

New Member Information Packet



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Our Logo

In 1996, the Dallas / Fort Worth Kendo & Iaido Kyokai was incorporated as a non-profit organization in the state of Texas to educate the public about Japanese martial arts and culture, provide public demonstrations and lectures on the arts of Kendo and Iaido, provide weekly instruction, practice sessions, and annual tournaments, and provide the opportunity to improve one's physical, mental, and spiritual self.

Our philosophy is represented by our logo. It symbolizes a path to a unified spirit, growing strong through the diversity of cultures our group represents. The lines converging on the Lone Star represent the merging of our member's backgrounds, while the Lone Star itself symbolizes the strong spirit and individual growth offered by the way of the sword. Every member contributes to our common goals. The mental and spiritual development of one's self is as important than the physical training.



Rules

1. Have a learning mindset
2. Hold respect and attention to others
3. Try to keep up regular attendance
4. Be on time
5. Practice personal hygiene
6. Maintain your equipment



Membership

Your membership will extend across 3 levels. National, regional, and local. Different dues are owed to each organization. While national and regional dues are paid once a year, dojo dues are paid each month. Since DFWKIK is a 501(c) non-profit, all donations and dues to the dojo are tax deductible. In order to test or compete, you must be registered under all 3.

- National: AUSKF (All United States Kendo Federation)
auskf.org

- Regional: SWKIF (Southwest Kendo Iaido Federation)
swkif.org

- Local: DFWKIK (Dallas / Fort Worth Kendo & Iaido Kyokai)
dfwkik.org

Dues and Fees

Payment to AUSKF and SWKIF are made in the spring yearly, and are required for any member competing or testing. There is a one time new member initiation fee. Visit unitedstateskendo.com to pay online.

Dues for DFWKIK:

Monthly Dues – Adult (18+) – \$50

Monthly Dues – Child (8-17) – \$35

Children under 8 are free with a paying adult member

Monthly Dues – Family (2+ people) – \$100

Fees for DFWKIK:

Initiation Fee – \$30

Processing Fees vary if paying online.

We also have merchandise for sale. See the Sergeant at Arms to pick up your equipment. You can purchase online or in person via check.



Starting Checklist

We *highly recommend* watching a class before participating. Once you have observed a class, please bring the following on your first day:

- Completed information form
- Completed liability waiver
- Completed media release
- Check or online payment receipt for the initiation fee and first month's dues
- Wearing workout clothes
- For iaido, bring kneepads
- No uniforms from other martial arts
- Long hair tied back
- No jewelry
- A water bottle

**First Name****Middle Initial****Last Name****Address****City****State****Zip****Date of Birth****Phone Number****Email****Emergency Contact Name****Relationship****Phone Number****Current Kendo/Iaido/Jodo Rank(s)****How did you hear about us?**☐ Internet Search☐ Social Media☐ Word of Mouth / Festival Appearance☐ Other**Disclaimer**

I, _____ wish to participate in the training being offered by Dallas / Fort Worth Kendo Iaido Kyokai and acknowledge as a condition of my membership that I shall hold neither the Dallas / Fort Worth Kendo Iaido Kyokai nor the All United States Kendo Federation nor the Southwestern United States Kendo and Iaido Federation, nor any instructors or members of these organizations liable for any damage or injuries I may sustain from participation in any activities.

Signature**Parent or Guardian if under 18****Date**



**AGREEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY
(All United States Kendo Federation)**

1. **Voluntary Participation.** I, _____, acknowledge that I have
(print name)
voluntarily applied, or have voluntarily allowed my child _____ to apply, to
(print child's name)
participate in kendo instruction and training at a dojo, club or federation which is affiliated with the All United States Kendo Federation (hereinafter, any and all affiliated dojo, clubs, federations are referred to as "AUSKF").

2. **Assumption of Risk.** I AM AWARE THAT PARTICIPATION IN KENDO, AS IN ANY SPORT OR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, MAY RESULT IN PHYSICAL INJURY, EXPOSURE TO ILLNESS (E.G. MRSA, INFLUENZA, COVID-19, ETC.), DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, AND, IN RARE INSTANCES, EVEN DEATH. I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING, OR ALLOWING MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE, IN THIS ACTIVITY WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED, HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY, DAMAGE, AND/OR DEATH, AND VERIFY THIS STATEMENT BY PLACING MY INITIALS HERE. _____.

IN ADDITION, I WILLING AGREE TO COMPLY WITH ANY STATED AND CUSTOMARY TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION. IF I OBSERVE ANY SIGNIFICANT HAZARD DURING MY PRESENCE OR PARTICIPATION, I WILL REMOVE MYSELF FROM PARTICIPATION AND IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE NEAREST OFFICIAL. VERIFY THIS STATEMENT BY PLACING MY INITIALS HERE. _____.

3. **Waiver and Release.** As consideration for being permitted by AUSKF to participate in these activities and use related facilities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attack the property of AUSKF on account of injury, damage, or death resulting from the gross negligence, recklessness or other acts or omissions (both known and unknown), however caused, by any employee, agent, or contractor of AUSKF as a result of my, or my child's, participation in kendo. I hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive and release AUSKF from all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury, damage or death resulting from my, or my child's, participation in kendo.

4. **Knowing and Voluntary Execution.** I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN AUSKF AND ME AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Executed on [date] _____ at [city] _____, [state] _____.

*Signature of participant or, if participant is a minor,
signature of participant's parent or guardian*

Print name



Media Consent Agreement

I, _____, acknowledge that I am participating in a Dallas / Fort Worth Kendo & Iaido Kyokai (hereinafter referred to as “DFWKIK”) event with my consent. By submitting this material I am granting DFWKIK the right to use, publish, and otherwise publicly display any writings, video footage, recorded statements, photographs, or other media materials of myself in the manner DFWKIK chooses for promotional use, in print and online. Further, I release DFWKIK from any liability regarding the use, publication, dissemination, or distribution of the writings, recordings, videos, or photographs that are created. This release shall be ongoing and in effect immediately.

Sign Name

Print Name

Date