



August 17, 2010

Dear Kendo Friends,

We are very happy to announce that we will host Shinpan Seminar and Student Tournament in Cleveland, OH this September. All of AUSKF and FKI members are welcome to participate in these events. In addition to Kendo, we will host IAIDO practice on September 18 (Saturday).

Please note that Shozo Kato sensei (Kendo Kyoshi 8 dan, Iaido Kyoshi 7 dan), who is the vice president of GNEUSKF, will lead Kendo Shinpan seminar and IAIDO seminar.

- (1) If you are 3 dan and above, we welcome you to join Shinpan seminar on 9/18. After you improve your shinpan skill on 9/18, you will apply what you learned as an official referee for the student tournament on Sunday 9/19. Even if you cannot participate in the tournament (if you are not student any more), you will have a lot of chances to practice Kendo. Please understand that this event is designed to improve Kendo Shinpan Skill of Kendoists in North America.
- (2) Even if you are not 3 dan yet, you are welcome to join Shinpan Seminar on 9/18. By learning the method of shinpan, you will increase the understanding of "True" Kendo. In fact we will need kenshi of various ages and at different levels for practice shiai.
- (3) This event is an educational event rather than just a tournament. Please come and enjoy Kendo with your Kendo friends! We are planning to host this in the middle of September every year.
- (4) If you are interested in IAIDO, please remember that Kato sensei is planning to host IAIDO seminars twice a year (March and September) in Cleveland. Since we do not have many qualified IAIDO instructors in this region, Kato sensei is quite serious about providing assistance to the growth of IAIDO in this region. If you are interested in IAIDO but do not have a qualified IAIDO instructor in your area, please come and talk with Kato sensei. He is willing to provide assistance and suggestions to those interested in IAIDO.
- (5) The tournament will start at 10 AM Sunday so that those who are interested in driving to Cleveland that morning will be able to arrive on time. We will try to finish the tournament early enough so that everybody will have ample time to get home at a reasonable time.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Cleveland in September!

Sincerely,

T. Inoshita
President, GNEUSKF
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The 1st Cleveland Kendo Rensei Taikai Information

1. Schedule

September 17 (Friday) (CWRU Adelbert Gym)

Location: Adelbert Gym: 2106 Adelbert Rd, Cleveland, OH 44106

6pm-8 pm (or later) Free practice
There is NO dinner provided
(Please see suggestions in another page)

September 18 (Saturday) (YMCA Downtown)

Location: YMCA Downtown Cleveland Branch
2200 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115
Phone: (216) 344-7700

9 am- noon IAIDO Seminar (Instructor: Shozo Kato Sensei)
Noon- 1 pm Lunch break
(We will sell bento (\$10) on site)

1 pm-4 pm KENDO Shinpan Seminar

4 pm- 5:30 pm
7 pm- Dinner at Siam Café
(Chinese-Thai restaurant)
3951 Saint Clair Avenue Northeast, Cleveland, OH 44114-4109. (216) 361-2323
Each person will be responsible for his or her food and drinks.
Tables will be reserved for the group in advance.

September 19 (Sunday) (CWRU Adelbert Gym)

Location: Adelbert Gym: 2106 Adelbert Rd, Cleveland, OH 44106

8:00 am-9:30 am Free practice (Asa Geiko)/Registration
10:00 am-3:00 pm CWRU Student Cup Tournament
(Lunch Bento will be sold (\$10))

INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS

12 and under
13-15 years old
16-18 years old*
University Students, both undergraduate and graduate, (no age limit)*

- These two divisions (*) will have separate men's and women's divisions. There may be modifications of these divisions according to the number of participants.

TEAM TOURNAMENT (3-player, co-ed, 16 and above) – The winner will take home the perpetual CWRU Student Cup, which will be returned next year

2. Registration

Please send e-mail to Shigemi Matsuyama (shigemi11@yahoo.com) with the following information before September 10, 2010.

1. Your name
2. Your Dojo or University name
3. Which activities will you participate in? (IAIDO, Shinpan seminar, and/or Student Cup)
4. Your age/gender.
5. Are you undergraduate or graduate student?
6. Do you need Lunch Bento (\$10) for 9/18 and/or 9/19?
7. Entry of team(s) and their compositions

We collect registration fee (\$15) only for 9/19 (Sun) Student Cup.

