



23 August 2023

From: Peter Houston
Houston Kendo Kyokai

Subject: Houston Kendo Kyokai's 10th Anniversary Taikai

To: All AUSKF Members

On behalf of Houston Kendo Kyokai and its members, we are pleased to announce our 10th Anniversary Taikai on October 28th, 2023, at the Gilruth Fitness Center, 2101 E NASA Pkwy, Houston TX 77058. This event will include a Youth Tournament and a 3-Person Taikai with a cumulative team rank of 8 Dan restriction (Kyu ranks do not count toward Dan total).

Please complete all applicable materials and return them by Friday, October 6th, 2023. Included in this packet are the following:

- Tournament Rules and Format
- Itinerary of Events
- Registration Form - **Please complete via <https://form.jotform.com/232136895032051>**
- Liability Waiver & Media Consent Form - **Please complete via <https://form.jotform.com/232247292055050>**

Locations:

Taikai Location: Gilruth Center, 2101 E. NASA Pkwy, Houston TX 77058

Happy Hour Location: Galveston Bay Brewing Company, 902 Marina Bay Dr, Clear Lake Shores, TX 77565

Entry Fee:

\$100.00 - 3-Person Team Taikai
\$20.00 - Youth Taikai Participant

Lunch Price:

\$15.00 Per Person

Payments can be made via Venmo or Zelle to 512-968-6315

Accommodations:

[Courtyard by Marriott Houston NASA Clear Lake](https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1687980102510&key=GRP)
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181 Saturn Ln
Houston, TX 77058
281.333.0220 or 888.236.2427

The Reservation Cut-Off Date for the Group Rate is the 13th of October 2023

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments. HKK is looking forward to seeing you all in Houston

Sincerely,

Peter Houston
Email: HoustonKendoKyokai@gmail.com

Registration Deadline is October 6th, 2023

Tournament Rules and Format

Information for Participants

- The tournament will follow IKF Rules and Regulations
- All competitors should be familiar with the enclosed “Rules and Regulations” of The Houston Kendo Kyokai Anniversary Taikai before the day of the taikai.
- Any questions regarding these rules should be directed to the Tournament Coordinator, Peter Houston.
- All competitors should be in Keiko-Gi, Hakama, and Bogu by 8:30 am.
- Each team should be ready to compete immediately after the preceding team match is finished.
- The Taikai will take place at The Gilruth Fitness Center - 2101 E. NASA Pkwy, Houston TX 77058.
- Parking is available in areas surrounding the gym.
- Please take care of your belongings. The Gilruth Fitness Center, NASA, and the Houston Kendo Kyokai are not responsible for any lost, missing, or stolen articles.
- The Gilruth Fitness Center and NASA regulations prohibit food and beverages in the gym. Food and beverages are allowed in the areas outside of the gym.
- The Gilruth Fitness Center and NASA regulations prohibit smoking in all NASA buildings. Smoking must be done at least 20 feet from any entrance.
- **All competitors with a rank of 4 dan or above will be required to Shinpan.**

Team Organization and Eligibility

- Eligible participants: All 2023 AUSKF Members – exceptions can be made upon request to the tournament coordinator.
 - Each team must have at least 2 competitors.
 - No age limit for competitors, however all competitors 17 years old or younger must provide written parental or legal guardian consent with the team registration form.
 - No limit to each competitor’s individual rank, but the sum of all three members’ Dan ranks cannot add up to more than 8 Dan.
 - Kyu ranks count as 0 dan
 - No Dojo affiliation is required for this event.
 - Creative team names are encouraged, but please keep team names appropriate for all ages.
 - If sickness, injury, or lack of members causes a team to fail to have the required number of competitors, the team may compete with 2 members. If competing with less than the maximum number of members, those available will fill the first positions of the team order.
 - For example, a team with 2 members forfeits Taisho (3rd player position).
 - Team members are to be selected from the list registered with the team application form.
 - Each team must select at least 2 members to compete in each match. Matches must be completed by the original team members chosen for the match. In the case of injury, with a 2 Person Team, the Shinpan Cho may substitute a Participant for the injured player.
 - In the case of an injury for a 3-person team, the remaining members must participate minus the injured player
 - 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.
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- 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 the “Assembly of Participants” at 8:45am.
 - **All competitors with a rank of 4 dan or above will be required to Shinpan.**

Tournament Format

1. IKF Rules and Regulations will be followed for this 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 placement match (first round) and tournament matches (second round and on).
4. The matches will be conducted according to SANBON-SHOBU; 3-point match.
 - All matches are 3 minutes, no encho
5. In the event of a tie, there will be a play-off between one representative of each team, and it will be decided by **ippon-shobu** without time limit.
6. Awards:
 - b. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will receive medals.

Schedule of Events

Friday 27th October 2023:

6:00 PM SWKIF Board Meeting at Courtyard by Marriott NASA Clear Lake Houston

Saturday 28th of October 2023:

Taikai at The Gilruth Fitness Center

8:00 am: Facility Opens

8:00 am – 8:30 am: Registration

8:45 am: Opening Ceremony

9:15 am: Youth and Placement Rounds Begin

11:30 am: Break for Lunch

1:00 pm: Tournament Rounds Begin

5:00 pm: Event Ends

7:00 pm: Happy Hour – Pay as you go @ Galveston Bay Brewing -
<https://galvestonbaybrewing.com/>

Sunday 29th of October 2023:

SWKIF Fall Shinsa at the Gilruth Fitness Center

8:00 am Facility Opens

8:30 am Registration Opens

9:00 am - 12:00pm Testing

12:00pm - 1:00pm Godo Keiko

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T-Shirt Image is of a Hammer forging a Sword (Sample Image)

**"spend thousands of days to forge and
tens of thousands of days to harden"**



T-Shirt Price is \$25.00 each (T-Shirts will be a one-time order, no extra will be ordered.)

Please make your payment for the Registration Fee, Lunch, and T-Shirt Order via Venmo or Zelle to 512-968-6315