

Saturday May 31st, 2025



# 25th Rose City Taikai

Program

Doors open	9:00 AM
Opening Ceremony	10:00 AM
Shiai starts	10:30 AM
Award and Closing Ceremony	5:30 PM
Leave gym	6:00 PM



**OBUKAN KENDO CLUB**

A Non-profit Organization Dedicated to the Way of the Sword

## **The Concept of Kendo**

The concept of kendo is to discipline the human character through the application of the principles of the katana (sword).

## **The Purpose of Practicing Kendo**

The purpose of practicing kendo is:

To mold the mind and body,  
To cultivate a vigorous spirit,  
And through correct and rigid training,  
To strive for improvement in the art of kendo,  
To hold in esteem human courtesy and honour,  
To associate with others with sincerity,  
And to forever pursue the cultivation of oneself.

This will make one be able:

To love his/her country and society,  
To contribute to the development of culture,  
And to promote peace and prosperity among all peoples.

*(Established on March 20, 1975)*

## **The Mindset of Kendo Instruction and its Explanation**

(The Significance of the Shinai)

For the correct transmission and development of kendo, efforts should be made to teach the correct way of handling the shinai in accordance with the principles of the sword.

Kendo is a way where the individual cultivates one's mind (the self) by aiming for shin-ki-ryoku-itchi (unification of mind, spirit and technique) utilizing the shinai. The "shinai-sword" should be not only directed at one's opponent but also at the self. Thus, the primary aim of instruction is to encourage the unification of mind, body and shinai through training in this discipline.

(Reiho – Etiquette)

When instructing, emphasis should be placed on etiquette to encourage respect for partners, and nurture people with a dignified and humane character.

Even in competitive matches, importance is placed on upholding etiquette in kendo. The primary emphasis should thus be placed on instruction in the spirit and forms of reiho (etiquette) so that the practitioner can develop a modest attitude to life, and realize the ideal of koken-chiai (the desire to achieve mutual understanding and betterment of humanity through kendo).

(Lifelong Kendo)

While providing instruction, students should be encouraged to apply the full measure of care to issues of safety and health, and to devote themselves to the development of their character throughout their lives.

Kendo is a "way of life" that successive generations can learn together. The prime objective of instructing kendo is to encourage the practitioner to discover and define their way in life through training in the techniques of kendo. Thus, the practitioner will be able to develop a rich outlook on life and be able to put the culture of kendo into use, thereby benefiting from its value in their daily lives through increased social vigour.

*March 14, 2007*

*All Japan Kendo Federation*

## 剣道の理念

剣道は剣の理法の修練による人間形成の道である

### 剣道修練の心構え

剣道を正しく真剣に学び  
心身を錬磨して旺盛なる気力を養い  
剣道の特性を通じて礼節をとうとび  
信義を重んじ誠を尽して  
常に自己の修養に努め  
以って国家社会を愛して  
広く人類の平和繁栄に  
寄与せんとするものである

昭和50年3月20日制定  
全日本剣道連盟

### 剣道指導の心構え

(竹刀の本意)

剣道の正しい伝承と発展のために、剣の理法に基づく竹刀の扱い方の指導に努める。

剣道は、竹刀による「心気力一致」を目指し、自己を創造していく道である。「竹刀という剣」は、相手に向ける剣であると同時に自分に向けられた剣でもある。この修練を通じて竹刀と心身の一体化を図ることを指導の要点とする。

(礼法)

相手の人格を尊重し、心豊かな人間の育成のために礼法を重んずる指導に努める。

剣道は、勝負の場においても「礼節を尊ぶ」ことを重視する。お互いを敬う心と形(かたち)の礼法指導によって、節度ある生活態度を身につけ、「交剣知愛」の輪を広げていくことを指導の要点とする。

(生涯剣道)

ともに剣道を学び、安全・健康に留意しつつ、生涯にわたる人間形成の道を見出す指導に努める。

剣道は、世代を超えて学び合う道である。「技」を通じて「道」を求め、社会の活力を高めながら、豊かな生命観を育み、文化としての剣道を実践していくことを指導の目標とする。

平成19年3月14日制定  
全日本剣道連盟



## **Welcoming Speech**

### **Head Instructor of Obukan Taikai Chair of 2025 Rose City Taikai Motoya Nakamura Sensei**

Welcome to 2025 Rose City Taikai. It is truly a great pleasure to host another large taikai here in beautiful Portland, Oregon. The kendo population in our region has been growing thanks to the tireless effort of the dojos and senseis.

