



# 44TH AUSTRALIAN KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SEMINAR 2019

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

APRIL 19TH TO  
24TH APRIL 2019

## PERTH

*Leisurelife Centre  
34 Kent Street, East Victoria Park,  
Perth, Western Australia*



*Australian Kendo Renmei*



*Western Australian Kendo Renmei*

# Welcome

## Stylianos (Stilts) Polichroniadis

President, Australian Kendo Renmei (AKR)

Hello everyone,

I would like to personally welcome each and every one of you to the 44th Australian Kendo Championships.

From its humble beginnings, the Australian Kendo Championships has hosted individuals and teams from around the nation to create and renew bonds amongst its members, and to participate in an atmosphere not only of intense competition, but also one of friendship.

The Australian Kendo Renmei is growing as an organisation, and with it not only the quality and skill level of the exponents of Kendo, but also in meeting the challenges of an ever-changing national and global landscape.

This is an exciting year as we are gathered here in Perth after the success of our Women's Team which came third in the World Kendo Championships last year. So, I imagine that on the back of this, and the next World Championships which are only two short years away (May 2021 in Paris, France), that the competition will be even more intense.

Before I close, I would like to thank the All Japan Kendo Federation delegation, Suzuki Yasuo sensei and Iida Shigehiro sensei, the organisers, referees and volunteers for attending this premier Kendo event of the Australian Kendo Renmei.

My personal thanks and respect go out to all of you.

Stylianos (Stilts) Polichroniadis  
President  
Australian Kendo Renmei



## Choi Ho Young

### Chairperson of the Kendo Board for the AKR

Dear participants of the 44th Australian Kendo Championships.

It is a great pleasure to meet Australian Kendo people again in this annual event, held in Perth this year from 19th to 24th April 2019.

I sincerely thank the WAKR organising committee for organising our annual National Kendo Championships in Perth. Thank you for all the hard work you have put in to make this event successful. I also thank the AKR executive committee who has provided great support to the AKC, and members of the Australian Kendo Board for their dedication and efforts in running this championship together with WAKR.

I welcome the AJKF delegates, and I especially thank Suzuki sensei for his passion and commitment to develop Australian Kendo - this is his 5th visit to the AKC. This is wonderful for Australia.

The AKB has tried to encourage more professionalism in the championship through the assignment of referees since last year. As you know although the minimum grade for referees at present is 4th Dan, most referees were 5th Dan and above. With a little more time, we will have enough 5th Dan so that all referees are made up of kendoka 5th Dan or above, and the quality of refereeing at the AKC will also improve to a higher level. This is significant, as it also means improvement for Kendo in Australia.

We know that our female kendoka have achieved excellent results and made us all proud at the 2018 World Kendo Championships. Congratulations to the Australian team for the 2018 WKC.

All competitors and officials who participate in the AKC recognize that this is one of the most important Kendo events in Australia. Through preparing for and taking part in this championship you can grow your Kendo and Australian Kendo will grow too. As we have seen, one of the most rewarding results of the national championships is the outstanding achievements of the national team in the WKC. This is very encouraging to the Kendo Board, and we will continue to study and research on how to improve on various aspects of the AKC in our commitment to develop Kendo further in this country.

Lastly, I wish you all the best in this championship.

Choi Ho Young  
Chairperson of the Kendo Board for the AKR  
44th AKC Competition Manager



## Message from **Courtney Babb**

Chair of the 2019 Australian Kendo Championships Organising Committee, Vice President of the Western Australian Kendo Renmei

On behalf of the Western Australian Kendo Renmei it is my privilege to welcome competitors, officials and supporters to Perth for the 44th Australian Kendo Championships. We are looking forward to hosting a successful and exciting competition, seminar and grading. A special thanks to all the shinpan, volunteers and supporters who are offering their time and support to make this event possible. Best of luck to all competitors.

