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KENDO NEWS



2027 WKC TRAINING HAS STARTED

"The first World Kendo Championships (WKC) Australian national squad training was successfully completed in Sydney, June 7–8, with a total of 53 participants. All of our National Team coaches were in attendance, including Fukuda Sensei, Okamoto Sensei, Bourke Sensei, Kimura Sensei and Yung Sensei. Additionally, special advisor Kishikawa sensei was in attendance to support our coaches and squad members with his significant WKC experience.

Jason Chaplin Chairperson



8th OCEANIA WOMENS KENDO SEMINAR AND TAIKAI



14-15 June 2025, Gold Coast.

To all the incredible women who attended the 8th Oceania Women's Kendo Seminar,
On behalf of the AKR, we extend our deepest gratitude to each of you for your enthusiastic participation, commitment, and spirit throughout the seminar. Your presence made this event not only possible but truly inspiring. Whether you travelled from afar or joined us locally, your dedication to the art of Kendo and to the growth of women in this discipline was felt in every keiko, every discussion, and every shared moment on and off the dojo floor.
The success of this seminar is a reflection of your strength, camaraderie, and mutual support. Together, we continue to build a vibrant and inclusive kendo community across Oceania.

Andrew van Hamond AKR President

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33RD AUSTRALIAN IAIDO CHAMPIONSHIPS, SEMINAR AND GRADING EXAM, 27-29 SEPTEMBER 2025, Mount Annan.



The AKR Iaido Board takes great pleasure in extending a warm invitation to all practitioners and enthusiasts to attend the 33rd Australian Iaido Seminar and Championships.

This significant and eagerly anticipated event is scheduled to take place at the Mount Annan Leisure Centre from the 27th to the 29th of September 2025.

We are honoured to announce that the event instruction will be led once again by the distinguished Japanese Delegation:

Morishima Kazuki Sensei, Kyoshi 8 Dan

Assisted by:

Takizawa Tomomi Sensei, Kyoshi 7 Dan

Participants who had the privilege of attending the Melbourne 2024 event will surely remember the remarkable instruction provided by these sensei.

More information can be found at

<https://events.humanitix.com/2025-33nd-iaido-championships-and-seminar>

INTERNATIONAL KENDO NEWS





2026 AISIA OCEANIA KENDO FEDERATION

Q: Which 20 Countries are in this Federation?

A: (East Asia) Japan, Sth Korea, China, Taipei, Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia
 (Asean) Thailand, Indonesia, Malay, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam,
 Cambodia, Myanmar, Brunei, Lao
 (Oceania) Australia, New Zealand

Q: Why do we want a new Federation?

A: The AJKF was a member of GAISF which was part of a recognized Alliance which no longer exists, the new organization is AIMS (Alliance of Independent and recognized Members of Sport.) has a new criterion for acceptance.

AIMS Criteria

- Part of 3 or more Continental Federations
- Good Governance.

FIK is part of two federations this will create the 3rd.

Q: What are the Benefits of the IOC recognition of AIMS?

A: Help Kendo gain recognition and promotion in countries where Kendo is a minor sport.

Also as AIMS is a part of the IOC (International Olympic Committee) so countries may get funding, however it is made clear that there is NO consideration of Kendo becoming an Olympic Sport.

KENDO ADMIN UPDATE

CLG (COMPANY LIMITED GUARANTEE) update

- On the 18th August 2025 the required Notice of 35 days will be sent to all States and Territories Kendo Associations's
- At the AGM on the 11th Oct in NSW we will cast the final vote, which is expected to pass as we have agreed and paid a subject expert to prepare all the relevant documents
- Prepare the necessary paperwork to be submitted to ASIC and the membership for approval to become a Company Limited by Guarantee
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Rationale for the Resolution

The Committee proposes this change to ensure the Australian Kendo Federation adopts a nationally consistent and contemporary legal structure better aligned with the Federation's operations and future growth. A Company Limited by Guarantee offers enhanced governance, limited liability for members, and is the preferred structure for national sporting organisations and not-for-profits.

Andrew van Hamond
President and Chairperson



The Australian Kendo Renmei pay its respects to the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and acknowledge the valuable contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make to Australian society and sport.