



Australian Kendo Renmei

Australian Iaido Seminar and Championships 2024

On behalf of the Australian Kendo Renmei I would like to invite you to the 2024 Australian Iaido Seminar and Championships to be held in Melbourne, Victoria, in September 2024.

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

- The seminar location, dates and the proposed daily schedule
- The cost of the seminar
- A preliminary list of the sensei attending
- How to register for the seminar and championships
- Information on the grading and how to apply.

The AKR Iaido Board will offer an Iaido grading up to 5th Dan.

This year, I am pleased to announce that we have two highly skilled Iaido sensei from Japan joining us in Melbourne for the seminar

Morishima Kazuki, Kyoshi 8 Dan, Iaido

Takizawa Tomomi, Kyoshi 7 Dan, Iaido

Those who attended the Perth seminar last year, you will appreciate that this visit offers an opportunity to attend a seminar with very skilled and knowledgeable Iaido sensei.

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

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Christine Cash

Chair, AKR Iaido Board

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Location

Monash University Clayton Campus

Wellington Road, Clayton Vic 3800

Google Maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/xr6XnaoVio3tgqxZ7>

Event Schedule

The Australian Iaido Seminar and Championships will run from Saturday 14 September to Monday 16 September

Saturday 14 September 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome address and Embu• ZNKR Iaido seminar• ZNKR Grading to 5 Dan
Sunday 15 September 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian Iaido Championships• ZNKR Iaido seminar• Seminar dinner
Monday 16 September 8:00 am to 4:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ZNKR Iaido seminar

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

Cost

The event registration fee is \$220.

As there will be a partial seminar before the grading, members wishing to attend the grading day only can pay a reduced fee of \$100.

Instructors at the event

The following sensei are supporting the Australian Iaido Seminar and Championships during this event and will be guiding Iaido across the three days.

Japan

Morishima Kazuki sensei	Kyoshi 8 Dan	Kanagawa Japan
Takizawa Tomomi sensei	Kyoshi 7 Dan	Gunma Japan

Australia

Toshiaki Tsukadaira sensei	Kyoshi 7 Dan	Queensland
Ahloi Lee sensei	Renshi 7 Dan	Western Australia
Ramon Lawrence sensei	Renshi 7 Dan	Western Australia
Russell Lawrence sensei	Renshi 7 Dan	Western Australia
Marcus Lee Steere	Renshi 7 Dan	Victoria (Texas)
Jeri James	Renshi 7 Dan	Western Australia

Seminar Registration

Registration is via the online form at

<https://events.humanitix.com/2024-32nd-iaido-championships-and-seminar>

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 christinecash59@gmail.com for more information and assistance.

Catering

There are a number of food venues at the University Campus that will be open Saturday and Monday for lunch. The options on Saturday are limited to Schnitz and Gosman and Gomez, though different venues will also be available on Monday. You will be able to purchase a lunch pack that will be available for collection at the venue on Sunday. This will consist of a sandwich (or something similar) plus a bottle of water. The pack will cost \$15 and can be ordered during your seminar registration.

Seminar Dinner

The seminar dinner will be held on Sunday 15 September. To assist the venue with numbers, please indicate how many people will be attending during your seminar registration. Ordering and payment will be through QR code ordering on the night.

Venue: Eating House Restaurant

1100 Wellington Road Rowville, 3178

Google maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/sYznaE2mW9DuDLbr6>

Parking

Parking at the University is free on Saturday and Sunday. If you wish to park on Monday, please download the Cello Park app and register before Monday. This app can then be used to pay for parking on Monday

Grading applications

A grading will be held for dan grade candidates on Saturday 14 September. We can confirm that grading is available to 5 dan.

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

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.

Australian Iaido Championships

This year we will celebrate the 32nd Australian Iaido Championships with two events

Goodwill Iaido Teams Competition

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.

Individual Iaido Competitions

Subject to numbers there will be individual competition events for:

6 – 4 kyu	3 – 1 kyu	1 Dan	2 Dan
3 Dan	4 Dan	5 Dan	6 Dan

Note that we may merge or cancel individual events if the 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.

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

Weapons

To reduce risk of injury, participants are requested to bring **laito only** to the seminar.

laito (and Shinken) are Prohibited Weapons under Victoria Control of Weapons Act 1990. Members of the AKR are exempt under section 8B of the Act HOWEVER there are conditions to this exemption, namely that the AKR must be satisfied that the member is not a 'prohibited person'. If you are concerned, you can provide a Statutory Declaration affirming you are not a prohibited person and the AKR will provide a supporting letter to attendees in the very very unlikely case that you are approached by Police. Contact christinecash59@gmail.com for a proforma Statutory Declaration.

Changing

Change rooms are available at the venue. Attendees are asked to ensure that they use the change room or come to the venue already in keikogi. Please do NOT get changed in the dojo itself.