

The 2nd Kagamibiraki Youth Kendo Tournament and Adult Team Tournament
Sunday, January 19th 2025



Dear Sensei and Kenshi

NY Shidokan is pleased to announce the 2nd New Year (Kagamibiraki) tournament. 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 2nd Kagamibiraki tournament with its auspicious origins.

In addition, the head judge for this tournament will be Noriyasu Gonpei-sensei (a Shihan at the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department). There will be a kendo seminar after the match by Gonpei-sensei.

**Yours truly
Shozo Kato**

**Location: Keio Academy of New York (GYM)
Address : [3 College Rd Purchase, NY 10577](#)**

Schedule and Division: Sunday, January 19th, 2025

Registration Start 8:15 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony

Morning: Adult team competition.

There will be three divisions of team competitions:

Mudansha 3-person division, 1dan and 2 dan 3-person division, 3-dan and above 3-person elimination round division and Senior (Senpo 45, Fukusho and Taisho 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 all divisions.

The match will continue after Adult team competition without Lunch break.

Youth Kendo Tournament: 9 and under, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, and 16-18 boys division and girls division individual matches (match time: 2 minutes for 15 and under, 3 minutes for 16-18 and

girls 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 and closing ceremony will be held after the tournament and the ending time is scheduled at 3:00 pm.

Noriyasu Gonpei-sensei kendo seminar: 3:00p.m~4:30p.m.

Joint Practice 4:30p.m.~5:30p.m.

Tournament fee: \$30 for children, \$40 for adults

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

* Application deadline: by Friday, January 10, 2025.

Payment information:

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