

**32nd CLEVELAND
KENDO TOURNAMENT
GNEUSKF CHAMPIONSHIPS
Adlbert Gymnasium
Case Western Reserve University
March 27 – 29, 2020**





Greater Northeastern United States Kendo Federation

January 20, 2020

Dear Fellow Kenshi:

We are happy to invite you to the 32nd Cleveland Kendo Tournament / Greater Northeastern United States Kendo Championships at Adelbert Gymnasium at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH on March 27 – 29, 2020.

We are proud to announce that Masaharu Kakehashi Sensei, 8 Dan hanshi, former chief instructor of Tokyo Metropolitan Police Kendo, and Koji Onda Sensei, 8dan Kyoshi, Tokyo Metropolitan Police Kendo, will be with us during the tournament weekend. They will give us a special kendo seminar as part of the GNEUSKF Kendo Educational Tour 9 AM to 12:00 noon on Sunday March 29, 2020. To defray the cost, we will ask each participant to donate \$15.

Attached please find information on the 32nd Annual Cleveland Kendo Tournament. We are processing applications online. **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 etcetera). For each group arriving in Cleveland Saturday morning (March 28), 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 by the due date.

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

Online Tournament Registrations :

Tournament registration and fees. Due by 3/15/2020 (Sunday)

Sunday seminar registration and donation . Due by 3/15/2020 (Sunday)

Register here: <https://www.jotform.com/form/200144919572152>

OR Register here: www.clevelandkendo.com

Promotion Exam Registrations :

Mail to Tsuyoshi Inoshita (PCancer@zoomnet.net): Kendo promotion applications, fees, and materials related to the examination. Due 3/9/2020 (Monday)

Godo Keiko

Please join us for the **Godo Keiko** (general practice), which will be held at Adelbert Gymnasium the night before the tournament, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM **Friday, March 27. There will be a brief shinsa seminar following the Godo Keiko.**

Dinner

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 Kakehashi Sensei and Onda Sensei 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM, followed by GNEUSKF promotion examinations (kyu – 4dan), starting at 1:00 PM on Sunday, March 29, 2020.

There will be the **12th ANNUAL IAIDO GODO SEMINAR 3 – 6 PM** on Sunday March 29, 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 KENDOFEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

TIME: 8:00 AM, SATURDAY, March 28, 2020

Gym opens at 7 am.

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

INDIVIDUAL DIVISIONS:

<JUNIOR DIVISIN>

JUNIOR A (UP TO 12 YEARS OLD)

JUNIOR B (13 – 15YEARS OLD)

JUNIOR C (16 – 18 YEARS OLD)

<ADULT DIVISION> *18years old must choose “Junior C or Adult”

MUDANSHA

SHODAN

NIDAN

YONDA

GODAN AND ABOVE

<EXTRA DIVISION>

SENIOR(Men/50 years old & above, Women/45years old & above)

WOMEN(all women)

SENIOR WOMEN(Women/45years old and above)

TEAM DIVISIONS:

YOUTH TEAM (3 PERSON TEAM)

DIVISION A (UP TO 12 YEARS OLD)

DIVISION B (13 – 16 YEARS OLD)

TEAM (5 PERSON TEAM/17 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE)

REGISTRATION **\$45.00** **TOURNAMENT FEE (including godo practice on Friday)**
\$10.00 BENTO LUNCH (Saturday March 28)
\$15.00 GNEUSKF Education Seminar by Kakehasi Sensei and Onda Sensei (Sunday March 29)
\$20.00 IAIDOO GODO KEIKO (Sunday March29, 3 pm – 6 pm)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Please SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION BY ONLINE:

Register here: <https://www.jotform.com/form/200144919572152>

OR Register here: www.clevelandkendo.com

DEAD LINE: March 15, 2020

- 1. 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 submit individual applications, fees by due date. 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 28, 2020) each dojo representative is required to report to the registration desk at Adelbert Gymnasium at 7:30 am.
- 2. 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. **EVEN IF YOU DID NOT COMPETE, YOU STILL NEED to do REGISTRATION for your lunch through the online link above. Without registration, lunch will not be provided.****
- 3. Please make sure that every participant downloads and signs the “waver of liability” on the registration link and submit by email to clevelandkendotaikai1@gmail.com or bring it to registration table to check in .**

II. PROMOTION TESTING INFORMATION

TIME: 1:00 PM, Sunday, March 29, 2020

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 make sure that candidates are AUSKD members in good standing for 2019 (2020 registration will start on April 2020)!!

