



AUSTRALIAN KENDO RENMEI

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ADDENDUM: NATIONAL KENDO DAN (SHODAN TO 5 DAN) GRADING EXAMINATIONS, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

29 March 2023

Dear AKR Members,

The Kendo Board of the Australian Kendo Renmei (AKR) would like to provide AKR Members with this addendum to the grading notification issued on 24 January 2023. This addendum advises you of the following matters:

- Grading Sessions
- Timetable;
- Written Examination; and
- Equipment Safety.

Grading Sessions

The grading examinations will be held at the Melbourne Sports Centre on Tuesday, 11 April 2023.

The grading procedure will follow the *AKR Manual of Documents Sections 1 and 2*, and associated documents including the *Standard Rules for Dan and Kyu Examinations*. Grading sessions comprise (1) Jitsugi, (2) Nippon Kendo Kata and (3) Written Examination. Candidates must pass all the sessions on the same day to achieve the attempted grade. No session may be deferred to be reassessed separately, or at another time.

The jitsugi session requires each candidate to perform a 60 second long tachiai twice.

Those who have passed the jitsugi are requested to proceed to the Kata session. Verbal instructions are provided to those who attempt Shodan, 2 Dan and 3 Dan levels. No instructions are given to those who attempt 4 Dan or 5 Dan after the session begins, until all candidates complete all requirements. Details will be explained at a grading briefing scheduled to be held at 9:30 am.

The assessment outcome will be presented when all grading sessions are completed.

Timetable

The grading examinations will progress in accordance with the following timetable:

- The venue opens at 7:00 am;
- The registration desk opens from 9:00 to 9:30. Candidates are requested to submit written examination essays when registering. Each candidate is provided with a registration label that will be fitted to the tare. No late registration is accepted after 9:30;
- A grading briefing is held at 9:30; and
- Grading examinations commence at 10:00 in the order of Shodan, 2 Dan, 3 Dan, 4 Dan and 5 Dan.

Please note the following:

- No seminar activities associated the Australian Kendo Championships will be held on 11 April 2023 due to time constraints; and
- Please refrain from using any devices (e.g. smart phones, video cameras and other devices equipped with recording functions) to record personal images or details at the venue.

Written Examination

In addition to the instructions presented in the letter of 24 January 2023, please address the following:

- The answer to each question selected must demonstrate an understanding of the intention of the question correctly;
- Personal experience and/or views may be stated so long as it is brief and clearly relevant to the question; and
- Candidates must satisfy the overall assessment of the written examination.

The Kendo Board recommends that candidates consult references prior to submission.

Safety

Please ensure that all pieces of equipment used are safe and appropriate. Candidates are responsible for personal equipment and belongings. No equipment sharing is allowed.

Further Communication

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

Yours sincerely,

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