



IAIDO COMMITTEE

2024 PNKF Iaidō Seminar PNKF Iaidō Taikai (0 Kyu to 4 Dan) PNKF Iaidō Shinsa (Kyu to 3 Dan)

**Rain City Fencing Center
1776 - 136th Place NE Bellevue, Washington**

September 27 (Friday) – 29 (Sunday), 2024

Featuring:

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Online registration/payment and shinsa information: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Registration deadline Saturday, September 7

[Matsu Budogu](#) will attend this event. Have your equipment needs met!
Pre-orders receive 10% off and will be available to pick up at the event. Email to matsubudogu@gmail.com.

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The PNKF is committed to offering a safe and rewarding experience for all. Wearing masks and other protective gear will be respected as a personal option in both the seminar and shinsa at this event. Participant must be a current AUSKF or FIK-affiliate member. We highly recommend vaccination. Participation is at-will, and those who might be at greater risk are advised to consult their medical care provider before registering. Withdrawal from the seminar or shinsa for reasons of illness are no longer refundable. The PNKF Iaidō Committee thanks everyone in advance for the cooperation needed to ensure this event remains as safe as possible.

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Event Schedule

Friday, September 27 – Sunday, September 29, 2024

Location

Rain City Fencing Center, 1776 - 136th Place NE, Bellevue, WA 98005

Schedule

Friday, September 27	6:00pm	Registration / Sword Checks
	7:00 - 9:00	Special seminar (optional, for Yudansha 2D+)
Saturday, September 28	8:00am	Registration / Sword Checks
	9:00	Seminar
	12:00	Lunch Break
	1:45	Group Photo
	2:00 - 5:00	Taikai
	7:30 - 9:30	Party
Sunday, September 29	8:00am	Doors Open / Sword Checks
	9:00	5-7 Dan Enbu
	9:30	Seminar
	12:30	Lunch Break
	1:30	Shinsa Registration
	2:00 - 3:00	Iaido Shinsa

Deadlines / Cost / Payments

Space is limited and we may need to restrict attendance if we reach capacity. We recommend registering early.

- **Online registration deadline Saturday, September 7.** Applicable fees must be received by **Saturday, September 14.**
- **Friday Special Session** is optional, but highly recommended for Yudansha 2D and up. The fee is \$20.00.
- **Seminar:** a flat fee of \$110.00 will be charged for all participants attending the seminar on Saturday and Sunday.
- **Taikai** will be an individual, single-elimination tournament opened for 0 Kyu to 4 Dan. The fee is \$15.00.
- There will be four taikai divisions:
 - Mudansha (no rank): Reiho plus three (3) shitei waza selected from AJKF 1-5; no time limit
 - Kyu ranks: Reiho plus five (5) shitei waza selected from AJKF 1-10 in six (6) minutes
 - 1-2 Dan: Reiho plus five (5) shitei waza selected from AJKF 1-12 in six (6) minutes
 - 3-4 Dan (Noguchi Cup): Reiho plus one (1) koryu plus four (4) shitei waza selected from AJKF 1-12 in six (6) minutes
- **Party tickets** are \$50.00 each and include food and non-alcohol beverages. Individual payment for alcoholic drinks.
- **Shinsa fees and application information**, see "**Iaido Shinsa Information**" page.

You will be able to pay by PayPal or credit card after completing the registration form. We can accept international payments as well! **Don't forget to click the payment link when you finish the form** - you are not registered for the event until payment is made! If you cannot use the online payment system, please contact the Event Coordinator.

- **AUSKF members must have a current 2024 membership (April 2024 to March 2025). Verify your membership at auskf.sport80.com.**
- **Seminar attendance is required to test.**

Changes, Cancellations, and Refunds

If you need to make any changes to your registration, DO NOT submit another one; contact the Event Coordinator. Requests for cancellations must be received no later than **Saturday, September 21**. Cancellations received after this date for any reason including illness will not be eligible for a return of fees. Fees required by third parties in order to process refunds are the sole responsibility of the registrant. In the case of special circumstances, notify the Event Coordinator as soon as possible. For Shinsa cancellations, refer to the **Iaido Shinsa Information** page.

The PNKF reserves the right to cancel this event should unforeseen circumstances warrant. Fees are non-refundable or transferable unless the event is canceled by PNKF. PNKF will not be responsible for participants' travel expenses even if the event was canceled by PNKF. Please make flight/hotel reservations that you can cancel with a full or partial refund.

Contact / Questions

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Iaido Shinsa Information

Test Date: Sunday, September 29, 2024, 3:00pm

Location: Rain City Fencing Center, located at 1776 136th Pl NE, Bellevue, WA 98005

Testing Ranks: Kyu to 3 Dan

Requirements

Candidates must attend the seminar if taking an Iaidō exam. Seminar instructors will detail elements of the art and technique that will be assessed during tests. Contact the event coordinator in the event of special circumstances, and we will try to accommodate.

Candidates must meet all requirements described in the "[PNKF Iaidō Shinsa Rank Requirements](#)" document, and agree and accept them.

Candidates must be current members of AUSKF or obtain written permission from their national Kendo Federation. If not AUSKF registered for the applicable membership year prior to the event, you are NOT ELIGIBLE to test. The applicant's AUSKF Membership Number must be included on the application form. *If you are a non-PNKF member, see the special cases described below.* The earlier these applications are received, the better.

