

**31st CLEVELAND
KENDO TOURNAMENT
GNEUSKF CHAMPIONSHIPS
Adlbert Gymnasium
Case Western Reserve University
March 29 – 31, 2019**





Greater Northeastern United States Kendo Federation

January 14, 2019

Dear Fellow Kenshi:

We are happy to invite you to the 31st Cleveland Kendo Tournament / Greater Northeastern United States Kendo Championships at Adelbert Gymnasium at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH on March 29 – 31, 2019.

We are proud to announce that Takeshi Ishii Sensei, 8dan kyoshi, former vice chief instructor of Tokyo Metropolitan Police Kendo, will be with us during the tournament weekend. He will give us a special kendo seminar as part of the GNEUSKF Kendo Educational Tour 9 AM to 12:00 noon on Sunday March 31, 2019. To defray the cost, we will ask each participant to donate \$15.

Attached please find information on the 31st Annual Cleveland Kendo Tournament. We are processing applications the same way as last year. **Please ensure that each participant in your team is aware of the following.**

Please assign a team representative as a contact person. His or her duties include:

Each representative is required to report to the tournament registration desk at Adelbert Gym at the time of the Friday evening godo-keiko to check in all members of your team, and to inform the registration desk if there happen to be any changes in the composition of your team (absent or additional members, et cetera). For each group arriving in Cleveland Saturday morning (March 30), the group representative is required to report to the registration desk at Adelbert Gymnasium at 7:30 am. The representative serves as the primary contact for your team. Thus, we may contact you while processing applications before and throughout the tournament. Each team representative is encouraged to send individual applications as one package as a team by the due date.

Please complete competitors entry list, send it along with applications.

We will have e-mail registration. Please send us your tournament team roster and seminar team roster by e-mail by Sunday March 17, 2019. You still have to send us your hard copy team roster and fees by mail too.

We will be processing tournament applications and kendo promotion testing applications **at different locations**. Please refer to the invitation documents for specific instructions regarding the tournament applications and exam applications.

Mail to Ms.Kyoko Tosi (c/o Cleveland Kendo): Tournament applications and the tournament registration fees. Due postmarked by 3/18/2019 (Monday)

: Seminar registration form and donation . Due postmarked by 3/18/2018(Monday)

E-Mail to clevelandkendotaikai1@gmail.com: Please submit both "Tournament Registration form" and "Seminar Registration form". Due 3/17/2019 (Sunday)

Mail to Tsuyoshi Inoshita: Kendo promotion applications, fees, and materials related to the examination. Due 3/11/2019 (Monday)

Please join us for the **Godō Keiko** (general practice), which will be held at Adelbert Gymnasium the night before the tournament, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Friday, March 29. There will be a brief shinsa seminar following the Godō Keiko.**

On Saturday, after Kendo Tournament, **we plan to have a group dinner at KUMO Restaurant (all-you-can-eat shushi restaurant) in Parma OH. We hope to start this group dinner at 8:00 pm, but the time may be changed depending on the ending time of the tournament.**

We will have kendo seminar by Ishii Sensei 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM, followed by GNEUSKF promotion examinations (kyu – 4dan), starting at 1:00 PM on Sunday, March 31, 2019.

There will be the **11th ANNUAL IAIDO GODO SEMINAR 3 – 6 PM** on Sunday March 31, immediately following the kendo shinsa.

You are **strongly encouraged** to send all materials by the due dates to the appropriate addresses in order to expedite the application process.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we are looking forward to seeing you in Cleveland this spring.

Sincerely,

Tsuyoshi Inoshita

Tournament Committee Chair

President, Greater Northeastern United States Kendo Federation

GREATER NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES KENDO FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

TIME: 8:00 AM, SATURDAY, March 30, 2019

Gym opens at 7 am.

PLACE: CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY- ADELBERT GYMNASIUM
2106 ADELBERT RD. CLEVELAND, OH 44106

INDIVIDUAL DIVISIONS:

MUDANSHA

SHODAN AND NIDAN

WOMEN

JUNIOR A (UP TO 12 YEARS OLD)

JUNIOR B (13 – 15 YEARS OLD)

JUNIOR C (16 – 18 YEARS OLD)

SANDAN AND YONDAN

GODAN AND ABOVE

TEAM DIVISIONS:

YOUTH TEAM (3 PERSON TEAM)

DIVISION A (UP TO 15 YEARS OLD)

DIVISION B (16 – 18 YEARS OLD)

TEAM (5 PERSON TEAM)

