

THE 19th WKC AUSTRALIA NATIONAL TEAM





Women's Team captain: Julie Feng The 19th WKC Australia Kendo Team

It is a great honour to be part of the Australian National Kendo team and to work with a squad that is so determined, hardworking and supportive. I'm deeply inspired every time we come together. I believe there is great potential for the National Team to achieve a great result in the WKC in Milan. Both the women's and men's team have built upon a history of hard work and will continue to do our best to achieve a top four spot in world championships.

My personal goal for the upcoming championships is to represent Kendo in Australia to the best of my abilities. I want to push myself and manifest kendo that is proper in form and fearless in its presentation. In order to do this, approach to preparation from a wholistic manner; the consistency and steadfastness of intention during practise, physical fitness as well as mental preparation. I want to bring my best kendo forward by developing it in a well-rounded manner. I also believe this is the path that leads to the greatest joy in kendo; knowing that you've given your all.

Even though the training for the World Kendo Championships can be difficult and demanding. I always draw great energy and inspiration knowing that all my team mates are working so hard for this same goal. It is my hope that all our training and hard work will accumulate to something greater than the sum of its parts.

On behalf of the National team, I want to thank the entire kendo community for your unwavering support. Both in terms of financial support in giving us the means to participate in competition, as well as the moral support and encouraging us to do our best. In the remaining months left to the 19th WKC, everyone on the team is digging deep and giving their all to their training. I humbly ask that if we should cross shinai in training, lend us your spirit. We will give everything and make you proud.

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Women's Team vice-captain: Daseul Chung The 19th WKC Australia Kendo Team



It is a great honour and privilege to be representing Australia for the third time and first time as a mum of two beautiful children. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such a dedicated and talented group of individuals and understand the responsibility that comes with wearing the Australian flag on our uniform.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Australian Kendo Community for the invaluable support and encouragement. The guidance and advice I have received from Sensei's and fellow kendo -ka's have played an integral role in shaping my skills and character. Your encouragement, the knowledge you have shared, and the friendly competition have enabled me to be part of the National Team once again.

As I take on the responsibility of being a member of the National Team, my personal goal is to perform at my peak, have no regrets and to gain as much experience to bring back and contribute to the growth of Kendo in Australia. I plan to achieve this by continuing to be focused, train diligently and support the team by guiding the members as a senior of the team.

With less than 7 months left, the National Team is working endlessly to reach our mental and physical peak. I am excited about the road ahead and am committed to representing our Australian Kendo Community with the highest level of dedication and sportsmanship.

Thank you once again for the unwavering support, guidance, and support to maintain our efforts in representing Australia at our peak performance.

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Men's Team captain: Trent Reeve The 19th WKC Australia Kendo Team

I have been a member of the Australian Squad since 2010 for the Italian WKC in 2012, and was first selected to represent Australia at the 2015 WKC in Tokyo. Though this current campaign will be my third opportunity to represent Australia at a World Kendo Championships, each time is a whirlwind of emotions and has not become any less daunting of an experience. It is hard to put into words this feeling of chasing and growing our kendo little by little; the enormity of the mountain we are trying to climb gives its own unique motivation to overcome the feeling of dread that comes from not knowing who we will compete against, what their strengths will be, and where their weaknesses might come from. This for me is where the joy is to be found in keiko.

Australia has a proud history of some phenomenal performances on the world stage and we hope to perform as a team worthy of our position among the greats of our past. With this being said, when the national team takes the floor in Italy in July this year, we will move, act, think, and be as one. We are one team with one objective. We compete for each other and for the Australian Kendo community. As captain of the men's team, it is my goal that each member will walk away from this experience inspired by what we have been able to achieve, and fueled with a desire to contribute to the growth of kendo in Australia.

Team Australia is training hard and putting in the hours both in and out of the dojo, but there is no way that we could do this without the support of the entire kendo community. Kendo is not a pursuit that can be done by yourself - there is always someone at the end of your shinai - to those who we have trained with, no matter the grade or skill level, we are incredibly appreciative of you and thank you for the time given to us and helping us on this path. We are grateful of and humbled by the support this wonderful community is providing us, and hope that we will put together a Championships that is worthy of the energy you have given to us.

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Men's Team vice-captain: Dwight Park The 19th WKC Australia Kendo Team

It is an honour to represent Australia for the second time at the 19th World Kendo Championship which is to be held in Milan, Italy in July 2024.

My personal goal at the 2024 19th World Kendo Championship is to represent Australia competing at my absolute best spiritually, mentally and physically. I will do my part to help each individual Australian National Kendo Team member to be at their best to achieve our greater goal as the Australian National Kendo Team.

Members of the Australian Kendo Renmei throughout years of kendo in Australia you have contributed to each individual Australian National Kendo Team member to become representatives of Australia through training, competition, grading, emotional support and even financial support. We are forever grateful for all the support the Australian Kendo Community have given us. Without the support of the Australian Kendo Community, we would not be able to have a team represent Australia.

We understand there are high expectations that the Australian Kendo Community have and in the remaining months of the 2024 19th World Kendo Championship we will train hard. If we have the opportunity to train with any of you leading up to the World Kendo Championship, it would be a great honour for us to train with you and please give us your spirit and we will show the world the spirit of Kendo in Australia. With this immense opportunity presented to the Australian National Kendo Team we will represent Australia with great pride and do our very best to make Australia proud.

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