

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. Hardcopies of shinsa applications are no longer processed.
5. The next step will be to make payment for testing and menjo fees. SWKIF no longer uses PayPal and has made a switch to 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 and menjo 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").

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

6. If you have passed shinsa administered by SWKIF in the period since January 1, 2015, you are not required to submit a copy of your menjo. Otherwise, please scan your menjo and email it to swkif.promotions@gmail.com.
7. Applicants for Ikkyu, Shodan, Nidan, Sandan and Yondan, are required to submit responses to written exam questions as part of their application. Written exam is now integrated into the electronic application system, and can no longer be submitted separately.
8. 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.
9. Please note that application, all payments and supplemental material, as described above, are due by the application deadline.
10. 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.
11. 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:	April 16, 2023
Instructors' Review of Applications:	April 17, 2023 – April 23, 2023
Last Day to withdraw application and receive full refund:	April 23, 2023 (after this date only menjo fee will be refunded)



2022 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: *(Answer the following question.)*

- A. Explain the benefits of “Kirikaeshi”

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

- B. Describe “Ki-Ken-Tai-Ichi”
- C. Describe the four types of Kendo footwork. “Ashi-Sabaki”

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

- A. Describe the 4 types of Kendo “Sickness”
- B. Describe the 3 “Ma-ai”

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

- C. Describe the elements of “Yuko-datotsu”
- D. Describe Metsuke, “Enzan-no-Metsuke”

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

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

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.