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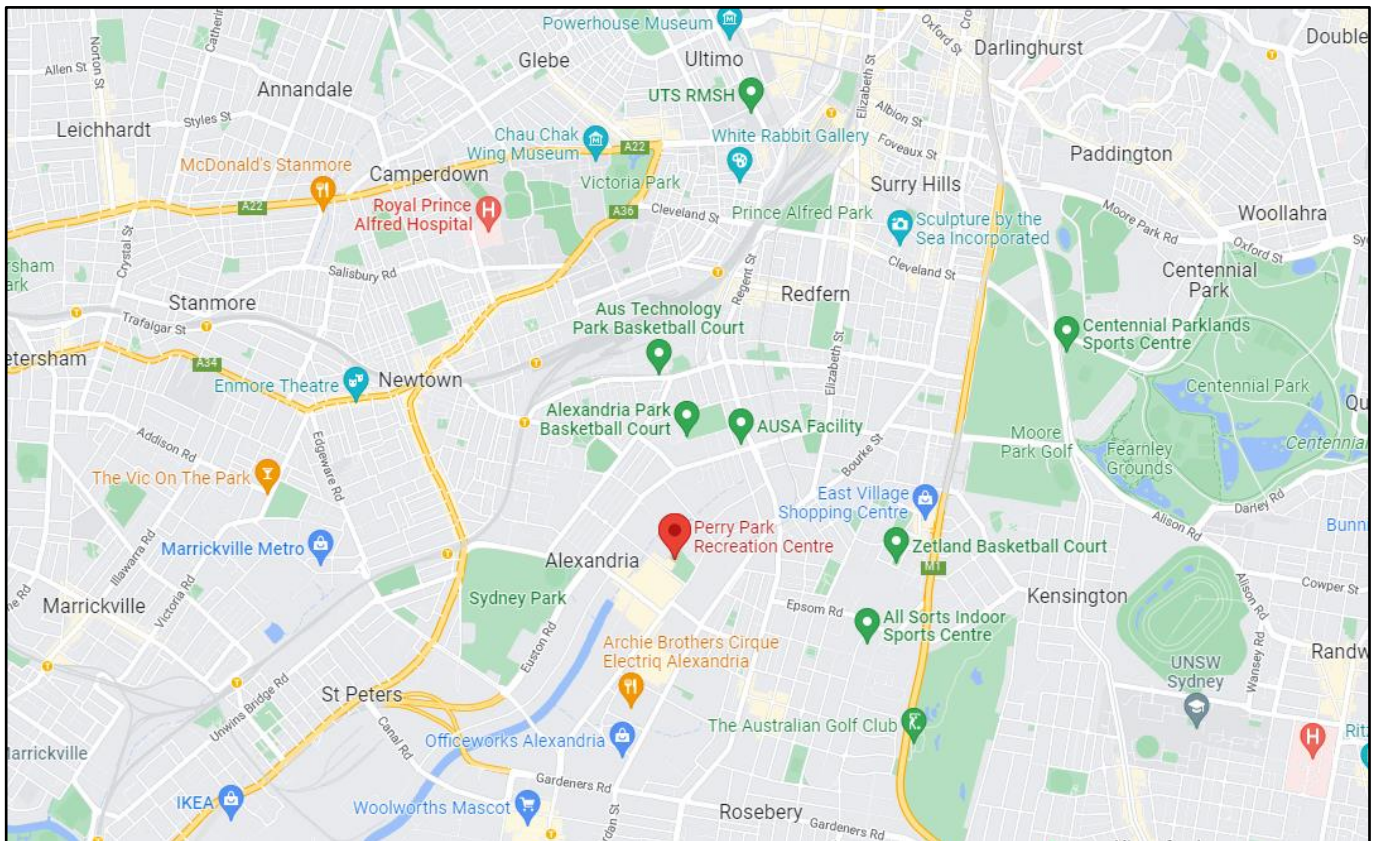
NATIONAL KENDO 4 DAN AND 5 DAN GRADING EXAMINATIONS, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

30 August 2022

Dear AKR Members

As advised on 1 August 2022, the Kendo Board of the Australian Kendo Renmei (AKR) will hold Kendo 4 Dan and 5 Dan grading examinations in Sydney, New South Wales, on Sunday 6 November 2022, in collaboration with the New South Wales Kendo Association (NSWKA)¹. The examination venue is Perry Park Recreation Centre (1B Maddox Street, Alexandria NSW 2155). The venue location is shown in **Figure 1**.

Cars can be parked on streets. However, available parking areas are limited. Please consider the use of alternative transport means if possible.



(Original map image: Google Maps (<https://www.google.com/maps>). Last viewed on 26 August 2022).

