

April 10-14, Melbourne

**45th Australian Kendo
Championships
and Seminar**

2020

**Information
Package**





1. Welcome

The Victorian Kendo Renmei (VKR) invites competitors, officials and supporters to the 2020 Australian Kendo Championships, Seminar and Grading in Melbourne, Victoria, from Friday 10th April to Tuesday 14th April. This booklet contains preliminary information about the championships, seminar and grading for those attending the event. We look forward to hosting a welcoming and inclusive competition and seminar, and to seeing new and familiar faces in Melbourne in April.

Michael Dunn
Chair of the 2020 AKC Organising Committee
Vice President, VKR

2. About the 2020 Australian Kendo Championships

The Australian Kendo Renmei (AKR) is the National Sporting Organisation governing Kendo, Zen Nihon Kendo Renmei (Z.N.K.R.) Iaido and Z.N.K.R. Jodo in Australia, and is recognised internationally by the International Kendo Federation (FIK).

The Australian Kendo Championships (AKC) is the official national championships for Kendo and is held in a different State or Territory each year.

The taikai (competition) includes team and individual events for both Kyu and Dan levels, as well as individual veterans and team kata events. A seminar and grading will also be held in the days following the competition.

This information pack has been produced to assist you in the process of preparing and registering for the AKC and related events.



3. Event Overview and dates

Date	Event	Venue
Friday 10th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shinpan Seminar• Kendo Board AGM• Registration	Kenshikan, West Melbourne
Saturday 11th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration• Day 1 – Competition• Championship Dinner	MSAC Hall One (Competition) MSAC Champions Room (Dinner)
Sunday 12th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Day 2 – Competition	MSAC Hall One
Monday 13th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kendo Seminar	MSAC Showcourts
Tuesday 14th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kendo Seminar• AKR Dan Grading Examination	MSAC Showcourts

Please note that the seminar duration is shorter than previous years and the grading will now be held on the Tuesday afternoon.

5. Location and Venue

Competition, Dinner, Seminar and Grading

The competition, dinner, seminar and grading will be held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC), 30 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park. MSAC is one of Melbourne's premier sporting venues and is located in Albert Park south of Melbourne's central business district. MSAC was the venue for the AKC in 2015 and 2010.

The venue is a 12-minute drive from central Melbourne and is well served by public transport. Trams operate regularly to and from the venue and central Melbourne/Southern Cross Station.

Distance from central Melbourne:

- Tram: 25 min /~\$8 per day (round trip)
- Car/Taxi/Uber: 12 min/ ~\$15-20 (one way)

Distance from Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine):

- SkyBus + Tram: 50 min/~\$27 (one way for bus and tram)
- Car/Taxi/Uber: 30-40 min/~\$55-65 (one way)



Registration, Shinpan Seminar and Kendo Board AGM

Registration (Friday only), a Shinpan Seminar and the Kendo Board AGM will be held at the Kenshikan (Melbourne Budokai) Dojo, 91 Rosslyn Street, West Melbourne.

Kenshikan is north of Melbourne's central business district.

Distance from central Melbourne:

- Car/Taxi/Uber: 5 min/~\$10 (one way)
- Tram/Train + Walk: 15-20 min (one way)
- Walk: 25-30 min (one way)

Distance from Southern Cross Station/SkyBus Terminal:

- Car/Taxi/Uber: 5 min/~\$10 (one way)
- Walk: 15-20 min (one way)

6. Championships

The 45th Australian Kendo Championships will be conducted on Saturday 11th April and Sunday 12th April 2020.

The following events will be held at this year's AKC:

Individual Events

- Men's Kyu Individual Championship
- Men's Dan Individual Championship
- Women's Kyu Individual Championship
- Women's Dan Individual Championship
- Veterans' Individual Championship

Team Events

- Men's Kyu Team Championship
- Men's Dan Team Championship
- Women's Kyu Team Championship
- Women's Dan Team Championship
- Teams Kata Championship

Places in individual events are limited. Each State and Territory is required to submit seeded competitor lists as part of the registration process.

Competition draws will be prepared by the Kendo Board and distributed prior to the event.

