



Australian Kendo Renmei

Australian Iaido Seminar and Championships 2023

On behalf of the Australian Kendo Renmei I would like to invite you to the 2023 AKR Iaido Seminar and Championships to be held in Perth, Western Australia, in September 2023.

Following are details of the event along with all the information you will need to register, including:

- the seminar location, dates, and the proposed daily schedule,
- the cost for the seminar,
- a preliminary list of the sensei attending,
- how to register for the seminar and championships, and
- information on the grading and how to apply.

During the event (on Saturday morning) the AKR Iaido Board will conduct an Iaido grading up to 5th dan.

This year I am very pleased to announce that we will have two highly skilled Iaido sensei from Japan joining us in Perth for the seminar component of the weekend.

Ishido Shizufumi, Hanshi 8 Dan, Iaido
Morishima Kazuki, Kyoshi 8 Dan, Iaido

If you have ever seen Ishido sensei or Morishima sensei practise Iaido you will appreciate that this visit is a rare opportunity for us in Australia to attend a weekend seminar with very skilled and knowledgeable Iaido sensei. Both sensei will be with us for the seminar (Saturday and Sunday) and will return to Japan on Monday.

I am sure we will all benefit from the training and enjoy taking part in the championships. I hope you are looking forward to catching up with Iaido friends from across the country as much as I am.

If you have any questions about the event please feel free to drop me an email at marcus@chikushinkai.com.au

Marcus Lee-Steere
Chair, AKR Iaido Board
June 2023



Location

Southern River College

71 Southern River Rd, Gosnells WA 6110

Google Maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/3khcBm9RqfRAtd8a8>

Event schedule

The Australian Iaido Seminar and Championships runs for three days from Saturday 23 to Monday 25 September 2023.

The seminar with our sensei from Japan will run on Saturday and Sunday, and the Australian Iaido Championships on Monday run by the AKR Iaido Board and local sensei.

ZNKR SEMINAR Saturday 23 September 8am to 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome address & Embu• ZNKR Iaido Grading (to 5 dan)• ZNKR Iaido Seminar• Seminar dinner in Fremantle (venue TBC)
ZNKR SEMINAR Sunday 24 September 8am to 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ZNKR Iaido Seminar
AKR IAIDO CHAMPIONSHIPS Monday 25 September 9am to 4pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian Iaido Championships

There will be a lunch break each day scheduled during the sessions in a way that causes the least disruption to each day's activities.

Please note that finding a suitable venue in Perth has been a real challenge for both the Iaido Board and the WAKR which has resulted in the schedule timing this year. This is unavoidable but I am sure we will make the most of the opportunity.

Cost

The event registration fee is \$190.

There is **no option to purchase attendance for a single day**. There is no cost for AKR members who are attending the Grading only.



Instructors at the event

The following sensei are support the Australian Iaido Seminar and Championships during this event and will be guiding Iaido training across the weekend.

Japan

Ishido Shizufumi sensei	Hanshi 8 Dan	Kanagawa, Japan
Morishima Kazuki sensei	Kyoshi 8 Dan	Kanagawa, Japan

Australia

Ahloi Lee sensei	Renshi 7 Dan	Western Australia
Ramon Lawrence sensei	Renshi 7 Dan	Western Australia
Russell Lawrence sensei	Renshi 7 Dan	Western Australia

Note that due to prior commitments in Japan, Ishido sensei and Morishima Sensei will be with us for Saturday and Sunday (the seminar component) only.

We will also welcome many of Australia's 6 dan sensei who will be attending.

Seminar registration

Registration is via the online form at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/akr-national-iaido-seminar-and-championships-2023-registration-665013722947>

You may need to copy and paste the **entire link** for this to open in your browser.

Payment is via PayPal or Credit Card during registration. If you are unable to use either of these methods please email marcus@chikushinkai.com.au for more information and assistance.

Catering

You will be able to purchase a lunch pack that will be available for collection at the venue each day. This will consist of a sandwich (or something similar) plus a bottle of water and a piece of fruit. The pack will cost \$15 and can be ordered during your seminar registration.



Grading applications

A grading will be held for dan grade candidates on Saturday 23 September. We can confirm grading is available to 5 dan iaido.

There is no kyu grading at this event.

Grading applications must be submitted via your State Renmei as per the process outlined below:

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

The process must be strictly adhered to in order to be examined. Failure to comply with this process will result in a candidate NOT being eligible to grade on the day.

Australian Iaido Championships

This year we will celebrate the **31st Australian Iaido Championships** with two events:

Goodwill Iaido Teams Competition

3-person teams will be drawn by the Iaido Board. Each team will be made up of people from different States and different grades with a total grade cap to give everyone the chance of a challenging and fair competition.

Individual Iaido Competitions

Subject to numbers there will be individual competition events for:

6 - 4 Kyu	3 - 1 Kyu	1 Dan	2 Dan
3 Dan	4 Dan	5 Dan	6 Dan

Note that we may merge or cancel individual events if the minimum number of competitors in any event will not allow for a reasonable competition.

This decision is at the sole discretion of the Iaido Board Chair in discussion with members of the Iaido Board present on the day.

Important: *If you are attempting a Dan grading, please register for the competition grade you are currently. Grading results will be announced after the grading but will not apply for the purpose of the competition.*

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