Figure 1: Venue Location

¹ Available at http://www.kendoaustralia.asn.au/content/?page_id=2830. Last viewed on 30 August 2022.

Eligibility

Eligible candidates are:

- Current AKR financial members of FY2022 to 2023 (July 2022 to June 2023) or current financial members of countries affiliated with the International Kendo Federation (FIK).
- 4 Dan candidates who acquired a Kendo 3 Dan in November 2019 or earlier.
- 5 Dan candidates who acquired a Kendo 4 Dan in November 2018 or earlier.

Eligible candidates are requested to use a prescribed standard AKR grading form². Please follow the application lodgement process on the AKR website³. All key dates are stated on this webpage. No late application forms are accepted.

Grading application and registration fees are stated in the *AKR Manual of Documents Section 14*. The fees are summarised in **Table 1**.

Table 1: AKR Grading Application and Registration Fees for Kendo 4 Dan and 5 Dan

Grade	Application Fee	Registration Fee
4 Dan	\$40	\$75
5 Dan	\$45	\$100

Timetable

The timetable is summarised as below:

- The Venue opens at 8:00 a.m.
- The reception desk is open for registration from 9:00 to 9:30. No registration is accepted after 9:30.
- A briefing is presented at 9:30.

Grading Procedure

The grading procedure will follow the *AKR Manual of Documents Sections 1 and 2⁵*, and associated documents including the *Standard Rules for Dan and Kyu Examinations*.

Candidates are responsible for all personal equipment and belongings including bokuto sets, men shield and mask products. No equipment sharing is allowed.

For the jitsugi, candidates having difficulty in conducting a sonkyo are NOT required to report to the reception or kakari-ins. They can kneel down with either knee. If this is difficult, candidates can simply bend the knees to the extent practicable. Sports injury guards (e.g. ankle and knee supports) are permissible with the proviso that these products do not cause unfairness or disadvantage.

Certificates will be available on the day.

Unsuccessful candidates who wish to receive an assessment result may contact the Kendo Board in accordance with Section 10 Information Disclosure of the *Kendo Board Standard Procedural Guidelines for Dan Grading Examination*.

² Available at http://www.kendoaustralia.asn.au/publicdocs/akr_grading_application_form.pdf. Last viewed on 27 August 2022.

³ Available at http://www.kendoaustralia.asn.au/content/?page_id=2830. Last viewed on 27 August 2022

⁴ Available at http://www.kendoaustralia.asn.au/content/?page_id=801. Last viewed on 27 August 2022.

⁵ Ditto.

COVID Risk Management

Please note that all participants are required to comply with COVIDSafe directions issued by the State Government of New South Wales and other associated legislative requirements.

Recommended COVIDSafe Personal Protective Equipment is

- Jitsugi:
 - The use of full men face shield and/or mask covering nose and mouth, or
 - The use of half men face shield and/or mask covering nose and mouth.
- Kata:
 - the use of a mask covering nose and mouth.

At any other time, the use of a mask covering nose and mouth is requested.

Written Examinations

Candidates are requested to submit written examination papers to the reception desk before registration is closed at 9:30 on the day.

Instructions: Preparation of Answers to Questions

- Each candidate must select any two of the below questions and answer each of the selected questions.
- The answer sheet must be typed in English using a simple font (e.g. Arial, Calibri and Times New Roman), and single-side printed on white A4 size paper. The answers must be readily legible and presentable.
- Each answer must be 150 word-long with an allowance of ± 50 words and 1.5 spaced in 12 pt font.
- An answer sheet should not be more than one page. If answers require more than one sheet, these sheets must be firmly stapled together at the top left corner prior to submission.
- The following particulars must be clearly presented on each page of the answer sheets:
 - Candidate's AKR registration number or equivalent;
 - Location and date of examination;
 - Candidate's examination identification number (to be hand-written in black or dark blue by the candidate on the day of examination); and
 - Signature (to be hand-written in black or dark blue by the candidate on the day of examination).
- Failure to address the above requirements may result in disqualification.

Questions for 4 Dan Candidates

- Explain the kamae and the metsuke.
- Explain the ken-tai-itchi.
- Explain Article 1 of the Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan issued by the International Kendo Federation (FIK) in 2017.

Questions for 5 Dan Candidates

- Explain the concept of Kendo and the purpose of practicing Kendo.
- Explain the purpose and benefits of kiri-kaeshi, and state relevant points to be kept in mind when instructing others.
- Explain differences between the uchikomi-geiko and the kakari-geiko, and state relevant points to be kept in mind when instructing others.

Further Communication

Please contact the AKR Kendo Board by email at kendoboard@kendoaustralia.asn.au should there be any queries.

Kind regards,

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