

**28th CLEVELAND
KENDO TOURNAMENT
GNEUSKF CHAMPIONSHIPS
Albert Gymnasium
Case Western Reserve University
April 1 – 3, 2016**



Greater Northeastern United States Kendo Federation

February 1, 2016

Dear Fellow Kenshi:

We are happy to invite you to the 28th Cleveland Kendo Tournament / Greater Northeastern United States Kendo Championships at Adelbert Gymnasium at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH on April 1 – 3 2016.

We are proud to announce that Mitsuru Hamasaki, 8dan Hanshi, former chief instructor of Tokyo Metropolitan Police Kendo, will be with us during the tournament weekend. He will give us a special kendo seminar as part of the GNEUSKF Kendo Educational Tour 9 AM to 12:00 noon on Sunday April 3, 2016. To defray the cost, we ask each participant to donate \$10.

Attached please find information on the 28th Annual Cleveland Kendo Tournament. We are processing applications the same way as last year. **Please ensure that each participant in your team is aware of the following.**

Please assign a team representative as a contact person. His or her duties include:

Each representative is required to report to the tournament registration desk at Adelbert Gym at the time of the Friday evening godo-keiko to check in all members of your team, and to inform the registration desk if there happen to be any changes in the composition of your team (absent or additional members, et cetera). For each group arriving in Cleveland Saturday morning (April 2), the group representative is required to report to the registration desk at Adelbert Gymnasium at 7:30 am. The representative serves as the primary contact for your team. Thus, we may contact you while processing applications before and throughout the tournament. Each team representative is encouraged to send individual applications as one package as a team by the due date.

Please complete competitors entry list, send it along with applications.

We will be processing tournament applications and kendo promotion testing applications **at different locations**. Please refer to the invitation documents for specific instructions regarding the tournament applications and exam applications.

We apologize for the tardiness in procuring the menjos (certificates) last year. We will do our best to make the process more efficient this year. Because of the new AUSKF registrations starting on April 1, 2016, new members may not have AUSKF ID numbers. Please e-mail the numbers to pcancer@zoomnet.net as soon as they become available.

Mail to Ms. Keiko Hill (c/o Cleveland Kendo): Tournament applications and the tournament registration fees. Due postmarked by 3/21/2016 (Monday)

Mail to Tsuyoshi Inoshita: Kendo promotion applications, fees, and materials related to the examination. Due 3/14/2016 (Monday)

Please join us for the **Godo Keiko** (general practice), which will be held at Adelbert Gymnasium the night before the tournament, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM **Friday, April 1. Immediately following this (or concurrently if necessary)** we would like to have a **PROMOTION TEST SEMINAR** for those planning to take promotion tests for an hour. This year there will be **NO dinner** at THE PRACTICE SITE (Adelbert Gymnasium) **AFTER THE Friday practice. The available restaurants in the vicinity and within a driving distance are listed.**

On Saturday, after Kendo Tournament, we plan to have a dinner group dinner at KUMO Restaurant (all-you-can-eat shushi restaurant) in Parma OH, depending on the ending time of the tournament. We hope to start this group dinner at 8:00 pm, but the time may be changed depending on the ending time of the tournament.

We will have kendo Seminar by Hamasaki Sensei 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM, followed by GNEUSKF promotion examinations (kyu – 4dan), starting at 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 3, 2016.

The last, but not the least, piece of information is the **8th ANNUAL IAIDO GOGO KEIKO 3 – 6 PM** on Sunday April 3, immediately following the kendo shinsa.

You are **strongly encouraged** to send all materials by the due dates to the appropriate addresses in order to expedite the application process.

Case Western Reserve University Kendo Club students are planning to sell tournament T-shirts for \$12.00. Please indicate how many you might be interested in purchasing. You do NOT need to send checks. Please pay at the time of purchase. You will not be committed to buy the t-shirts. They are trying to figure out the approximate number needed.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we are looking forward to seeing you in Cleveland this spring.

Sincerely,

T. Inoshita, M.D.

Tournament Committee Chair

President, Greater Northeastern United States Kendo Federation

**GREATER NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES KENDO FEDERATION
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

I. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

TIME: 8:00 AM, SATURDAY, April 2, 2016
Gym opens at 7 am.

