Indicative Schedule 2026 Iaido Seminar and Championships

Below is the Board-suggested format for the seminar.

As the first session ("Part 1" below) is quite short, it would be difficult to impart any particular changes. At the same time, we want to use the time of Morishima sensei teaching effectively. Therefore, the first session will be a short free practice with the attendees being broken up into several groups, each group to be led by a 7-dan person.

Regarding further sessions: suggested format is for Morishima sensei to demonstrate and explain (with highlights on the potential changes) the katas in groups of 3 katas, followed by each group working on these 3 katas only during 45 min session (that is 15 min per kata) under the supervision of a designated 7 dan. During this time, Morishima sensei will oversee the instruction and provide feedback to both the instructors and practitioners as required. This will also enable him to observe and perhaps consider areas that may need more attention during the subsequent seminar sessions.

This will enable all 12 kata to be covered in about 4 hours. Direct corrections are to be practised by the students in the time allowed. In the case that we have practitioners who do not know the kata yet, or that level is not required, they will continue with the kata they know and receive instruction on those.

We hope that in this way, Sensei can direct the training and implement his teaching using the various instructors.

Friday, 4 September | Seminar & Gradings | 09:00 – 17:00

- 07:00 – 07:45 Breakfast - Shelly's Dining Room
- 09:00 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony and Embu performances
- 10:00 – 10:15 Morning Tea - Shelly's Dining Room
- 10:15 – 11:45 ZNKR Iaidō Seminar (1:30 hours; Part 1 - basic training)
- 11:45 – 12:30 Lunch Break - Shelly's Dining Room
- 12:30 – 13:15 Dan Grading Registration (AKR), Briefing, and Warm-up
- 13:15 – 14:15 Dan Grading
- 14:15 – 14:30 Afternoon Tea - Shelly's Dining Room
- 14:30 – 15:40 ZNKR Iaidō Seminar (1:10 hours; Part 2 - kata 1-3)
- 15:40 – 15:50 Drink Break
- 15:50 – 17:00 ZNKR Iaidō Seminar (1:10 hours; Part 3 - kata 4-6)
- 18:00 – 18:45 Dinner - Shelly's Dining Room

Saturday, 5 September | Championships & Seminar | 08:00 – 17:00

- 07:00 – 07:45 Breakfast - Shelly's Dining Room
- 08:00 – 09:00 Championship Setup
- 09:00 – 10:00 34th Australian Iaidō Championships - K/O Stage
- 10:00 – 10:15 Morning Tea - Shelly's Dining Room
- 10:15 – 11:45 34th Australian Iaidō Championships - K/O Stage
- 11:45 – 12:30 Lunch Break
- 12:30 – 13:15 AGM
- 13:15 – 14:15 34th Australian Iaidō Championships – Finals
  - Including AOI Championships and Finals
- 14:15 – 14:30 Afternoon Tea - Shelly's Dining Room
- 14:30 – 15:40 ZNKR Iaidō Seminar (1:10 hours; Part 4 - kata 7-9)
- 15:40 – 15:50 Drink Break
- 15:50 – 17:00 ZNKR Iaidō Seminar (1:10 hours; Part 5 - kata 10-12)
- 18:00 – 18:45 Dinner - BBQ Sayōnara Party*

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Sunday, 6 September | Seminar | 09:00 – 16:00

- 07:00 – 07:45 Breakfast - Shelly's Dining Room
- 09:00 – 10:00 ZNKR Iaidō Seminar (1:00; Part 6 - open practice)
- 10:00 – 10:15 Morning Tea - Shelly's Dining Room
- 10:15 – 11:45 ZNKR Iaidō Seminar (1:30; Part 7 - open practice)
- 11:45 – 12:30 Lunch Break - Shelly's Dining Room
- 12:30 – 13:00 Iaidō Break Out Session**
- 13:00 – 14:15 ZNKR Iaidō Seminar (1:15; Part 8 - open practice)
- 14:15 – 14:30 Afternoon Tea - Shelly's Dining Room
- 14:30 – 15:45 ZNKR Iaidō Seminar (1:15; Part 9 - open practice)
- 15:45 – 16:00 Closing Ceremony

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A suggestion for the board to consider is that we look at finding a venue outside the venue, so that we can have a few beers with sensei.