1. Click [here](#) to complete the online web form Shinsa Application.
2. Next, send the following items as described:
 - a. **Essays**, if required, must be submitted on the "**Iaido Shinsa Written Exam Form**" and emailed to pnkfaiidoevent@gmail.com. Refer to the "[Iaido Shinsa Written Test Questions](#)" document for details.
 - b. **Test and Certificate Fees** must be paid in advance. **You will be able to pay these fees with the seminar fees altogether online.** If you cannot use the online payment system, please contact the Event Coordinator.

PNKF Iaido Examination Fees Certificate (Menjyo) Fees

Mudansha (Kyu) 17 & under \$15.00	\$20.00
Mudansha (Kyu) 18 & over \$20.00	\$30.00
Yudansha (1-3 Dan) \$30.00	1 Dan \$50.00
	2 Dan \$60.00
	3 Dan \$80.00

SPECIAL CASES:

- c. If special considerations need to be made, such as for injury or medical limitations, please include a note of explanation so that this information may be given to the Examination Board. Doctor's notes are not required.
- d. **AUSKF members outside PNKF:** 1) [Request for Kendo/Iaido Examination by an Affiliate Organization of the AUSKF](#) signed by the member federation president, 2) a **copy of menjyo (certificate)**, and 3) proof of the membership and registered name in the AUSKF database (**screenshots of your "Individual Membership" and "Rank Info" taken from auskf.sport80.com** (Athletes > [your name])).
- e. **FIK members outside AUSKF:** 1) Approval letter from the AUSKF VP of Promotions obtained by submitting [Application Request Form for Promotion Examination from FIK affiliated Organizations](#) signed by the national federation president and 2) **copy of menjyo (certificate)**. Approval letter from the AUSKF VP of Promotions is not necessary.

Application Deadlines (Absolutely NO late entries!)

Online application is due by Saturday, September 7. All fees and documents must be received no later than Saturday, September 14. Submit early to make sure there are no problems with your application.

Cancellations and refunds: Requests for Shinsa cancellations, without exception, must be received no later than **Saturday, September 21**. Cancellations received after this date will have only the certificate fee returned. If an applicant does not attend the Shinsa for any reason including illness, the Shinsa fee is forfeited, and only the certificate fee is returned. Fees required by third parties in order to process refunds are the sole responsibility of the registrant. Please note that if an applicant does not pass the examination, only the certificate fee will be returned and the PayPal fee will be covered by PNKF. If special circumstances occur, please notify the Event Coordinator as soon as possible.

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Basic Sword Safety Checklist

Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation – PNKF Iaido Committee

21 October 2019 (revised 2/12/2022)

Introduction

Keeping your equipment clean and in good condition is a pleasure and a necessity. It is indicative of an advanced practitioner's respect towards his or her tools, and enhances everyone's safety and enjoyment of practice. In recent years, sword checks have become standard at all regional and national events, and are a normal procedure for participants up to 5 Dan (6 Dan and higher rank instructors – though exempt from this requirement – are welcome to submit their swords for inspection voluntarily) at all PNKF-sponsored and hosted Iaido events. *Iaidoka* are responsible for maintaining their equipment to ensure personal safety for themselves and others in their vicinity. When in doubt, consult your instructor or another qualified person, and be mindful that some sword repairs should only be undertaken by professionals.

Points of inspection

There are several items that will be checked during sword inspection. These critical safety items are listed in order of importance, and any deficiencies should be addressed immediately.

Essential Points for Inspection (used at PNKF Sword Checks)

1. Is the sword Japanese-made as required by AUSKF and FIK rules?
This rule was made to address issues with non-Japanese swords that proved more susceptible to breakage in past years, posing alarmingly dangerous conditions to others.
2. Is the blade in good condition, free of serious warpage, chips or dents?
3. Are the *mekugi* (retaining pin(s)) and *mekugi-ana* (retaining pin hole(s)) in good condition? The bamboo used for o-hashiri or "chopsticks" is not suitable for *mekugi*. There are many varieties of bamboo that are soft and weak. Good *mekugi* are made of a special aged and smoked bamboo called *susudake* すす竹. *Mekugi* are carved from the outer part of the bamboo with the tightest grain. This is the hardest part of the bamboo. Other woods are not good substitutes for bamboo. Wood *mekugi* tend to snap, while bamboo tends to deform. Water buffalo *mekugi* are only suitable for *shirasaya* (holding scabbards), are purely decorative, and are not suitable for working swords. *PNKF inspections of shinken may request that you remove the mekugi for visual inspection of this essential component.*
4. Are the *tsuba* (guard) and *habaki* (collar) tight and free of noise or slippage when the sword is handled?
Excessive movement puts extra stress upon the *mekugi*, posing an unnecessary risk to yourself and others.

Other Considerations: Primarily the Responsibility of the Practitioner

5. Is the *koiguchi* (mouth of the scabbard)-*habaki* (blade collar) fit tight enough to prevent falling out of the blade?
6. Is the *saya* (scabbard) in good repair and free of any cracks?
7. Is the *nakago* (tang) fit snugly within the *tsuka* (handle)?
8. Is the *tsuka-ito* (handle wrap) in sufficiently good and tight condition to ensure safe practice?

Thank you for attending to your sword's safety. If you need assistance with basic repairs, PNKF Iaido Committee members may be able to help. When in doubt, please ask. We want everyone to enjoy Iaido practice safely.

PNKF Iaido document providing advice for common sword repairs available for download [here](#).