Other activities will be subsidized by the GNEUSKF fund (i.e. Free for AUSKF/FKI members)

Please bring checks (we prefer checks, not cash) to pay \$15 registration fee (for Student Cup) and/or \$10/ one bento (9/18 and/or 9/19).

IMPORTANT - Please bring properly signed waver forms. This is especially important because those under 18 have to have their parents or guardians sign the forms. We will collect the waver forms before each event.

3. Registration Fee

\$15/person for 9/19 (Sun) Student Tournament participation

Please bring checks on 9/19. ***We are very sorry, but the official host has not yet been determined due to the slow response by university athletic department.*** We will let you know it ASAP when we become to know it. The check should be payable to either: "Case Western Reserve University Kendo Club" OR "Cleveland Kendo Association"

Shinpan seminar, Godo Practice, and IAIDO practice are FREE.

(NOTE: Open to AUSKF and FKI members)

4. Friday Dinner Restaurant suggestion

Paninis (Bar and Grill) open until 2:30 am

1825 Coventry Boulevard, Cleveland heights, OH 44118

TEL: 216-321-6444. www.paninisgrill.com

Pacific East Japanese Restaurant (open until 11 pm)

1763 Coventry Road, Cleveland Hts, OH 44118-1631
TEL: 216-320-2302. www.pacificcoventry.com

5. Hotel Recommendation

Embassy Suites Hotel Cleveland-Downtown

\$174/room (4 people)

1701 East 12th Street

Cleveland, OH, 44114

216-523-8000

(Great breakfast, and very large and nice room. If you stay with friends, the best affordable hotel for you near YMCA)

Holiday Inn Express Hotel

\$124/room (4 people)

629 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH

216-443-1000

(Close to YMCA Gym)

Hampton Inn

\$123/room (4 people)

1460 East 9th Street, Cleveland, OH

216-241-6600

(Close to YMCA Gym)

Comfort Inn Cleveland Downtown

\$91/room (4 people)

1800 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland,

TEL: 216-861-0001

(Very close to YMCA Gym. Cheap, just OK, not bad)

Cleveland Clinic Guest House

\$110/room (4 people)

9601 Euclid Ave. Cleveland OH 44116

TEL: 216-707-4000

(Very close to CWRU)

The Alcazar

\$179/room (max 5 people) with breakfast

2450 Derbyshire Rd. Cleveland, OH 44106

TEL: 216-321-5400 www.thealcazar.com

(Very close to CWRU. Very nice room, historical place)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Shigemi Matsuyama (shigemi11@yahoo.com)

Cleveland Kendo Association

CWRU Kendo Club

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The 1st Cleveland Kendo Rensei Taikai
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I. PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION

Please type or print clearly

NAME _____ **AGE** _____ **RANK** _____ **Kyu / Dan**
(Last) (First) (M.I)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____

E-MAIL _____ **CELL PHONE** _____

CLUB NAME _____ **GENDER** M / F

Please check the box if you are the team contact → ()

II. ACTIVITIES TO PARTICPATE IN

Please check all that apply

FRIDAY	9/17/2010	KENDO PRACTICE ()
SATURDAY	9/18/2010	IAIDO SEMINAR ()
		KENDO SHINPAN SEMINAR ()
SUNDAY	9/19/2010	TOURNAMENT ()

III. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Please read the box below and provide individual signature

I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby, for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators, wave, release, and forever discharge any claims for damages which I may incur, or which may hereafter accrue to me against YMCA Downtown Cleveland Branch and Case Western Reserve University, Case Western Reserve Kendo Club, Cleveland Kendo Association, and Great Lakes 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 and the YMCA Downtown Cleveland Branch and Adelbert Gymnasium of the Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH, and where the participant 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.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

If participant is under the age of 18, please have a parent or guardian sign below.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

PLEASE BRING THE COMPLETED FORM WITH YOU TO YOUR FIRST ACTIVITY

THANK YOU