If a competitor needs to withdraw from an event after the State or Territory has submitted their registration, please contact your State or Territory coordinator and the AKC Organising Committee as soon as possible. Refunds will be provided in accordance with the refund policy (see section 19 below).



7. Competition Rules

The Kendo Board is responsible for the setting of rules and regulations in relation to this tournament, including competitor inclusion criteria.

Please refer to the separate document “45th Australian Kendo Championships Competition Rules”.

Note that there is an additional rule regarding fusei-yogu (prohibited equipment), as well as a new section regarding safety guidelines on equipment.

8. Shinpan Seminar and Briefing

A Shinpan Seminar will be conducted after the Kendo Board AGM on Friday 10th April from 15:00. The Seminar will be conducted by the Kendo Board and the AJKF Delegation. All Shinpan officiating in the competition are strongly encouraged to attend. The Kendo Board’s preference is for Shinpan Seminar attendees to wear Kendo-gi and hakama, but standard Shinpan attire is also acceptable.

A Shinpan Briefing will also be held on Saturday 11th April *prior* to the opening ceremony. All Shinpan are required to attend.

These times are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to the event.

9. Kendo Board Annual General Meeting

The Kendo Board will hold an Annual General Meeting on Friday 10th April at the Kenshikan from 13:30 to 14:30. The AGM will be open to all members of the AKR who are registered for Kendo and all are warmly invited to attend.

10. Kendo Seminar

The annual Australian Kendo Seminar will be conducted on Monday 13th April and the morning of Tuesday 14th April 2020. Two visiting Sensei from the AJKF will conduct the seminar. Specific details will be circulated as soon as they become available.

11. Kendo Grading

A Dan grading will be conducted in the afternoon of Tuesday 14th April 2020. At this stage it is expected that the grading shall be conducted for 1st Dan to 5th Dan.

Grading applications need to be submitted through your State or Territory association on the appropriate AKR application form to the AKR. Grading application and registration fees will be as per AKR guidelines and procedures, which are available here:

http://www.kendoaustralia.asn.au/content/?page_id=2830



12. Schedule

Friday 10 th April	
13:30 – 15:00	Registration and Shinai Check (Kenshikan)
13:30	Kendo Board AGM (Kenshikan)
14:30	AJKF Delegation and Kendo Board Pre-Briefing (Kenshikan)
15:00	Shinpan Seminar (Kenshikan)
15:00-17:00	Competition venue available for competitor warm-up (MSAC)

Saturday 11 th April (Championship Day 1)	
07:00	Hall Opens
07:30 – 08:15	Late Registrations and Shinai Check
08:15	Shinpan Briefing
08:30	Opening Ceremony
09:00	Men's Kyu Individual Championship
11:00	Women's Kyu Individual Championship
12:00	Kata Competition
12:30	Lunch Break
13:00	Women's Dan Individual Championship
14:30	Men's Dan Individual Championship
17:30 – 18:30	Goodwill Keiko
19:00	Hall Closes
19:00 for 19:30	Championship Dinner

Sunday 12 th April (Championship Day 2)	
08:00	Hall Opens
08:30	Men's Kyu Team Championship
10:30	Women's Kyu Team Championship
11:00	Veterans' Individual Championship



Sunday 12th April (Championship Day 2)	
12:30	Lunch Break
13:00	Women's Dan Team Championship
14:30	Men's Dan Team Championship
17:30	Presentations & Closing Ceremony
18:00 – 19:00	Goodwill Keiko
19:00	Hall Closes

Monday 13th April	
07:00	Hall Opens
09:00	Seminar Morning Session
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Seminar Afternoon Session
16:15	Keiko
17:00	Close of Seminar Day 1

Tuesday 14th April	
07:00	Hall Opens
07:30	Free Morning Keiko
09:00	Seminar Morning Session
12:00	Close of Seminar Day 2/Lunch Break
13:15	Grading Registration
14:00	Grading Commences
17:30	Grading Ends
18:00	Hall Closes

Please note: this schedule may be subject to change



14. Registration Process

Competitors, Shinpan and coaches/officials must register with their State or Territory association. Individuals are advised to contact their State or Territory Association or team coach/manager to express their intent to compete at the championships and/or attend the Kendo Seminar.