Courtney Babb

Chair of the 2019 AKC Organising Committee

Vice President, WAKR



## All Japan Kendo Federation (AJKF) Delegation



**Yasuo SUZUKI** sensei,  
Kendo Hanshi 8 Dan



**Shigehiro IIDA** sensei,  
Kendo Kyoshi 8 Dan

# Event Schedule

## Friday 19th April (Registration & Briefing)

Time	Activities
11:00	Venue opens
12:00	Registration and Shinai Weighing opens
14:30	Shinpan briefing commences
17:00	Registration and Shinai Weighing closes

## Saturday 20th April (Competition Day 1)

Time	Activities
7:00	Hall Opens
7:30- 8:30	Final Registrations & Shinai Weighing
8:15	Final Shinpan Briefing
8:30	Opening Ceremony
9:00	Men's Kyu Individual Championship
11:00	Women's Kyu Individual Championship
12:00	Kata Pairs
12:30	Lunch Break – lunch served in breakout area
13:00	Women's Dan Individual Championship
14:30	Men's Dan Individual Championships
17:00 – 18:00	Goodwill Keiko
18:30	Hall Closes
19:00 for 19:30	44th Australian National Kendo Championships Dinner

## Sunday 21st April (Competition Day 2)

Time	Activities
8:00	Hall Opens
9:00	Men's Kyu Team Championship
10:30	Women's Kyu Team Championship
11:00	Veteran's Individual Championship
12:00	Lunch Break – lunch served in breakout area
13:00	Women's Dan Team Championship
14:30	Men's Dan Team Championship
16:30	Presentations & Closing Ceremony
17:30 – 18:30	Goodwill Keiko
19:00	Hall Closes

# Event Schedule & Venues

## Monday 22nd April (Seminar Day 1)

Time	Activities
8:00	Hall Opens
9:00	Morning Session
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Afternoon Session
17:00	Close of Seminar

## Tuesday 23rd April (Seminar Day 2)

Time	Activities
8:00	Hall Opens
9:00	Morning Session
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Afternoon Session
17:00	Close of Seminar

## Wednesday 24th April (Grading)

Time	Activities
8:00	Hall Opens
9:00 – 9:30	Grading Registration
10:00	Grading Starts
13:00	Grading Finishes

## Competition, Seminar and Grading Venue

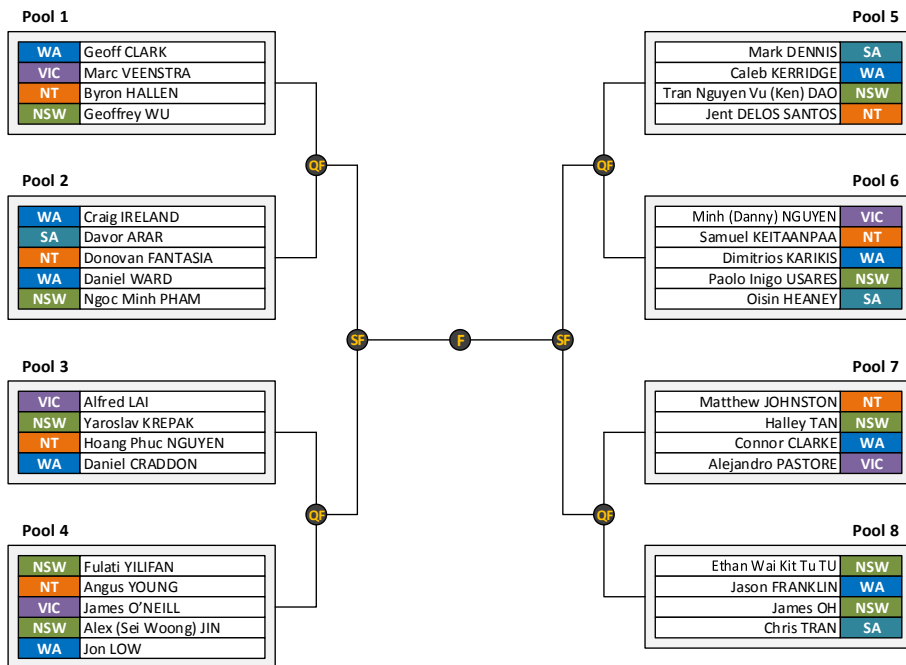
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34 Kent St, East Victoria Park  
ph: 9373 5450

