

# 2026 Tulsa Rensei Taikai

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*\*Please note that the Shinsa registration is separate from both the SWKIF seminar and the Tulsa Rensei Taikai. The registration packet for the shinsa will be issued separately.\**



## **Greetings!**

Tulsa Kendo Dojo is excited to announce our second ever Rensei Taikai for members and guests of the Southwest Kendo and Iaido Federation and the All United States Kendo Federation. It is our goal to provide a dynamic and memorable tournament experience, and provide meaningful growth for all participants. To that end, the Tulsa Rensei Taikai will feature a format with specific conventions for teams and judges.

Our tournament will feature a mass round robin format that is focused on Kenshi getting Taikai experience both as Senshu and Shinpan. With this in mind, we are prioritizing an increased number of matches offered to developing Kenshi, and an increased number of matches judged for those of advanced experience.

While this format at first appears very much opposite to standard, we believe it will offer special opportunities to newer and less experienced Kenshi within the federation, such as:

- Facilitating matches at a higher level for those with more experience.
- Each competitor will be able to compete in at least four matches individually (turn out provided)
- Each Shinpan will have the chance to preside over a significant number of shiai.

With these considerations, we believe all attendants should be able to both learn and grow from the experience.

***Please complete the Participant Registration form for the Rensei Taikai by following this link:***

<https://forms.gle/qrqkYKCWDyor8LD27>

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***Afterwards, please complete the Team Sign Up Registration form for the Rensei Taikai by following this link:***

<https://forms.gle/2zgWbAyi3DegNnxJ6>

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Additionally, the Tulsa Kendo Dojo is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the SWKIF seminar on the Friday prior to the tournament. We would love for everyone to join as we prepare for the following day's events. Please note that the seminar registration and fees are separate from the Tulsa Kendo Rensei Taikai and fees.

***Please complete the Friday Seminar Registration form by following this link:***

<https://forms.gle/bxdFNWBnFH9C1SNx7>



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**Important Payment Notice:**

- SWKIF Friday Seminar: \$20
- Saturday Lunch: \$15
- Saturday Dinner: \$40
- Tulsa Rensei Taikai Registration: \$40

**Note: Registration Fee for the Rensei Taikai is separate from the SWKIF Friday Seminar Fee.**

There is no additional payment for team sign up. If you haven't paid for Rensei Taikai, please submit payment before **April 17th, 2026**.

*If someone hasn't paid for their registration and are indicated to be on your team, they will be removed from your team on April 18th to ensure we can create an accurate line up for the tournament.*

Please send payment via **PayPal** as "Friends & Family" to:

**Hello Kendo**  
**hellokendotulsa@gmail.com**

**Registration Deadline: April 10th, 2026**

**Payment Deadline: April 17th, 2026**

**Limited refunds will be granted after April 17th, 2026**

Be sure to also RSVP on Facebook for up to date information and for any questions or comments: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/TulsaKendo/events/>

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Tulsa.

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## Tournament Structure

**Our Rensei Taikai will feature the following tournament structure:**

### **Teams:**

Consists of 5 Members with rank limitations on position:

- Senpo: Shodan and below only
- Jiho\*: Shodan and below only
- Chuken: open for any rank
- Fukusho: open for any rank
- Taisho: open for any rank, must be highest ranking of the team

\*In the case of a 4 member team, the Senpo will fight twice as both Senpo and Jiho; however, the Jiho match will not be counted towards to score.

Dojos can register complete teams, request 1-2 additional members to complete a team, or submit individual members to be placed on a team.

### **Match rules:**

- Round robin team matches will be three minutes in length with no Encho.
- Matches will be scored on wins, with ties and losses counting for no score.
- In the event of a court tie post round robin, collective points will be used to determine a winner.
- The best four seeded teams will participate in court semi-finals and a final match—both with two minute Encho.
- In the event of a tie during semi-finals and the final itself, there will be a corresponding three-minute Daihyosen followed by Shinpan Hantei if necessary.

### **Judging:**

- All competitors ranked Sandan and above are expected to Shinpan and help with court duties. Yondan and above ranks will have more rotations as Shinpan.
- There will be a registration option for those wishing to act as Shinpan only.

### **End of Competition**

Competition ends when the round robin is complete, and every team has a chance to fight with each opposing team. Tie will offer an opportunity for goodwill Keiko.

### **Outcomes**

The winner of the tournament will be the team with the most overall match wins, in the event of a tie total points scored will be considered.