



Southern California Kendo Organization

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To all SCKO Affiliated Dojo

Regarding: Kendo Rank Promotion Examination

This is to inform you of the Semi Annual SCKO Rank Promotion Examination.

1. Date: November 21, 2021 (Sunday)
2. Time: Roll Call – **Kyu Group: 9:00AM, Yudansha Group: 12:30PM**
3. Place: West High School (20401 Victor St., Torrance, CA 90503)
4. Application Deadline: Must be received no later than **November 11, 2021. No Exceptions.**
5. Examination Fee: Please see attached sheet
6. Applicants Must Bring: All ranks must bring own Kendo-gu, presentable Keiko-gi and Hakama, and Shinai. 3 Kyu and Up, bring Bokuto for taking “Bokuto Keiko hou” (Training Method for fundamental kendo techniques with Bokuto) and Nihon Kendo Kata exams. 1 Kyu and Up, bring completed Written Test Questionnaire.
7. Examination Items:
 - 6 Kyu: Kirikaeshi, Men-uchi (twice), (chakuso, reiho, hassei)
 - 5 Kyu: Kirikaeshi, Men-uchi (twice), kote-men (twice), doh-uchi (twice), (chakuso, reiho, hassei)
 - 4 Kyu: Kirikaeshi, gokaku-keiko, (chakuso, kamae, reiho, hassei)
 - 3 Kyu: Gokaku-keiko, (chakuso, kamae, reiho, hassei), “Bokuto Keiko hou” 1-4
 - 2 Kyu: Gokaku-keiko, (chakuso, kamae, reiho, hassei, datotsu-no-sae), “Bokuto Keiko hou” 1-9
 - 1 Kyu: Gokaku-keiko, (chakuso, kamae, reiho, hassei, datotsu-no-sae, ki-ken-tai-ichi), Nihon Kendo Kata 1-3 and written examination
 - 1 Dan: Gokaku-keiko (one who is skilled and has learned the basics of kendo), Nihon Kendo Kata 1-5, and written examination
 - 2 Dan: Gokaku-keiko (one who is finely skilled and has acquired the basics of kendo), Nihon Kendo Kata 1-7, and written examination
 - 3 Dan: Gokaku-keiko (one who is superbly skilled and has expertise in the basics of kendo), Nihon Kendo Kata 1-10, and written examination
 - 4 Dan: Gokaku-keiko (one who is exceptionally skilled and has mastered the basics and applied use of kendo), Nihon Kendo Kata 1-10, and written examination
8. Volunteers Required: Please see attached volunteer request letter

Please submit Promotion Exam Roster form with one check for the total examination fee per Dojo

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Important Notes:

~Applicants must have current AUSKF/SCKO membership BEFORE test date. It is the Dojo Reps' responsibility to make sure what they submit is correct.

~Please make sure applicant names match AUSKF database. All Dojo Reps have access to the AUSKF data base.

~ All examinees taking the 6-5 Kyu exam MUST provide their own Motodachi. One will NOT be provided for you.

~ All 1 Kyu and 1-4 Dan taking the exam must complete the attached written examination prior to the exam date. They must submit this on the day of the exam. Written examination is the last state of your promotion exam.

~ Please distribute copies of attached Written Test Questionnaire to your dojo members for this purpose.

~ Examinees who successfully pass all stages of the rank exam **MUST pay Certificate (Menjo) fee at the day of the exam**, after the results are announced. Without paying the certificate fee on the day of the exam, the passed rank will be annulled.

~ AUSKF issues only English certificates.

~ All examinees must be a member of AUSKF and pay their annual fee before submitting for examination.

~ Every person attending this event **MUST** bring a filled-out waiver form included with this invitation.

~ Due to limited attendees caused by COVID-19, there is a possibility that 6kyu and 5kyu examinees will pair up as motodachi and kakarite.

COVID-19 Update

We are aware that COVID-19 and the delta variant have been prominent factors in canceling events. In order to take as many precautions as we can, we will ensure all surfaces on the day of the exam are sanitized and we will have hand sanitizers throughout the venue. We will also be conducting forehead temperature checks prior to your entry.

Day of Exam

- Facemasks are required at ALL TIMES
- Maintain a distance of 6ft and practice social distancing to the best of your ability
- Come dressed in your dougi and hakama. (Changing rooms will NOT be available on the day of the exam)
- Spectators and parents will NOT be able to enter the venue. (Kids 12 years and under are allowed ONE guardian to enter with negative COVID-19 testing strictly for bogu assistance)
- Leave promptly after your exam and making payment for your Menjo fee.
- Arrive at your specified time block listed below. If you arrive early, please remain outside until your respective Registration times. There will be space for those who choose to warm up outside.
- For Kata portion: We will conduct all Kata (Bokuto Keiko Hou and Nihon Kendo Kata) immediately following each rank's Gokaku Keiko. (i.e., Will finish 1 Dan Keiko portion and Kata portion prior to moving on to 2 Dan testing)

In addition, we are asking ALL attendees to:

- **Required at entrance:** Your COVID-19 test with proof of negative results shown anytime between 11/14 (week before shinsa) and 11/21 (day of shinsa). Rapid testing through the County and/or City as well as Over the Counter self-tests are accepted. **This is mandatory for ALL attendees, including but not limited to: Examiners, volunteers, witnesses entering the venue.** (Those who will be getting the COVID test through the County/City: We recommend booking an appointment one week in advance)
- **Recommended:** Be fully vaccinated, if eligible.

Court Allocation	Time Schedule	Registration time	Exam starting time
Court A	6 Kyu	9:00	9:45
Court B	5 Kyu	9:00	9:45
Court A	4 Kyu	9:45	10:30
Court B	3 Kyu	9:45	10:30
Court A	2 Kyu	10:30	11:15
Court B	1 Kyu	10:30	11:15
Lunch Break			
Court A	1 Dan	12:30	13:00
Court A	2 Dan	13:00	13:45
Court B	3 Dan	12:45	13:30
Court B	4 Dan	14:00	14:45

*Please note: Actual start times may vary pending total registrants on the day of shinsa.

If you are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms on the day of, we kindly ask that you stay home. Health and safety are our top priority.

Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding through this unprecedented time.