKIF).

The shinsa registration itself is a separate form from the seminar / taikai registration:

[Shinsa Registration Form](#)

The shinsa panels will test up to 4 dan.

Shinsa payments are also made separately from seminar / taikai. Please follow the instructions in the shinsa materials document linked above if you are planning to test.

Contact

For any questions, please reach out to our tournament co-chairs:

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GOVERNING REGULATIONS
2023 NABESHIMA CUP & TEXAS OPEN KENDO TAIKAIS

- I. The Nabeshima Cup Invitational Kendo Tournament is a set of individual tournaments comprised of 5 brackets held for kenshi holding a rank of sandan or lower (Junior Youth, Senior Youth, Women, Mudansha, and Yudansha) and the Texas Open, an individual tournament held for all kenshi holding a rank of yondan or higher. The Nabeshima Cup Invitational Kendo Tournament is designed to promote friendship among fellow kenshi and to allow kenshi to gain experience in shiai kendo.
- II. Shinpan duty - all participants of the Texas Open and other attending kenshi of yondan rank will be asked to be shinpan for the Nabeshima Cup brackets in the registration package. Though not mandatory, it is recommended that all yondan signup for shinpan duty. All godan and higher will be asked to be shinpan for the Texas Open. Shinpan dress code will be the official FIK taikai uniform.
- III. The Nabeshima Cup Invitational Kendo tournaments and the Texas Open Kendo tournament will be formatted as single elimination tournaments based on the number of participants.
- IV. Matches
 - A. All matches are sanbon-shobu (3 point match). In the event of a forfeit, the winner is awarded 2 points.
 - B. Youth division matches will be 2 minutes in length with a 1 minute encho. In the event of a tie in scoring after encho, a hantei judgment will be issued to determine the match winner.
 - C. All other Nabeshima Cup matches will be 3 minutes in length with a 2 minute encho. In the event of a tie in scoring after encho, a hantei judgment will be issued to determine the match winner.
 - D. Texas Open matches will be 3 minutes with unlimited encho.
 - E. Youth semi-final and final matches will be 3 minutes in length with unlimited encho.
 - F. All other semi-final and final matches will be 5 minutes in length with unlimited encho and will occur after all divisional matches leading up the semi-final and final matches have concluded.
- V. Seeding brackets
 - A. Women participants may choose to enter either womens, mudansha, or yudansha divisions depending on rank and skill, but will only be allowed to enter a single bracket.
 - B. Participants of all brackets will be seeded according to rank, age, and dojo. Efforts will be made to avoid seeding competitors of the same dojo in the same brackets.
 - C. Competitors will be assigned a court and competitor number based on their seeded position.
- VI. All equipment, including shinai, must adhere to regulation sizes, weights, and characteristics established by the International Kendo Federation. Shinai must be

inspected, weighed and approved prior to the taikai opening. Competitors observed using unapproved shinai during the taikai risk disqualification.

VII. All decisions of the judges are final. All other governing regulations will follow the rules and guidance of the International Kendo Federation.

A. Provisional Shiai and Shinpan Rules

1. Actions such as intentional time wasting or approaching the opponent in a defensive posture (avoiding competing) shall be deemed hansoku in accordance with Article 1 of the Regulations.
2. If close-quarters contact is entered during an attack, defense or strike, the shiai-sha must proactively perform hiki-waza or other techniques from taiatari (vocalization allowed) as soon as contact is made. Furthermore, if contact results in tsubazeriai, but no technique is forthcoming, shiai-sha should take initiative and separate quickly. Shiai-sha need not wait for the shinpan-in to call "Wakare" or "Yame" but should endeavor to separate of their own volition.
3. The time taken to move out of tsubazeriai should be approximately one breath.
4. Techniques should not be attempted when moving out of tsubazeriai. If a technique is executed at such a time, it shall not be judged as a valid strike (yuko-datotsu). A shiai-sha may be penalized (hansoku) if, in the course of separating, they follow the other and attempt a technique, or gives the impression that they are moving back but then attacks. Furthermore, in the course of separating shiai-sha must not hit, bind or push the opponent's shinai, nor should they reverse cross their shinai (gyaku-kosa). (Shinpan-in will make a judgment based on the circumstances and causes following gogi)
5. When separating, both shiai-sha should move back far enough so that their kensen are not touching.
6. Do not open or lower the kensen when separating.
7. Shiai-sha should not retreat out of sync when moving away from tsubazeriai. Furthermore, shiai-sha should not separate in small steps. They should push off utilizing the power generated from correct tsubazeriai with both tsuba pressed together and retreat in one movement.
8. Face Masks and Shields may be optionally worn, but are not required.

VIII. Two perpetual trophy awards (Nabeshima Cup) will be awarded to the winners; one for the mudansha division and one for the yudansha division. Individual medals for all divisional winners, 2nd and 3rd place finishers, including kantosho (Fighting Spirit) recipients for each bracket, will also be awarded.

IX. The Nabeshima Cups are perpetual trophies awarded to the winners. The cups are the property of the Dallas/Ft. Worth Kendo & Iaido Kyokai, and must be returned to the organization when the next Nabeshima Cup event is held, as the winners are always invited back to defend his or her title.

Regulations for use of One Shinai

	Gender	Grade School			Junior High School	High School	Adult
Length	male female	99cm max	105cm max	111cm max	114cm max	117cm max	120cm max
Weight	male	260g min	280g min	370g min	440g min	480g min	510g min
	female				400g min	420g min	440g min
Diameter of Sakigawa	male				25mm min	26mm min	26mm min
	female				24mm min	25mm min	25mm min
size		3.2	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9

Regulations for use of Two Shinai

		Long Sword	Short Sword
Length	male female	114cm max	62cm max
Weight	male	440g min	280-300g
	female	400g min	250-280g
Diameter of Sakigawa	male	25mm min	24mm min
	female	24mm min	24mm min
Size		3.7	

Measurements for the Sakigawa