REGISTRATION **\$45.00 TOURNAMENT FEE (including godo practice on Friday)**
\$10.00 BENTO LUNCH (Saturday March 30)
\$15.00 GNEUSKF Education Seminar by Ishii Sensei (Sunday March 31)
\$20.00 IAIDOO GODO KEIKO (Sunday March 31, 3 pm – 6 pm)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Please send all correspondence related to the tournament to the following address:

MAIL TO:

Ms. Kyoko Tosi (c/o Cleveland Kendo)
P.O. BOX 821
Hudson, OH 44236

DEAD LINE: Postmarked by Monday March 18, 2019

1. Please pay registration fee in advance. Please make your checks payable to "Akitsu Dojo" for fees associated with registrations (e.g. tournament fee, bento lunch, and banquet fee). Staple your check to the assigned space on the tournament application.
2. Please send donation with registration form for the Seminar by Ishii sensei in advance. Please make your checks payable to "GNEUSKF".
3. **Please submit both of your team roster (Tournament and Seminar) by e-mail to clevelandkendotaikai1@gmail.com. Due date is Sunday March 17, 2019.**
4. **Please assign one representative from each club/dojo as a contact person /renraku kakari.** We may contact the representative if we have any questions during the application process about your team members. The club/dojo representative is ***strongly encouraged*** to send individual applications, fees, and a competitors list **all in the same package as a club**. Also, each club/dojo representative is responsible for reporting to the tournament registration desk before the tournament to check in all competitors from your dojo. For each group arriving in Cleveland Saturday morning (March 31, 2018) each dojo representative is required to report to the registration desk at Adelbert Gymnasium at 7:30 am.
5. Please provide the **exact number** of box lunches (bento) needed. **Lunches will be free** for those who **volunteer as referees** (4Dan and above) at the tournament.
6. Please make sure that every participant **signs under "waver of liability" on the registration paper** ***send all the correspondence related to the tournament to the following***

II. PROMOTION TESTING INFORMATION

TIME: 1:00 PM, Sunday, March 31, 2019

Gym opens at 7am. Kendo Seminar will precede the shinsa (promotion test).

PLACE: Case Western Reserve University - Adelbert Gymnasium
2106 Adelbert Road. Cleveland, OH 44106

EXAM FEE: \$30

MENJO FEE: Refer to the Menjo fee chart on the exam application

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROMOTION EXAM APPLICATION

Please send all correspondence relating to promotion testing to the following address:

MAIL TO:

Tsuyoshi Inoshita
916 11th Street, Portsmouth OH 45662
E-mail address pcancer@zoomnet.net

DEADLINE - post marked by Monday March 11, 2019 (NO EXCEPTION)

1. Please pay exam fee and menjo fee (make separate checks) **in advance**. Please make both the **exam fee check and menjo fee check payable to GNEUSKF**. The menjo fee check will be voided if the applicant does not pass the promotion exam. In addition, **menjo will not be requested** if menjo fee is not paid in advance.
2. Please make separate checks for exam fee and menjo fee, and attach each check to the assigned space on the application form.
3. A club/dojo representative is ***strongly encouraged*** to send individual applications and fees associated with promotion testing **all in the same package as a club. Documents associated with testing are the following.**
 - a) GNEUSKF Kendo examination application form. Please note that the menjo application is on the same paper.
 - b) A photocopy of your current rank menjo.
 - c) Fees for exam and menjo.
 - d) Essay answers: Please send them **in advance** with your exam/menjo application form.
4. Please provide the sensei's signature on your Kendo Examination Form.
5. If you are a member of a different regional federation, you will need to obtain approval from the president of your regional federation.
6. Please provide the sensei's mailing address on the menjo application. We are going to send all menjos at one time to the dojo sensei's address.

III. ACCOMMODATIONS

The list of the hotels convenient to the venue is as follows:
We will not designate any hotel as the "headquarters" hotel this year.
Please compare prices before booking.

Courtyard by Marriott University Circle.
2021 Cornell Road, Cleveland OH 44106
Phone 216-791-5678

InterContinental Suites Hotel Cleveland
8800 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland OH 44106
Phone 216-707-4300

Holiday Inn Cleveland Clinic
8650 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland OH 44106
Phone 216-707-4200

IV. GODO KEIKO (GENERAL PRACTICE) / SEMINAR

TIME: FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM FRIDAY, March 29, 2019

There will be a brief shinsa seminar after the godo keiko.

Gym opens at 6:00pm.