## Championship Dinner Venue

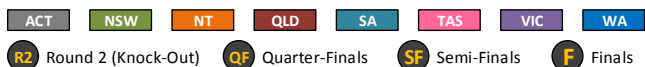
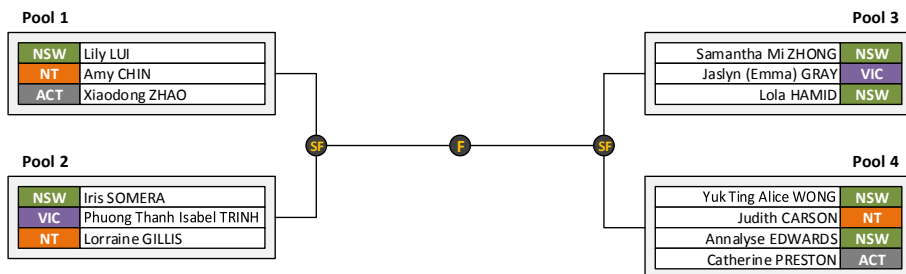
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The function centre is a 5-minute drive from the championship venue.



## Men's Kyu Individuals

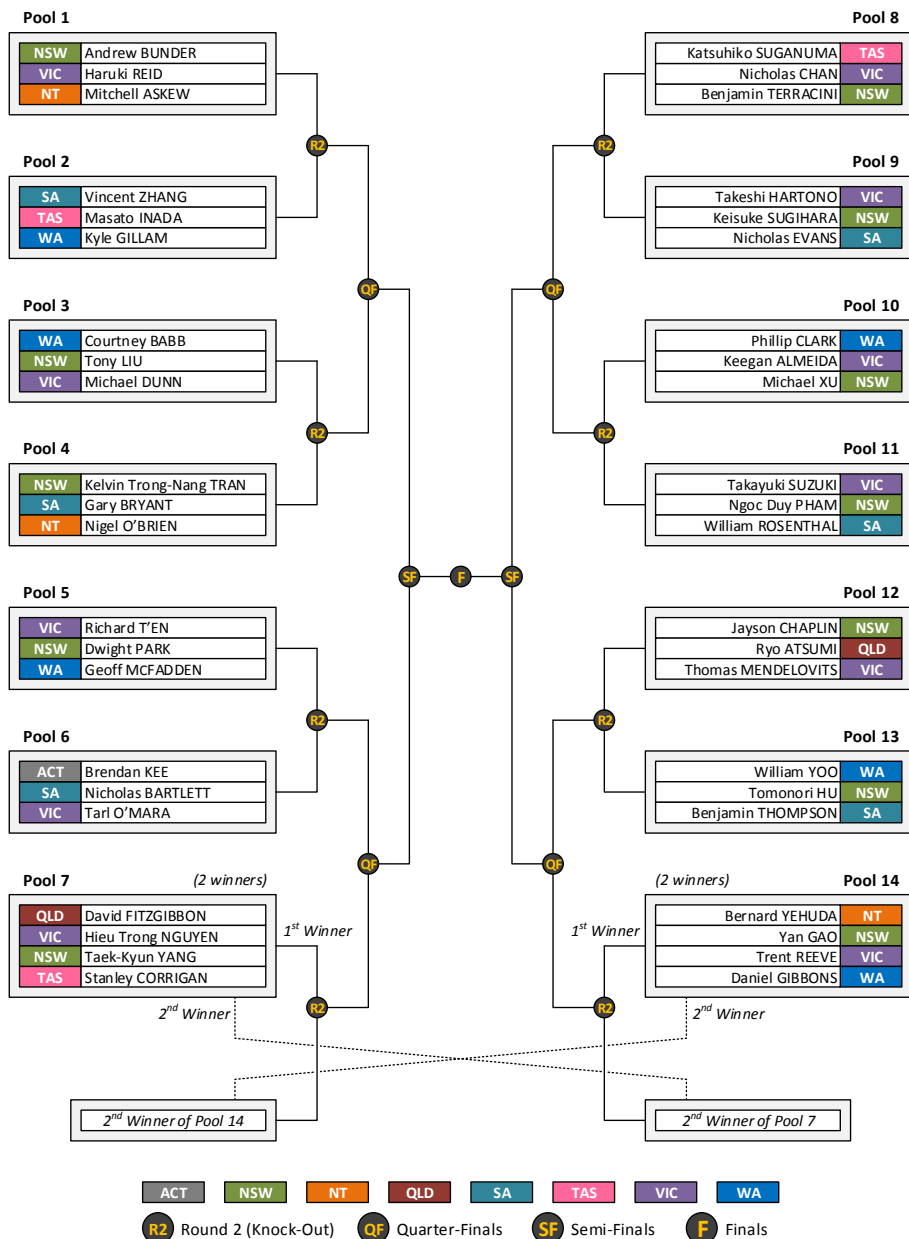


## Women's Kyu Individuals



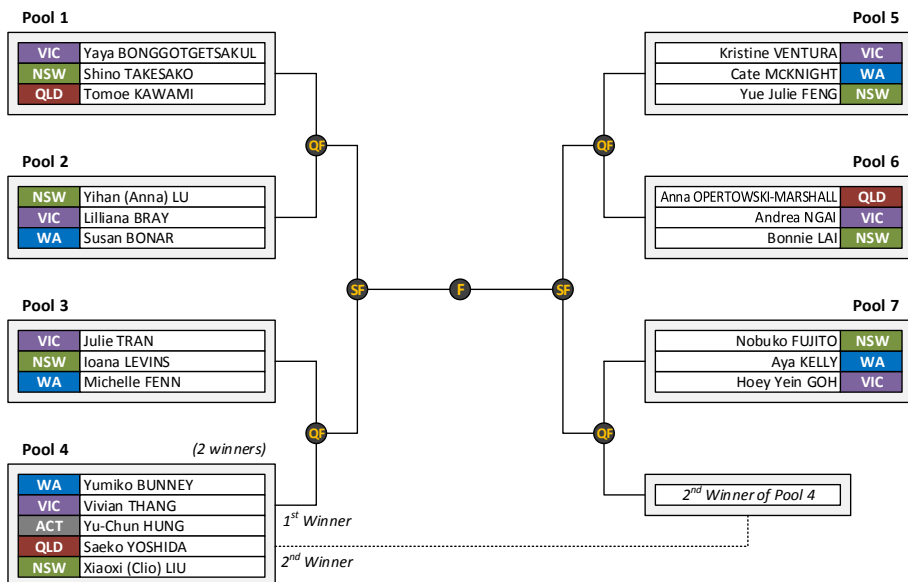
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## Men's Dan Individuals

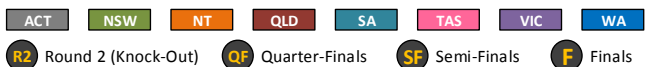
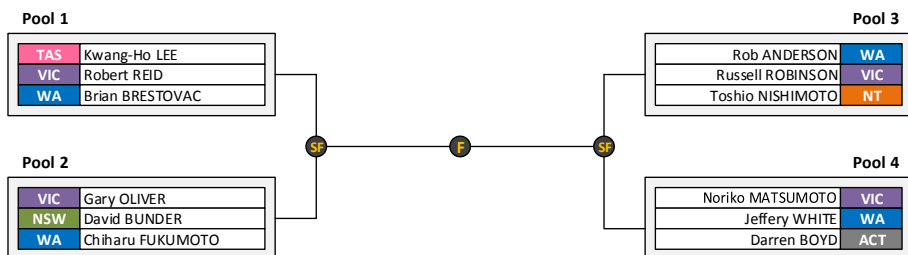




