



AUSTRALIAN KENDO RENMEI

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1st Australian Junior Kendo Championship 2026

As I reflect on this weekend, I can honestly say that the 1st Australian Junior Kendo Championships is one of the most inspiring and successful events I have ever had the privilege to attend.

On behalf of the Australian Kendo Renmei, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to every state and territory that travelled to be part of this historic occasion. Thank you to our incredible volunteers, officials, referees, coaches, managers, parents, supporters, and sponsors. Your commitment, generosity, and countless hours of work created something truly extraordinary.

Most importantly, thank you to our amazing junior kendoka. You are the future of Australian Kendo, and this weekend you demonstrated not only skill and determination, but also the respect, humility, and spirit that define our art. You should all be immensely proud of yourselves.

What made this event so special wasn't just the outstanding kendo on display—it was the atmosphere. It was the smiles, the friendships, the encouragement between competitors, and the overwhelming sense that we were witnessing the beginning of something very special for Australian kendo.

This championship has set a new benchmark. It has shown what can be achieved when our kendo community comes together with a shared vision and a commitment to our young people. I have no doubt this event will continue to grow and become one of the defining events on our national calendar.

To everyone who played a part, thank you. You have created a legacy that will inspire the next generation of Australian kendoka for many years to come.

I am incredibly proud of what we achieved together, and I cannot wait to see where this journey takes us.

Congratulations to everyone involved. Australian Kendo has a very bright future.

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