

2009 Membership Renewal Instructions

This year, we need to update our membership information database, and keep better records of who has paid their AUSKF/PNKF dues. The dues amounts are unchanged from last year. Please follow these instructions to renew your Obukan membership for 2009 **by January 31st**:

- 1) Fill out the attached Membership Application form (last page of this packet) completely. Read and sign the waiver. **For those of you under age 18, you must have your parent or legal guardian read and sign the waiver.**
- 2) Read the Instructions sheet, and determine your combined AUSKF/PNKF fees for 2009.
- 3) Write **a single check** for the combined amount, **payable to OBUKAN KENDO CLUB**. A separate check and membership form are required for each member, please do not combine checks!
- 4) Staple the check to the completed Membership Application form, fold it neatly and hand it to Hitomi Higori or Gerhard Nuffer, put it into the lock-box, or mail it to:

Obukan Kendo Club
4130 SW 117th Ave. Suite 246
Beaverton, OR 97005-8999
- 5) Keep the fee instructions sheet and the Obukan Dojo Rules pages for your reference.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Jared Burns
President, Obukan Kendo Club

Obukan Rules & Regulations

Purpose:

The purpose of Obukan dojo is to practice Kendo and/or Iaido.

The practice of Kendo and/or Iaido is conducted solely by our Sensei, under direction of the Kancho, Mr. John Hancock, and students must trust and respect them, and heed their teachings and instructions at all times.

Students must respect each other and must not cause any personal discord.

Students must not bring disgrace to Obukan or to its fellow members.

Breaking or disregarding the above-mentioned rules may result in suspension or expulsion from the dojo.

Obukan Student:

One becomes an Obukan student when his/her application to join is accepted by the Kancho, Mr. John Hancock. AUSKF/PNKF annual dues and the first month's Obukan dues are to be paid when the application is submitted.

Tuition:

Full month tuition must be submitted by the end of the first week of each month. Members paying quarterly or annually also pay their dues by the end of the first week of each month that starts a new period. Quarterly dues are paid in January, April, July, and October. Annual dues are paid in January. Annual payment of dues earns a 10% discount, Quarterly payment earns a 5% discount over the monthly rates.

As a rule, 12 Kendo sessions and 5 Iaido sessions are scheduled each month; however, the number of sessions may differ month to month due to holidays or other reasons beyond the control of the dojo. Although a student may not be able to make it to every session conducted during the month, the tuition stays the same - irrespective of the number of sessions the classes are scheduled and/or the number of times the student attends class. The tuition you pay is not based upon the number of sessions but on the quality of teaching you receive.

If a student is absent from class for a whole calendar month with an acceptable reason acknowledged by Kancho he/she may be exempted from that month's tuition. This arrangement needs to be made in advance whenever possible. Upon absence of one calendar month without paying tuition or without an acceptable reason acknowledged by Kancho, one loses his/her student status.

Participation:

Students are expected and required to regularly participate in demonstrations and activities outside of regular practice. Such activities include, but are not limited to:

Kendo/Iaido demonstrations

Fund raising activities

Taikai

Seminars

Failure to participate in these dojo and community activities may be cause for Kancho to deny your request to grade at Shinsa or other disciplinary action at his discretion.

Leave of Absence:

Although the students have the willingness to continue their practice of Kendo and/or Iaido, if they cannot make it to class for other prior engagements for some period of time, they can take a "Leave of Absence" (hiatus) for a period of months.

The students must apply and inform Kancho about the number of months of leave of absence they would like to take, and before this period is up, the students must inform either their desire to resume practice or further ask for extension. Otherwise their names will be removed from the student roster. Military deployment will be an exception to this rule.

"Leave of Absence" students are exempted from their monthly tuition, however, they are still rightful students of Obukan, and therefore, they are eligible to attend all the Obukan events.

Loss of Student Status: Hohkan & Hamon

Hohkan literally means to "leave the dojo". "Hoh" of hohkan means to leave and "kan" of hohkan is that of Obukan.