## Women's Dan Individuals

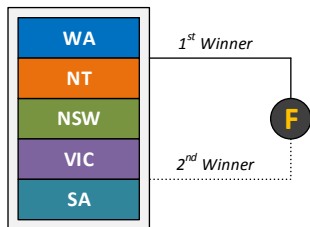


## Veterans' Individuals

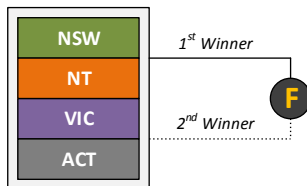


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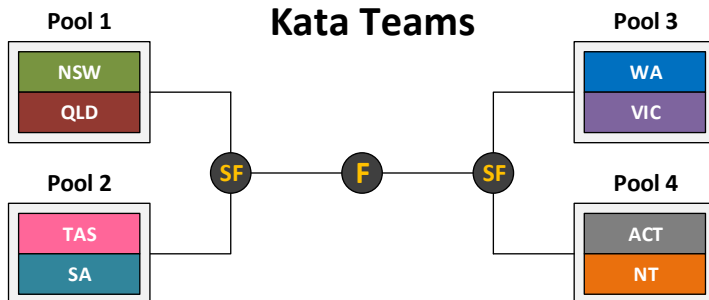
## Men's Kyu Teams



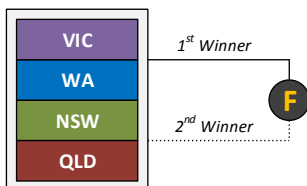
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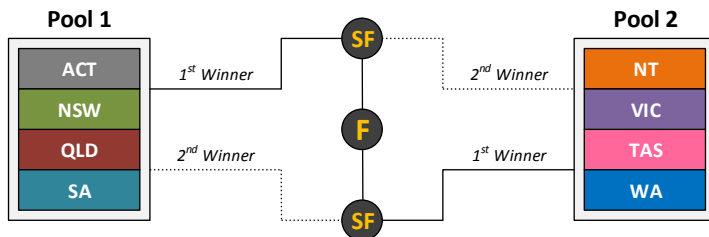
## Kata Teams



## Women's Dan Teams



## Men's Dan Teams



**R2** Round 2 (Knock-Out)   **QF** Quarter-Finals   **SF** Semi-Finals   **F** Finals

## Notes and Results

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# About Kendo

## What is Kendo?

The word kendo literally means 'The Way of the Sword' (ken: sword + do: way), and can best be described as Japanese Fencing. Kendo's origins are most closely associated with the feudal Japanese Samurai and many protocols within today's dojos still reflect this cultural tradition. Kendo has now become a popular sport form that is suitable for both men and women of all ages, who practice and compete together.

## The Concept of Kendo

The Concept of Kendo is to discipline the human character through the application of the principles of the katana (Japanese sword).