PLACE: CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY- ADELBERT GYMNASIUM
2106 ADELBERT RD. CLEVELAND, OH 44106

INDIVIDUAL DIVISIONS:

MUDANSHA

SHODAN AND 2 DAN

WOMEN

JUNIOR A (UP TO 12 YEARS OLD)

JUNIOR B (13 – 15 YEARS OLD)

JUNIOR C (16 – 18 YEARS OLD)

3 AND 4 DAN

5 DAN AND ABOVE

TEAM DIVISIONS:

JUNIOR TEAM (3 PERSON TEAM)

DIVISION A (UP TO 15 YEARS OLD)

DIVISION B (16 – 18 YEARS OLD)

TEAM (5 PERSON TEAM)

REGISTRATION \$35.00 TOURNAMENT FEE (including godo practice seminar on Friday 1)

\$10.00 BENTO LUNCH (Saturday April 2)

\$10.00 GNEUSKF Education Seminar by Hamasaki sensei (Sunday April 3)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Please send all correspondence related to the tournament to the following address:

MAIL TO:

Ms. Keiko Hill (c/o Cleveland Kendo)
31195 Marvis Dr.
Bay Village, OH 44140

DEAD LINE: Postmarked by Monday March 21, 2016. Please email the registration forms to clevelandkendo@gmail.com by the due date

1. Please pay registration fee in advance. Please make your checks payable to "CLEVELAND KENDO ASSOCIATION" for fees associated with registrations (e.g. tournament fee, bento lunch, and banquet fee). Clip your check to the assigned space on the tournament application.
2. **Please assign one representative from each club/dojo as a contact person /renraku kakari.** We may contact the representative if we have any questions during the application process about your team members. The club/dojo representative is ***strongly encouraged*** to send individual applications, fees, and a competitors list **all in the same package as a club**. Also, each club/dojo representative is responsible for reporting to the tournament registration desk before the tournament to check in all competitors from your dojo. For each group arriving in Cleveland Saturday morning (April 2, 2016) each dojo representative is required to report to the registration desk at Adelbert Gymnasium at 7:30 am.
3. Please provide the **exact number** of box lunches (bento) needed. **Lunches will be free** for those who **volunteer as referees** (4an and above) at the tournament.
4. Please make sure that every participant **signs under "waver of liability"** on the registration paper ***send al the correspondence related to the tournament to the following***

II. PROMOTION TESTING INFORMATION

TIME: 1:00 PM, Sunday, April 3, 2016

Gym opens at 7am. Kendo Seminar will precede the shinsa (promotion test).

PLACE: Case Western Reserve University - Adelbert Gymnasium
2106 Adelbert Road. Cleveland, OH 44106

EXAM FEE: \$25

MENJO FEE: Refers to Menjo fee chart on the exam application

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROMOTION EXAM APPLICATION

Please send all correspondence relating to promotion testing to the following address:

MAIL TO:

Tsuyoshi Inoshita
916 11th Street, Portsmouth OH 45662

DEAD LINE: Postmarked by Monday March 14, 2016 (NO EXCEPTION)

1. Please pay exam fee and menjo fee (make separate checks) **in advance**. Please make both the **exam fee check and menjo fee check payable to GNEUSKE**. The menjo fee check will be voided if the applicant does not pass the promotion exam. In addition, **menjo will not be requested** if menjo fee is not paid in advance.
2. Please make separate checks for exam fee and menjo fee, and attach each check to the assigned space on the application form.
3. A club/dojo representative is **strongly encouraged** to send individual applications and fees associated with promotion testing **all in the same package as a club**. **Documents associated with testing are the following**.
 - a) GNEUSKF Kendo examination application form. Please note that the menjo application is on the same paper.
 - b) A photocopy of your current rank menjo.
 - c) Fees for exam and menjo.
 - d) Essay answers: Please send them **in advance** with your exam/menjo application form.
4. Please provide the sensei's signature on your Kendo Examination Form.
5. If you are a member of a different regional federation, you will need to obtain approval from the president of your regional federation.
6. Please provide the sensei's mailing address on the menjo application. We are going to send all menjos at one time to the dojo sensei's address.

III. ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTEL: Courtyard by Marriott University Circle (2021 Cornell Road, Cleveland, OH, 44106). \$139/room. CWRU Kendo Group rate (regular price is \$179/room and up)

For reservation with group rate, Call: 1-800-MARRIOTT. Please identify yourself as a member of "CWRU Kendo Group" to receive discounted rate (\$139/room). Cut Off date is March 11 (Friday), 2016.

#This new hotel is located on CWRU Campus and within a walking distance from Adelbert Gym. Restaurants and Starbucks coffee are also very close this hotel/ Grocery stores and tavers (open til late) are also within walking distance. The price is not cheap, but it is warty to pay \$139/room (4 adults can stay in one room) because of these convenience.

IV. GODO KEIKO (GENERAL PRACTICE) / SEMINAR

TIME: FROM 6:00 PM TO 7:30 PM FRIDAY, April 3, 2015

Gym opens at 6:00pm.

BRIEF PROMOTION TEST (SHINSA) SEMINAR TO FOLLOW. (1 AND ½ HOURS)

A dinner at the practice site following the Friday practice will not be available this year.

