



## Australian Kendo Renmei

# Australian Iaido Championships & Seminar 2022

On behalf of the Australian Kendo Renmei I would like to invite you to the 2022 AKR Iaido Championships & Seminar to be held in Toowoomba, Queensland, at the end of July 2022.

Following are details of the event along with all the information you will need to register, including:

- the seminar location, event dates, and proposed daily schedule,
- the cost for the seminar,
- a preliminary list of the sensei attending,
- how to register for the seminar and championships, and
- information on the grading and how to apply.

I am very pleased that we will be able to offer an Iaido Dan Grading up to 4th Dan at the event.

At the time this information is being distributed, Australia is emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic but COVID may still have an impact on our event. Hopefully we will be under few restrictions, if any, but may still have some COVID safety protocols in place. Further information on these will be available prior to the event.

In addition there are still many restrictions on international travel which mean we are unable to formally invite AJKF sensei from Japan. However, much as last year, we have a contingent of dedicated sensei who are coming to Toowoomba to lead our training.

I am sure we will all benefit from the training and enjoy taking part in the championships. I hope you are looking forward to catching up with Iaido friends from across the country as much as I am.

If you have any questions about the event please feel free to drop me an email at [marcus@chikushinkai.com.au](mailto:marcus@chikushinkai.com.au)

**Marcus Lee-Steere**  
Chair, AKR Iaido Board  
May 2022



## Location

**Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre**  
20 Baker St, Darling Heights QLD 4350

This is a large recreation centre, located in the University of Southern Queensland campus in Toowoomba.

Google Maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/5G9yPhow57ea9UTY7>

## Event schedule

The Australian Iaido Championships & Seminar runs for three days from Saturday 30 July to Monday 1 August 2022.

<b>Saturday 30 July</b>	08:30	Dojo open
	08:30 - 90:00	Grading participants registration
	09:00	Opening speeches and Iaido Enbu
	09:30 - 11:00	AKR Iaido Dan Grading
	12:00 - 17:00	Australian Iaido Championships
<b>Sunday 31 July</b>	08:30	Dojo open
	09:00 - 17:00	ZNKR Iaido Seminar
<b>Monday 1 August</b>	08:30	Dojo open
	09:00 - 17:00	Koryu Iaido Seminar (with ZNKR Iaido for those not practising Koryu)

Note that on Saturday the schedule is subject to change based on the number of candidates who are attempting a grading.

There will be a lunch break each day and this will be scheduled during the sessions in a way that causes the least disruption to each day's activities.



## Cost

The event registration fee is \$160. Information will be emailed to participants in July regarding options to purchase a lunch pack for the duration of the seminar.

There is **no option to purchase attendance for a single day**. There is no cost for AKR members who are attending the Grading only.

## Instructors at the event

The following sensei have confirmed their attendance to support the Australian Iaido Championships & Seminar and will be guiding ZNKR and koryu iaido training across the weekend.

The majority are from Australia but we are very pleased to once again welcome Emiko Yaguchi sensei from Japan.

It should be noted that without the support of these sensei the Iaido Board would not be able to run this event.

Emiko Yaguchi sensei	7 Dan Kyoshi	Japan
Toshiaki Tsukadaira sensei	7 Dan Kyoshi	QLD
Ahloi Lee sensei	7 Dan Renshi	WA
Ramon Lawrence sensei	7 Dan Renshi	WA
Claire Chan sensei	6 Dan Renshi	VIC
Russell Lawrence sensei	6 Dan Renshi	WA
David Kolb sensei	6 Dan Renshi	QLD
Marcus Lee-Steere sensei	6 Dan Renshi	VIC
Katsumi Kuramochi sensei	6 Dan Renshi	QLD
Ian Thomason sensei	6 Dan	WA

Other sensei may be present during the event.



# Seminar registration

Registration is via the [online form](#) at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/akr-national-iaido-championships-and-seminar-2022-registration-345171977677>

You may need to copy and paste the entire link for this to open in your browser.

**Payment is via PayPal or Credit Card** during registration. If you are unable to use either of these methods please email [marcus@chikushinkai.com.au](mailto:marcus@chikushinkai.com.au) for more information and assistance.

The **closing date** for seminar applications is midnight **Friday 22 July 2022**.

## Catering

There are limited options to purchase food near the venue. You may of course bring your own lunch each day, in addition there will be an option to purchase a lunch pack and details of this will be sent out in early July to all registered participants.

## Grading applications

A grading will be held for dan grade candidates from 1st Dan to 4th Dan during the morning on Saturday 30 July. There is no kyu grading at this event.

**Grading applications must be submitted via your State Renmei as per the process outlined below:**

[https://www.kendoaustralia.asn.au/content/?page\\_id=2830](https://www.kendoaustralia.asn.au/content/?page_id=2830)

**The process must be strictly adhered to** in order to be examined. Failure to comply with this process will result in a candidate NOT being eligible to grade on the day.

The **closing date** for completed applications to reach the AKR is **28 June 2022**. No late applications will be considered.



# Australian Iaido Championships

This year we will celebrate the **30th Australian Iaido Championships**. This event is an integral part of the weekend and an opportunity to challenge yourself in the individual and teams competitions.

On behalf of the AKR Iaido Board I would like to encourage you to register for the individual competition at your grade and to join in the teams event. The competition will only be successful with the support and involvement of all Seminar participants.

This year there will be two events:

## Individual Iaido Competitions

There will be individual competition events for:

6th - 4th Kyu	3rd - 1st Kyu	1st Dan	2nd Dan
3rd Dan	4th Dan	5th Dan	

Note that we may merge or cancel individual events if the minimum number of competitors in any event will not allow for a reasonable competition.

This decision is at the sole discretion of the Iaido Board Chair in discussion with members of the Iaido Board present on the day.

## Goodwill Iaido Teams Competition

We will hold a goodwill teams event and this will replace the previous State teams event.

3-person teams will be drawn by the Iaido Board. Each team will be made up of people from different States and different grades with a total grade cap to give everyone the chance of a challenging and fair competition.

This event will allow competitors to meet and compete with Iaidoka from around the country and give everyone the greatest opportunity to take part in as many matches as possible throughout the day.

**Important:** *If you are attempting a Dan grading, please register for the grade you are currently. Grading results will be announced at the end of the day following the competition and will not apply for the purpose of the competition.*