V. Saturday Post-tournament Dinner

Kumo Restaurant Japanese Seafood Buffet

1975 Snow Road, Parma OH 44134

216-741-3038

8 – 10 PM

\$ 20/person. Beer and wine are available. Each person is to pay his/her own meals and drinks.

Please let us know how many people are interested in attending this dinner.

VI. ISHII SENSEI KENDO SEMINAR (GNEUSKF EDUCATIONAL TOUR 2019)

TIME: FROM 9:00 AM TO 12:00 noon SUNDAY, March 31, 2019

Gym opens at 7:30 AM.

PLACE: ADELBERT GYMNASIUM 2106 Adelbert Road, Cleveland, OH 44106

The last one hour will be godo-keiko.

We will ask \$15.00 donation / person.

The checks have to be made to GNEUSKF

VII. BENTO

PRICE: \$10 each and includes a bottle of water.

BENTO: Bento consists of the following dishes: Big chicken katsu, roasted salmon, potato salad, vegetable salad with special dressing, tsukemono, and white rice. There will be no pork or beef dishes. Bento will be prepared by "Pacific East Restaurant," the most popular Japanese restaurant in Cleveland area. Excellent quality bento!

*** We are planning to prepare small snack (ANPAN) in the morning of Saturday and Sunday, for those who miss breakfast. Please have cash available if you wish to purchase it.*

VIII. PARKING

At Adelbert Gym: Parking structure (Lot 53) is located next to the gym. It is \$1/hr, maximum up to \$10. Cash and Credit card can be used for parking.

IX. INTERNET ACCESS

Internet Access: The entire campus of Case Western Reserve University, including Adelbert gym, has **FREE** wireless Internet access. Please feel free to bring your own laptop computer with wireless Internet capability.

X. QUESTIONS

CONTACT:

Regarding Tournament and Seminar : Ms. Kyoko Tosi

E-mail: clevelandkendotaikai1@gmail.com

Information regarding the tournament, examination, and forms are also available at www.gneuskf.com and www.ClevelandKendo.com. Click on “tournament info.”

Regarding shinsa: Please contact T. Inoshita (pcancer@zoomnet.net Cell phone 740-352-2718)

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

31st CLEVELAND KENDO TOURNAMENT
GREATER NORTHEASTERN US KENDO FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION

Please type or print clearly

NAME _____ AGE _____ RANK _____ Kyu / Dan
(Last) (First) (M.I)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL _____ CELL PHONE _____

CLUB NAME _____ GENDER M / F

EXPECTED DATE OF ARRIVAL TO CLEVELAND (Circle one) 3/29 (FRI) 3/30(SAT)

Please check the box if you are the team contact → ()

II. PARTICIPATING DIVISIONS

Please circle all the divisions that apply:

Junior A	Junior B	Junior C	Women
Mudansha	1d & 2d	3d & 4d	5d & up
Youth Team A	Youth Team B		
Team			

III. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Please read the box below and provide individual signature

I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby, for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators, wave, release, and forever discharge any claims for damages which I may incur, or which may hereafter accrue to me against Case Western Reserve University, Case Western Reserve Kendo Club, Cleveland Kendo Association, and Great Lakes Kendo Federation for all, or any damages which may be sustained or suffered by me in connection with my participation in, or arising out of transportation to and back from the above tournament held at the Adelbert Gymnasium of the Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH, and 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 the contestant in the event of sickness or injury.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PRINT NAME: _____

STAPLE REGISTRATION FEE CHECK HERE

IV. TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FEES

NUMBERS		FEES
()	TOURNAMENT FEE	\$45.00
()	BENTO LUNCH	\$10.00
()	BENTO LUNCH (VOLUNTEER as a REFEREE: 4dan & up)	FREE
()	NUMBER OF PEOPLE PLANNING TO ATTEND GROUPE DINNE ON SATURDAY PAY AT THE RESTAURANT	

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

(Please make a check payable to "AKITSU KENDO DOJO LLC")

()	SUNDAY GNEUSKF SEMINAR	\$15.00
()	IAIDO SEMINAR	\$20.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

(Please make a check payable to "GNEUSKF")

Please Mail the forms to:

Ms. Kyoko Tosi (c/o Cleveland Kendo)
P.O.BOX 821
Hudson, OH 44236



GREATER NORTHEASTERN US KENDO FEDERATION

The regional federation

of

All United States Kendo Federation

KENDO EXAMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Exam Date _____/_____/_____

Examination Location _____

Requesting Rank _____ (Kyu / Dan)

Name _____

(Last)

(First)

(M.I)

Gender M or F (circle)

Address _____

(street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip code)

Phone _____ E-Mail address _____

Date of Birth _____/_____/_____ AUSKF ID # _____

Regional (Member) Kendo Federation _____

Club (Dojo) _____

Present Rank _____ (kyu/dan) **Date obtained** ____/____/_____ **Location** _____

Federation _____ **FIK member federation** _____

A copy of your current rank menjo: Please send it along with the exam application form.