On behalf of the Obukan Kendo Club, our deep appreciation goes to:

all 130 taikai participants arriving from throughout the region;

Shinpan cho Shinichi Koike Sensei and PNKF president Doug Imanishi Sensei for their guidance;

Guests of Honor Sadao Sasaki Sensei and Keiji Iwata Sensei, who traveled from Hiroshima, Japan to support this taikai;

Court Shunins David Yotsuuye Sensei, Harry Samkange Sensei and Steve Choi Sensei along with all other senseis for their enduring support;

Lastly, all of our essential volunteers, led by Sean Morgan, Georgette Nicolais, Wenqian Liu, Sohma Cox, Filip Alexander, Steve Uchida, Marianne Yamano, Asuka Iijima, and Chieko Jette for their hard work in preparation for our taikai.

We wish you all would experience a fun, memorable and educational tournament. Please enjoy the great camaraderie of Kendo life. Thank you so much.



# Welcome to the 2025 Rose City Taikai!

We are happy to have you here and hope you enjoy the tournament. Here are some things to know:

**Where to change:** There are locker rooms located next to the gym for changing. This is a public facility so please remember to be courteous to those using the space for general use

**Lunch** will take place outside of the gym and can be eaten in the lobby or the gym.

*If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out, we hope you enjoy this year's Rose City Taikai!*

**Motoya Nakamura**

(Obukan Head Instructor and RCT Taikai Chair)

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*Interested in helping support Obukan Kendo Club and next Rose City Taikai?*

*Follow the QR code to make a donation!*



	Court A	Court B	Court C
10:00 AM	Opening Ceremony		
10:30	14-15 (35 mins)	10 and Under (35 mins)	11-13 (41 mins)
	30-min break for 4D+ competitors		
11:30	4 Dan and UP (50 mins)		Junior Teams (70 mins)
	Lunch break if time allows		
12:30 PM	0-3 Kyu (37 mins)		1-2 Kyu (56 mins)
1:10	Women's Dan (45 mins)		Women's Kyu (66 mins)
1:55	3 Dan (45 mins)		
2:40	1-2 Dan (55 mins)		
3:35	Teams (130 mins)		
5:45	Award and Closing ceremony		
6:00	Leave gym		
	Doors close at 6:25 pm		

# Taikai Format and Regulations

## Junior Matches - Round Robin Style:

- 2 minutes each for group stage
  - Round Robin style: Each player will have the opportunity to face all other players in the same group for round robin format.
  - Final scores will be calculated by the number of wins you have followed by the number of ippon scored. In the case of hikiwake, neither contestant will gain points.
  - In the case that there is a tie in the final scores, if time provides, we will have a 1-point tiebreaker match.
  - The top player from each group will move on to the finals

## Junior Matches - Elimination Style:

- Matches will be 2 minutes long and will end when either contestant scores 2 ippon or when 2 minutes have passed. If neither contestant has more ippons after 2 minutes, encho will be held
- Encho will be 1 minute long and end when either participant scores an ippon
- If encho ends and neither participant has scored an ippon the results will be determined by hantei
- For the semi final and final matches if the 1 minute encho ends and neither participant has scored an ippon, unlimited encho will continue until a participant scores

## Adult Matches:

- Matches will be 3 minutes long and will end when either contestant scores 2 ippon or when 3 minutes have passed. If neither contestant has more ippons after 3 minutes, encho will be held
- Encho will be 2-minutes long until either participant scores an ippon
- If encho ends and neither participant has scored an ippon the results will be determined by hantei
- For the semi final and final matches if the 2 minute encho ends and neither participant has scored an ippon, unlimited encho will continue until a participant scores

