

INSTRUCTIONS for SWKIF Shinsa Applications

1. The shinsa applicants, who are current members of the AUSKF, are requested to use the following link to submit shinsa application: <http://goo.gl/forms/hYEOEEHU0w>. Once the application is submitted, the applicant will receive a confirmation email with all of the details of his/her application. Please review the confirmation email, and, if needed, send a request for changes/updates to swkif.promotions@gmail.com.
2. All applicants must be registered with the AUSKF and their membership with AUSKF must be current.
3. Please make sure to enter the correct AUSKF ID Number on the application.
4. Please pay the testing fee via Zelle. Zelle is most likely available through your bank. If not, a Zelle account can be created on <http://www.zellepay.com>. The payment should be sent to swkif.promotions@gmail.com. Please make sure that you remit the correct amounts based on the below table of testing fees, and that you annotate the purpose and name of the applicant for whom the payment is being made. (e.g. "testing and menjo fee for John Doe"). **DO NOT PAY THE MENJO FEE AT THIS TIME.**

Rank	Fees	
	Testing	Menjo
Kyu (17 years and younger)	\$ 10.0	\$ 20.0
Kyu (18 years and older)	\$ 20.0	\$ 30.0
1 Dan	\$ 30.0	\$ 50.0
2 Dan	\$ 30.0	\$ 60.0
3 Dan	\$ 30.0	\$ 80.0
4 Dan	\$ 50.0	\$ 100.0

5. For the applicants who successfully complete shinsa, and are awarded the new rank, the menjo fee is due within one week from the shinsa date, as per the below schedule, and the table of fees under item 5 above. SWKIF will submit results of all SWKIF-sponsored shinsa events to AUSKF upon conclusion of those events for those applicants who have paid the menjo fees. No results will be reported to AUSKF separate from those events or on an ad-hoc basis, and/or for those applicants who have not paid the menjo fees. As per the AUSKF policies and procedures, if the menjo fee is not paid within one year from the date of the shinsa, the new rank will be considered invalid.
6. Applicants who are not successful in completing shinsa and are not awarded a new rank do not need to pay the menjo fee.
7. If you have passed shinsa administered by SWKIF in the period since January 1, 2015, or if your profile in the AUSKF membership database has a copy of menjo for your current rank, and that rank is marked as "verified" by AUSKF, you are not required to submit a copy of your menjo. Otherwise, please scan your menjo and email it to swkif.promotions@gmail.com.
8. Applicants for Ikkyu, Shodan, Nidan, Sandan and Yondan, are required to submit responses to written exam questions as part of their application.
9. Applicants for Nikyu are required to demonstrate Bokuto Ni Yoru Kendo Kihon-waza Keiko-ho 1 – 9.
10. If you are not a member of SWKIF, please submit a completed "Request for Kendo/Iaido Examination by an Affiliate Organization of the AUSKF" to swkif.promotions@gmail.com.
11. Please note that application, all payments and supplemental material, as described above, are due by the application deadline.
12. Once the electronic application system closes, the instructors will receive an email with spreadsheet listing shinsa applicants from their dojo. The instructors are requested to review the information, approve the applications and return the completed spreadsheet to swkif.promotions@gmail.com. All instructors will have one week to complete the review and provide feedback.
13. Applicants, who wish to withdraw their application, are requested to send a notice of withdrawal to swkif.promotions@gmail.com no later than the date indicated below.

Application Schedule:

Application Deadline:	June 28, 2025
Instructors' Review of Applications:	June 29, 2025 – Jul 5, 2025
Last Day to withdraw application and receive full refund:	July 5, 2025
Menjo Fee Deadline:	July 20, 2025



2025 Written Examination - Kendo



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This is an “Essay” question; do not write a short few sentence answers;
2. Write a response in your own words;
3. It is recommended that you write your response in MS Word or similar, then copy and paste the answers when prompted to do so by the electronic application system;

Ikkyu: *(Choose one (1) of the following to answer)*

- A. State the importance, benefits and elements of proper “KIRIKAESHI”
- B. Explain “ISSOKU-ITTO-NO-MAAI”

Shodan: *(Choose one (1) of the following to answer)*

- C. Explain the concept of “KI-KEN-TAI-ICHI”
- D. Explain “TE-NO-UCHI”

Nidan: *(Choose one (1) of the following to answer)*

- E. Explain “SEME”
- F. Explain “MA-AI”

Sandan: *(Choose one (1) of the following to answer)*

- G. Describe different types of “OJI WAZA” used in kendo
- H. Explain “SAN-SAPPO”

Yondan: *(Choose one (1) of the following to answer)*

- I. Describe the conditions and attributes needed for Yuko-Datotsu and the elements composing Yuko-Datotsu.
- J. Explain “MITTSU-NO-SEN”

This is an “ESSAY” it must be in your own words, and from your point of view...



All United States Kendo Federation

Request for Kendo/Iaido Examination by an Affiliate Organization of the AUSKF

Kendo / Iaido / Jodo (circle one)

Requesting Rank: _____ **Exam Date:** ____/____/____ (MM / DD/ YYYY)
(Kyu / Dan)

AUSKF ID No: _____ **Member Federation:** _____

Name of the affiliate that will conduct the test: _____
(SUSKIF, etc.)

Name: _____/_____/_____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____
(Street)

_____/_____/_____
(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ (MM / DD/ YYYY) **Age:** _____

Present Rank: _____ **Date Received:** _____

List any handicaps, injuries, etc.: _____

(Signature of Member Federation President)

(Date)

*** To avoid mistakes and delays, please print clearly.**

*** Please send this form and a copy of your menjo (certificate) with your promotion exam application form to the affiliate which conducts the test.**



Examination Requirements

1.1. Examinations shall consist of the following elements:

1.1.1. Examinations for 6th kyu to 2nd kyu shall perform at minimum:

- 1.1.1.1. Kirikaeshi with a senior ranking kendoist receiving (motodachi).
- 1.1.1.2. Uchikomi-geiko consisting of Men, Kote, and Do. Each uchikomi shall be performed twice with a senior ranking kendoist receiving.
- 1.1.1.3. Nidan-uchi (kote-men and kote-do) may be included at the discretion of the examination board.
- 1.1.1.4. Two keiko.
- 1.1.1.5. 2nd Kyu applicants are required to demonstrate Bokuto Ni Yoru Kendo-waza Keiko-ho 1 to 9.

1.1.2. Examinations for 1st kyu to 4th dan shall perform at minimum:

- 1.1.2.1. Written exam
- 1.1.2.2. Two keiko
- 1.1.2.3. Kendo kata
 - 1.1.2.3.1. Kata #1-3 for 1st kyu exams
 - 1.1.2.3.2. Kata #1-5 for shodan (1st dan) exams
 - 1.1.2.3.3. Kata #1-7 for nidan (2nd dan) exams
 - 1.1.2.3.4. Kata #1-10 for sandan and yondan (3rd and 4th dan) exams