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

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

DEADLINE - post marked by Monday March 9, 2020 (NO EXCEPTION)

1. Please pay exam fee and menjo fee (make separate checks) **in advance**. Please make both the **examination 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. Friday Evening Godo Keiko (general practice)

TIME: FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM FRIDAY, March 27, 2020

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

Gym opens at 6:00pm.

IV. Saturday Post-tournament Dinner

Kumo Restaurant Japanese Seafood Buffet

1975 Snow Road, Parma OH 4413

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 ar interested in attending this dinner when you register online.

V. KAKEHASHI AND ONDA SENSEI KENDO SEMINAR (GNEUSKF EDUCATIONAL TOUR 2020)

TIME: FROM 9:00 AM TO 12:00 noon SUNDAY, March 29, 2020

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. Please submit your registration by online

Register here: <https://www.jotform.com/form/200144919572152>

OR Register here: www.clevelandkendo.com

- . **Please make sure that every participant downloads and signs the “waver of liability” on the registration link and submit by email to clevelandkendotaikai1@gmail.com or bring it to registration table to check in .**

VI. 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.*

VII. ACCOMMODATIONS

The list of the hotels convenient to the venue is as follows:

You can also go on line and search for deals!!

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

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. Akiko Tomihara

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)



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 **GNEUSKF**.
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.

Please make sure that you are registered for AUSKF for 2019 (April 2019 – March31, 2020)

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.

12TH ANNUAL CLEVELAND IAIDO GODO KEIKO after the 32nd 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, March 29, 2020. 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



TWELFTH ANNUAL IAIDO SEMINAR
in conjunction with
32nd ANNUAL CLEVELAND KENDO TOURNAMENT
GREATER NORTHEASTERN US KENDO FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date: **March 29, 2020 (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 donation have to **be paid by online.**

Register here: <https://www.jotform.com/form/200144919572152>

OR Register here: www.clevelandkendo.com

- . Please make sure that every participant downloads and signs the “waver of liability” on the registration link and submit by email to clevelandkendotaikai1@gmail.com or bring it to registration table to check in .**

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

AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

1. **Voluntary Participation.** I, _____, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied,
(print name)
or have voluntarily allowed my child _____ to apply, to participate in kendo instruction, training,
(print child's name if under 18 years of age)
and/or competition at a dojo, club, or facility which is affiliated with the All United States Kendo Federation (hereinafter, any and all affiliated dojos or clubs are referred to as "AUSKF").

2. **Assumption of Risk.** I AM AWARE THAT PARTICIPATION IN KENDO, AS IN ANY SPORT OR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, MAY CAUSE PHYSICAL INJURY, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, AND, IN RARE INSTANCES, EVEN DEATH. I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING, OR ALLOWING MY CHILD TO PARTICIPATE, IN THIS ACTIVITY WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED, HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY, DAMAGE, AND/OR DEATH, AND VERIFY THIS STATEMENT BY PLACING MY INITIALS HERE. _____.

3. **Release.** As consideration for being permitted by AUSKF to participate in these activities and use related facilities, I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby, for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators, waive, 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, Akitsu Kendo Dojo, All United States Kendo Federation, or the Greater North Eastern 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.

4. **Knowing and Voluntary Execution.** I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN AUSKF AND ME AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Executed on [date] _____ at [city] _____, [state] _____.

*Signature of participant or, if participant is a minor,
signature of participant's parent or guardian*

Print name

DECLARATION OF WITNESS

I certify that _____ [above participant/parent of participant]
acknowledged in my presence that he/she read and fully understood the meaning and consequences of the above release and signed it in my presence.

Executed on [date] _____ at [city] _____, [state] _____.

Signature of witness

Print name