

The 1st NY Shidokan Kagamibiraki Youth Kendo Tournament and Mixed Dan Team Tournament in 2024



Dear Sensei and Kenshi

NY Shidokan is pleased to announce the New Year (Kagamibiraki) tournament for all of you. Kagamibiraki is a traditional Japanese event in which the Kagamimochi that were displayed during the New Year are taken down from the alcove or alcove of a Shinto altar and eaten to pray for good health and good fortune. The "kagami" in kagamimochi and kagami-biraki means peace and happiness, and the "biraki" means the end of the year. Kagamibiraki" is also called "Kagami-wari," but since the word for "break" is an abomination, it is generally called We look forward to your participation in the Kagamibiraki tournament with its auspicious origin.

Yours truly
Shozo Kato

Location: Shidogakuin NY Shidokan Pleasantville Dojo

Address : 175 Tompkins Ave, Pleasantville, NY 10570 (at WTTC)

Schedule and Division:

Registration Start 8:15 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony

Morning Youth Kendo Tournament: 9 and under, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, and 16-18 boys division and girls division) division individual matches (match time: 2 minutes for 15 and under (3 minutes for high school division), if the winner is not decided within the time, the match will be extended by 2 minutes, and if the winner is still not decided, the match will be Hantei. the first round is a round-robin match in the preliminary round format).

Awards ceremony after the Shiai

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch: Bring your own lunch, but the dojo will provide drinks and various rice cakes.

Referees will receive a boxed lunch.

Team registration start 1:00 p.m.

1:30 p.m. Adult team competition.

There will be three divisions of team competitions: 3-dan and under 3-person divisions and 4-dan and above 3-person divisions and Senior (50 years old and above) 3-person divisions.

*Depending on the number of participants, it is basically a tournament format. If there are not enough teams, the first round will be a round-robin format with 2 to 3 teams, with the first and second place teams moving up to the final tournament.

Match time: 3 minutes for 3-dan and below, 4 minutes for 4-dan and above and Senior.

Match end time is scheduled for 4:00 pm. Awards ceremony and closing ceremony will be held, followed by joint practice.

The joint practice is scheduled to end at 5:00 p.m., followed by a get-together at the dojo. You are expected to bring your own drinks, food and snacks, but the dojo will also provide drinks and snacks (rice cakes, etc.).

Tournament fee: \$20 for children, \$30 for adults. (Referees are welcome to participate in the tournament and which includes a boxed lunch.) (Referees only are also welcome. In that case, there is no participation fee and the reception is free. However, the kendo rank is 6 dan or above.)

Application : <https://shidogakuin-kendo.typeform.com/to/eZ8QDb17>

*Application deadline: **by January 5, 2024.**

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