## The Purpose of Practicing Kendo is:

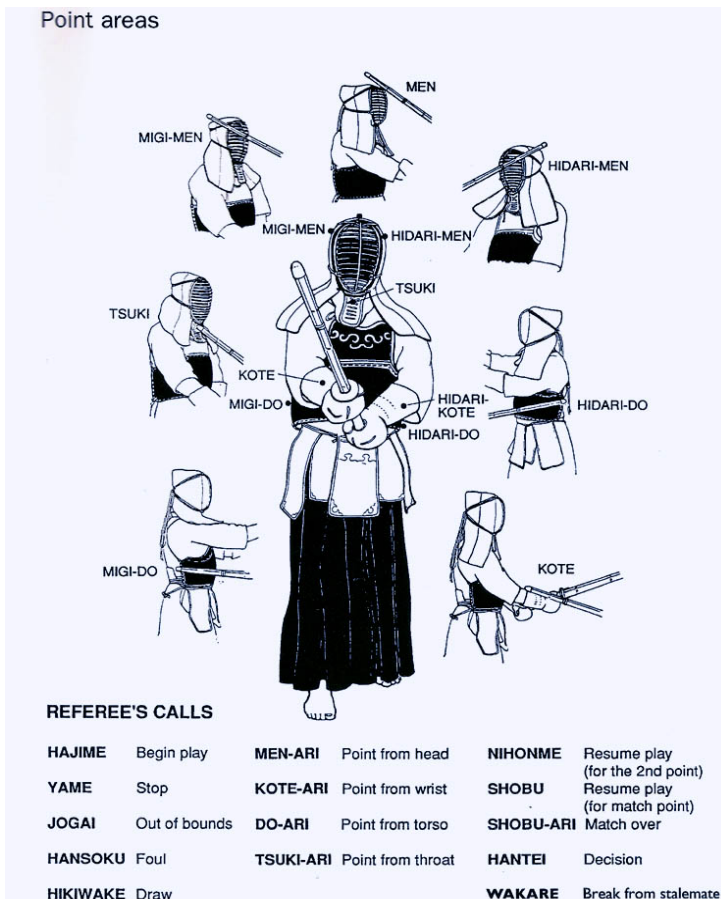
To mould the mind and body.  
To cultivate a vigorous spirit,  
And through correct and rigid training,  
To strive for improvement in the art of Kendo.  
To hold in esteem human courtesy and honour.  
To associate with others with sincerity.  
And to forever pursue the cultivation of oneself.  
This will make one be able:  
To love his/her country and society.  
To contribute to the development of culture  
And to promote peace and prosperity among all peoples.



# Scoring a Point in Kendo

There are 5 elements required to make a valid strike in kendo (Yuko Datotsu).

1. Correct posture must be maintained. The body, correct up-right posture and relaxed.
2. The correct target must be struck. Men (head), kote (wrist), do (chest) or tsuki (throat).
3. The correct part of shinai must be used. Datotsu-bu is the area above the nakayui and below the tip of the shinai and must be the only part of the shinai to strike the target.
4. Clear intention. Striking only the area intended to be struck.
5. Zanshin must be present. After the strike the attacker must show strong follow through and present strong kame.



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## Referee List

Name	State	Name	State
Joachim Semmler	ACT	Ryo Atsumi	QLD
Darren Boyd	ACT	Saeko Yoshida	QLD
Brendan Kee	ACT	William Rosenthal	SAKA
Ho Young Choi	NSW	Yoichi Yano	VIC
Shoko Bunder	NSW	Noriko Matsumoto	VIC
David Bunder	NSW	Tarl O'Mara	VIC
Dwight Park	NSW	Katsuhiko Takayama	NSW
Ngoc Duy Pham	NSW	Kanako Harada	VIC
Taek-Kyun Yang	NSW	Takayuki Suzuki	VIC
Yan Gao	NSW	Trent Robert Reeve	VIC
Jayson Chaplin	NSW	Thomas Mendelovits	VIC
Kelvin Tran	NSW	Nicholas Chan	VIC
Keisuke Sugihara	NSW	Keegan Almeida	VIC
Yue Julie Feng	NSW	Jeffery Khor	VIC
Bonnie Lai	NSW	Brian Brestovac	WA
Nobuko Fujito	NSW	Chiharu Fukumoto	WA
Bernard Yehuda	NT	Susan Bonar	WA
Takashi Itakura	QLD	Jeffery White	WA
Noriyuki Tamura	QLD	William Yoo	WA
David S Fitzgibbon	QLD		



## Our National Anthem:

Australians all let us rejoice  
For we are young and free  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil  
Our home is girt by sea  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty, rich and rare  
In history's page let every stage  
Advance Australia fair,  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
"Advance Australia fair!"



## Contact & Acknowledgement

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