Students may leave the dojo on their own accord and become hohkan, or the Kancho can enforce hohkan as a compulsory measure.

Those who seem to have lost their interest in continuing their practice by being absent for a full calendar month without paying their tuition or without an acceptable reason given to and acknowledged by the Kancho will also be regarded as hohkan.

"Hohkan," however, is either non-punitive or much less severe punitive measure than "Hamon," therefore these hohkan students may re-apply to join Obukan again if they are sure that this is truly what they want.

Those in hohkan status may not participate in Obukan events, and will not be eligible for any privileges of membership.

Hamon is an expulsion.

Those who are given Hamon by Kancho, by rule, have no longer anything to do with Obukan from that moment on.

INSTRUCTIONS

(KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS!)

Please complete all fields in the application form. If you are under the age of 18, your parent or legal guardian must read and sign the liability waiver for you. Please attach checks or money orders (no cash please!) for your first months Obukan dues, as well as a separate check for your annual AUSKF/PNKF dues to this form. Turn the form in at your next practice. If Mr. Gnuffer or Mrs. Higomi are not present, fold your completed application and put it in the cash box.

OBUKAN CLUB DUES

Obukan Fee Schedule as of Jan 2009

Adults (18 yrs and up)

\$35.00/month or \$99.75/quarter or \$378.00/year

Juniors (through 17 yrs)

\$25.00/month or \$71.25/quarter or \$270.00/year

Families (2 or more)

\$60.00/month or \$171.00/quarter or \$648.00/year

Please attach check for first month's dues, payable to:

Obukan Kendo Club

(please write "Dojo Dues" in memo field)

Obukan Monthly dues cover the club's expenses for the facility rental, equipment maintenance and other expenses. Obukan Kendo Club is a non-profit corporation.

Monthly fees are due in the first week of each new month. Please deposit checks in the cashbox and **NOT** the sign-in book. You can also send your checks to:

Obukan Kendo Club
4130 SW 117th Ave. Suite 246
Beaverton, OR 97005-8999

Checks or money orders only (no cash please!), and be sure to write "Dojo Dues" in the memo field of the check so we can credit you correctly.

PNKF/AUSKF ANNUAL DUES

AUSKF/PNKF Dues as of Jan 2009

Adult Kyu and Yudansha (18 yrs and up)

AUSKF Dues \$40.00/year

PNKF Dues \$30.00/year

Total: \$70.00/year

Junior Kyu and Yudansha (through 17 yrs)

AUSKF Dues \$25.00/year

PNKF Dues \$15.00/year

Total: \$40.00/year

Please attach checks for total amount, payable to:

Obukan Kendo Club

(please write "AUSKF/PNKF Dues" in memo field)

PNKF/AUSKF dues cover expenses for regional events, as well as liability insurance. Members are expected to carry their own medical insurance or be covered under a family policy.

PNKF/AUSKF fees are annual, not prorated, not refundable, and are due by the end of January each new year.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

<i>Applicant Information</i>			
Last Name:			
First Name:			
Street Address:			
City:			
State:			
Zip Code:			
Home Phone:	()		
E-Mail Address:			
Emergency Contact:			
In Emergency, Call:	()		
Birth Date:			
Kendo Rank:		Iaido Rank:	
Gender:	- Male	- Female	

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, do hereby, for myself, heirs, executors and administrators, waive, release and forever discharge any claims for damages which I may incur (which may include severe injury or death), or which may hereafter accrue to me, against the Obukan Kendo Club, the Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation and/or the All United States Kendo Federation along with their members and agents for all or any damages which may be sustained or suffered by me in connection with my participation in activities of the Obukan Kendo Club, or arising out of transportation to and from the sites for activities of the Obukan Kendo Club or it's parent organization(s). Where the participant is a minor, I, the parent or guardian do agree to the above waiver and give permission to the Obukan Kendo Club or other authorities to seek medical attention for my child in the event of sickness or injury.

Member Name: _____
 (Please print)

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 (Parent or Guardian if member is under 18 years of age)