The list of available restaurants is as follows:

Ninja City

11301 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106

Within walking distance from the gym

(Asian dinner, snakes, and drinks)

Number One Pho

3120 Superior Ave E, Cleveland, OH 44114
(The best Pho restaurant in Cleveland)

Silver Spartan Dinner at Case Western Reserve University

(open til 2 am)
11377 Bellflower Rd
Cleveland, OH [44106](#)

Rascal House Pizza

(Open til 2:30 am)
11316 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44106
Within walking distance from the gym.

ABC the Tavern

(Open til 2:30 am) Within walking distance from the gym.
11434 Uptown Ave, Cleveland, OH 44106
<http://www.abcthetavern.com/>

V. Saturday Post-tournament Dinner

Kumo Restaurant Japanese Sefood Buffet

1975 Snow road, Parma OH 44134
216-741-3038
8 – 10 PM

\$ 20/person. Beer and wine are available. Each person is to pay his/her own meal and drinks.
Please let us know how many people are interested in attending this dinner.

V. HAMASAKI SENSEI KENDO SEMINAR (GNEUSKF EDUCATIONAL TOUR 2016)

TIME: FROM 9:00 AM TO 12:00 noon SUNDAY, April 3, 2016.

Gym opens at 7:30 AM.

PLACE: ADELBERT GYMNASIUM 2106 Adelbert Road. Cleveland, OH

The last one hour will be godo-keiko.

We will ask \$10.00 donation / person.

VI. BENTO

PRICE: \$10 each and includes a bottle of water.

BENTO: Bento consists of the following dishes: Big chicken katsu, roasted salmon, potato salad, vegetable salad with special dressing, tsukemono, and white rice. There will be no pork or beef dishes. Bento will be prepared by "Pacific East Restaurant," the most popular Japanese restaurant in Cleveland area. Excellent quality bento!

*** We are planning to prepare small snack (ANPAN) in the morning of Saturday and Sunday, for those who miss breakfast. Please have cash available if you wish to purchase it.*

VII. PARKING

At Adelbert Gym: Parking structure (Lot 53) is located next to the gym. It is \$1/hr, maximum up to \$8. Please have cash available. From this year, credit card can be used for parking.

VIII. INTERNET ACCESS

Internet Access: The entire campus of Case Western Reserve University, including Adelbert gym, has **FREE** wireless Internet access. Please feel free to bring your own laptop computer with wireless Internet capability.

IX. QUESTIONS

CONTACT: Shigemi Matsuyama or Mieko Matsuyama.

216-659-8275 (Cell Phone: Shigemi Matsuyama_

216-513-9566 (Cell Phone: Mieko Matsuyama

E-mail: shigemi11@yahoo.com

Information regarding the tournament, examination, and forms are also available at www.gneuskf.com and www.ClevelandKendo.com. Click on “tournament info.”

Regarding shinsa: Please contact T. Inoshita (pcancer@zoomnet.net Cell phone 740-352-2718)

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TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM
27th ANNIVERSARY CLEVELAND KENDO TOURNAMENT
GREATER NORTHEASTERN US KENDO FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

I. PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION

Please type or print clearly

NAME _____ AGE _____ RANK _____ Kyu / Dan
(Last) (First) (M.I.)
ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL _____ CELL PHONE _____

CLUB NAME _____ GENDER M / F

EXPECTED DATE OF ARRIVAL TO CLEVELAND (Circle one) 4/5 (FRI) 4/6(SAT)

Please check the box if you are the team contact

II. PARTICIPATING DIVISIONS

Please circle all the divisions that apply:

Junior A	Junior B	Junior C	Women
Mudansha	1d & 2d	3d & 4d	5d & up
Junior Team A	Junior Team B		
Team			

III. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Please read the box below and provide individual signature

I, intending to be legally bound, do hereby, for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators, wave, release, and forever discharge any claims for damages which I may incur, or which may hereafter accrue to me against Case Western Reserve University, Case Western Reserve Kendo Club, Cleveland Kendo Association, and Great Lakes Kendo Federation for all, or any damages which may be sustained or suffered by me in connection with my participation in, or arising out of transportation to and back from the above tournament held at the Adelbert Gymnasium of the Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH, and where the contestant is a minor, I, the parent or guardian, do agree to the above waiver and give permission to the tournament officials to seek medical attention for the contestant in the event of sickness or injury.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PRINT NAME: _____

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IV. TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FEES

NUMBERS		FEES
()	TOURNAMENT FEE	\$35.00
()	BENTO LUNCH	\$10.00
()	BENTO LUNCH (VOLUNTEER as a REFEREE: 4dan & up)	FREE
()	NUMBER OF PEOPLE PLANNING TO ATTEND GROUPE DINNE ON Saturrday Pay at the restaurant	
()	SUNDAY GNEUSKF SEMINAR	\$10.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

(Please make a check payable to "CLEVELAND KENDO ASSOCIATION")

Please Mail the forms to:

Ms. Keiko Hill (c/o Cleveland Kendo)
31195 Marvis Dr.
Bay Village, OH 44140

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GREATER NORTHEASTERN US KENDO FEDERATION
The regional federation
of
All United States Kendo Federation
KENDO EXAMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Exam Date _____/_____/_____

Examination Location _____

Requesting Rank _____(Kyu / Dan)

Name _____

(Last)

(First)

(M.I)

Address _____

(street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip code)

Phone _____ E-Mail address _____

Date of Birth _____/_____/_____

Regional (Member) Kendo Federation _____

AUSKF ID Number _____

Present Rank _____(kyu/dan) **Date obtained** ____/____/_____ **Location** _____

Testing Federation _____ **Issuing FIK member federation** _____

A copy of your current rank menjo: Please send it along with the exam application form.

List any handicaps, injuries etc: _____

_____(Date)_____

(Signature of Applicant)

_____(Date)_____

(Instructor's Signature)

_____(Date)_____

(Signature of Regional President) **required only for non-GNEUSKF member**

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MENJO APPLICATION

MENJO FEE CHART

English only

Kyu	
17yrs & Under	\$10
18yrs & Over	\$20

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1 Dan	\$30
2 Dan	\$40
3 Dan	\$60
4 Dan	\$80

LAST _____ **FIRST** _____

DOJO SENSEI'S NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

***Please provide one address for each dojo since we will send all menjos together in one mailing. We prefer sensei's address.

1. Please pay exam & menjo fee **in advance**.
2. Please make **separate checks** for exam fee
3. Please make both exam & menjo checks payable to **GNEUSKE**.
4. Menjo check will be voided if the applicant do not pass the test.

Exam fee is \$25

Please send your essay with this application form.

Menjo **will not be requested** if menjo fee was not paid in advance.

Please send a copy of your current rank menjo.

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GNEUSKF
PROMOTION TESTING
ESSAY QUESTIONS (modified according to the new AUSKF questions)

Kendo Promotion Examinations Written Test Questions
(1Kyu - 4Dan)

1-Kyu: Explain the benefits of “Kirikaeshi”

1-Dan: Choose (1) of the following to answer:

- A) Describe the “Ki-Ken-Tai-Ichi”
- B) Describe the 4 Types of Kendo Footwork. “Ashi-Sabaki”

2-Dan: Choose (1) of the following to answer:

- A) Describe the 4 Types of kendo “Sickness”
- B) Describe the 3 “Ma-ai”

3-Dan: Choose (1) of the following to answer:

- A) Describe the elements of “Yuko-datotsu”
- B) Describe the Metsuke. “Enzan-no Metsuke”

4-Dan: Choose (1) of the following to answer:

- A) Describe the benefits of the Kendo Kata and its relevance to Shinai Kendo
- B) Describe the “Zanshin”

INSTRUCTION:

- This is an ESSAY question, DO NOT write a short, few sentence answer.
- Essay can be in English or Japanese.
- Use you own words, don’t just copy something.
- Include your Name, Requesting Rank & AUSKF ID Number.
- Regional Kendo Federation & Dojo Name.

FIFTH ANNUAL CLEVELAND IAIDO GODO KEIKO after the 25th Cleveland Kendo Tournament

Dear AUSKF Iaido Members:

It is our great pleasure to announce the fifth annual IAIDO GODO KEIKO in Cleveland between 3:00 – 6:00 PM on Sunday, April 5, 2015. The purpose of this godo keiko is to provide the iaido enthusiasts in Cleveland and its vicinity with an opportunity to get together and practice iaido together.

Sincerely,
T. Inoshita
President of GNEUSKF

Announcement

Name: **Cleveland IAIDO Godo Keiko**

Date: **April 3, 2016 (Sunday) 3 pm- 6 pm (after Kendo Promotion test).**

Place: **Case Western Reserve University, Adelbert Gym.**

Address: 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 44106.

Fee: NO FEE (open for AUSKF member only)

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Shigemi Mastuyama at
shigemi11@yahoo.com

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EIGHTH ANNUAL IAIDO SEMINAR REGISTRATION
3:00 – 6:00 PM, Sunday, April 3, 2016
in conjunction with
28TH ANNUAL CLEVELAND KENDO TOURNAMENT
GREATER NORTHEASTERN US KENDO FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION

Please type or print clearly

NAME _____ **AGE** _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP CODE** _____
E-MAIL _____ **CELL PHONE** _____
CLUB NAME _____ **GENDER** M / F
MEMBER FEDERATION _____ **AUSKF ID NUMBER** _____
Iaido experience Rank _____ **Where obtained** _____ **When obtained** _____

History

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SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Please Mail this form to:

Ms. Keiko Hill (c/o Cleveland Kendo), 31195 Marvis Dr., Bay Village, OH 44140