Each State or Territory association must submit seeded registration lists via the VKR's online registration system: vkr.ecwid.com

All registrations must be made by the nominated State or Territory coordinator.

The following information is required at time of registration:

- Name
- Age
- Grade (at time of event)
- AKR ID
- Seeding (for individual events)
- Shinpan availability (for all Dan competitors)
- Seminar attendance
- Dietary requirements
- Relevant medical conditions

Where possible competitors will not be rostered to Shinpan the event in which they are competing.

15. Important Registration Dates

State or Territory registrations and fees due: 14th February 2020
Competitor placement confirmed: 6th March 2020
Refunds (where relevant): 29th March 2020

16. Fees

Item	Fee
Competition, Championship Dinner and Seminar (incl lunches Sat/Sun/Mon)	\$330
Competition only (incl Championship Dinner, and lunches Sat/Sun)	\$260
Championship Dinner only	\$60
Seminar only (incl lunch on Monday)	\$70
Additional lunch	\$15 each day



Individual fees are payable to your State or Territory association. Each State or Territory association is required to pay via the online registration system at the time of registration.

17. Late Registrations

Late submissions for the competition will not be accepted unless exceptional circumstances arise. This will be handled at the organiser's discretion and may be referred to the Kendo Board for final determination.

Changes to application details regarding Seminar Attendance, Championship Dinner and Lunches will be handled at the organiser's discretion.

18. Competition Seeding List

State or Territory Associations should submit a seeding for all individuals via the online registration system. State or Territory Associations are requested to submit a full list of competitors wishing to compete in all individual events.

Eligible competitors will be determined in accordance with clause 2.4.2 of the AKR Manual of Documents (available on the AKR website: http://www.kendoaustralia.asn.au/content/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/MoD_2_Kendo_19_10_20.pdf)

19. Refunds

If the maximum number of competitors for an event is exceeded, then full (100%) refunds will be issued to competitors who do not secure place (see above).

If a competitor withdraws after submitting a registration, refunds will be made on the following basis:

- Prior to competitor placement confirmed: 100% refund
- After competitor placement confirmed and prior to 29 March 2020: 50% refund
- After 29 March 2020: No refund

20. Meals

Lunches for Saturday 11th April and Sunday 12th April are included in the competition fees. Lunch for Monday 13th April is included in the seminar fees. Shinpan will not be charged for lunches, but must indicate their attendance on the registration form to ensure they are catered for.

Additional lunches for guests of competitors or shinpan can be arranged at an extra cost of \$15 per meal where advised via the registration form. Please indicate any special dietary requirements via the registration system.

Note: Lunch will not be provided on Tuesday 14th April following the conclusion of the seminar and prior to the grading. Lunch can be purchased at outlets inside the competition venue.



21. Championship Dinner

The Championship Dinner will be held in the Champions Room at the competition venue (MSAC).

Please note that additional dinners for non-competitors will be \$60. Please confirm your attendance at the dinner, together with any special dietary requirements and any extra places via the registration system.

22. Sustainability

The AKC 2020 Organising Committee is committed to minimising waste and conducting a sustainable event where possible. Single use plastic (e.g. plastic water bottles) and printed materials will be minimised to the extent possible.

Attendees are encouraged to consider how they can contribute to a sustainable event (e.g. bring their own water bottle or take away coffee cup).

23. Accommodation Options

There are limited accommodation options in Albert Park, but nearby St Kilda, South Melbourne and Port Melbourne have a range of options. The Melbourne CBD is also a short tram ride away.

Please see:

<http://www.booking.com/> - holiday homes, apartments, resorts, hotels

<http://www.stayz.com.au/> - apartments, resorts, hotels

<http://www.wotif.com/> - apartments, resorts, hotels

<https://www.airbnb.com.au/> - rent unique places to stay from local hosts

24. Contacts and Assistance

For specific enquiries please contact:

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For further resources and announcements as we approach the event please refer to the AKC Facebook page: fb.me/AKC2020