List any handicaps, injuries etc _____

_____(Date)_____

(Signature of Applicant)

_____(Date)_____

(Instructor's Signature)

_____(Date)_____

(Signature of Regional President) ****required only for non-GNEUSKF member****

Please do NOT Staple these forms, please use clips, not staples.

MENJO APPLICATION

MENJO FEE CHART

English only

Kyu	
17yrs & Under	\$20
18yrs & Over	\$30
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1 Dan	\$50
2 Dan	\$60
3 Dan	\$80
4 Dan	\$100

LAST _____ **FIRST** _____

DOJO SENSEI'S NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

**Please provide one address for each dojo since we will send all menjos together in one mailing. We prefer sensei's address.

1. Please pay exam & menjo fee **in advance**.
2. Please make **separate checks** for exam fee
3. Please make both exam & menjo checks payable to **GNEUSKE**.
4. Menjo check will be voided if the applicant do not pass the test.
5. Exam fee is \$30.
6. Please send your essay with this application form.
7. Menjo **will not be requested** if menjo fee was not paid in advance.

Please send a copy of your current rank menjo.

GNEUSKF
PROMOTION TESTING
ESSAY QUESTIONS (modified according to the new AUSKF questions)

Kendo Promotion Examinations Written Test Questions
(1Kyu - 4Dan)

1-Kyu: Explain the benefits of “Kirikaeshi”

1-Dan: Choose (1) of the following to answer:

- A) Describe the “Ki-Ken-Tai-Ichi”
- B) Describe the 4 Types of Kendo Footwork. “Ashi-Sabaki”

2-Dan: Choose (1) of the following to answer:

- A) Describe the 4 Types of kendo “Sickness”
- B) Describe the 3 “Ma-ai”

3-Dan: Choose (1) of the following to answer:

- A) Describe the elements of “Yuko-datotsu”
- B) Describe the Metsuke. “Enzan-no Metsuke”

4-Dan: Choose (1) of the following to answer:

- A) Describe the benefits of the Kendo Kata and its relevance to Shinai Kendo
- B) Describe the “Zanshin”

INSTRUCTION:

- This is an ESSAY question, DO NOT write a short, few sentence answer.
- Essay can be in English or Japanese.
- Use you own words, don’t just copy something.
- Include your Name, Requesting Rank & AUSKF ID Number.
- Regional Kendo Federation & Dojo Name.

TENTH ANNUAL CLEVELAND IAIDO GODO KEIKO after the 30th Cleveland Kendo Tournament

Dear AUSKF Iaido Members:

It is our great pleasure to announce the fifth annual IAIDO GODO KEIKO in Cleveland between 3:00 – 6:00 PM on Sunday, April 1, 2018. The purpose of this godo keiko is to provide the iaido enthusiasts in Cleveland and its vicinity with an opportunity to get together and practice iaido together.

Sincerely,
T. Inoshita
President of GNEUSKF

Announcement

Eleventh Annual Cleveland IAIDO Seminar

Date: **March 31, 2019 (Sunday) 3 pm- 6 pm (after Kendo Promotion test).**

Place: **Case Western Reserve University, Adelbert Gym.**

Address: 2106 Adelbert Road, Cleveland, OH, 44106.

(open for AUSKF member only)

We will ask \$20.00 donation / person.

The checks have to be made to GNEUSKF

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Shigemi Mastuyama at
clevelandkendotaikai1@gmail.com



ELEVENTH ANNUAL IAIDO SEMINAR REGISTRATION
3:00 – 6:00 PM, Sunday, March 31, 2019
in conjunction with
31ST ANNUAL CLEVELAND KENDO TOURNAMENT
GREATER NORTHEASTERN US KENDO FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION

Please type or print clearly

NAME _____ **AGE** _____
(Last) (First) (M.I)
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____
E-MAIL _____ **CELL PHONE** _____
CLUB NAME _____ **GENDER** M / F
MEMBER FEDERATION _____ **AUSKF ID NUMBER** _____
Iaido experience Rank _____ **Where obtained** _____ **When obtained** _____

History

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SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Please Mail this form to:

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