# Taikai Format and Regulations

## Junior Matches - Team Matches

- Matches will be 2 minutes long and will end when either contestant scores 2 ippon or when 2 minutes have passed. If neither contestant has more ippons, hikiwake will be declared
- The team with the most victories wins. If this is an equal, the team with the most ippons scored wins. If this is equal, teams will choose a representative from their members for a daihyosen
- Daihyosen will be 2 minutes long. It will be sudden death, with the match ending when either side scores an ippon. Daihyosen will continue infinitely until an ippon is scored

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- Each dojo is permitted to have two teams
- Each dojo needs a minimum of 3 players to form a team
  - Members without a team who registered for the team division will be randomly assigned to teams requiring more players as numbers permit

## ZNKR Rules:

- ZNKR Provisional Shiai and Shinpan Rules for COVID-19 will apply for all matches
- Masks or face shields are optional but not required
- All other rules per FIK-Standard

## Shinpan-Cho: Shinichi Koike Sensei

**PNKF President: Doug Imanishi Sensei**

*Guests of Honor from Hiroshima, Japan:*

**Sadao Sasaki Sensei**

**Keiji Iwata Sensei**

### Shinpan for 4 Dan and Up Division

<b>Court A</b>	<b>Court B</b>
David Yotsuuye	Steve Choi
Julie Chen	Curtis Marsten
Tetsuhisa Kato	Ai Nakayama
<i>(more shinpan will be added to courts as the division proceed)</i>	

### COURT B

<b>Shunin: Steve Choi</b>	6 Dan	Portland
<b>Ai Nakayama</b>	6 Dan	Camas
Elizabeth Marsten	6 Dan	Highline
Jared Croes	5 Dan	Kenchikai
Chris Ruiz	5 Dan	Lilac City
Richard Lei	5 Dan	Seattle
Ethan Waln	5 Dan	Kenchikai
Jon Kaufman	4 Dan	Portland
Young Shim	4 Dan	Kirkland
Leonid Tsybert	4 Dan	Bellevue
Athena Epilepsia	3 Dan	Bellevue
David Yao	3 Dan	Seattle
Greg Vielhaber	3 Dan	Kenchikai

### COURT A

<b>Shunin: David Yotsuuye</b>	6 Dan	Bellevue
Naoaki Tanimura	7 Dan	Edmonds
<b>Curtis Marsten</b>	6 Dan	Kent
Ryan Atagi	5 Dan	Redmond
<b>Julie Chen</b>	5 Dan	Kirkland
<b>Tetsuhisa Kato</b>	5 Dan	Portland
Tiarnan Marsten	5 Dan	Kent
Van Le	4 Dan	Kenchikai
James Okada	4 Dan	Cascade
Sean Blechschmidt	4 Dan	Bellevue
William Chen	3 Dan	Obukan
<del>Hide-Iba</del>	<del>3 Dan</del>	<del>Bellevue</del>
Blake Sprenger	3 Dan	Obukan

### COURT C

<b>Shunin: Harry Samkange</b>	6 Dan	Bellevue
Ian Morgan	5 Dan	Kenchikai
Jin Shin	5 Dan	Portland
Noelle Grimes-Perez	5 Dan	Kirkland
<b>John Hancock</b>	5 Dan	Obukan
Melanie Dejong	4 Dan	Highline
Marek Nelson	4 Dan	Lilac City
Nicholas Cook	4 Dan	Portland
<b>Sergey Shilov</b>	4 Dan	Bellevue
Tommy Espinal	3 Dan	Highline
Jeff Lamb	3 Dan	Spokane
Shun Wettlen	3 Dan	Obukan



## List of Competitors

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<i>PNKF Club</i>	<i>Team competitor</i>	<i>Rank Division</i>	<i>Display Name</i>	<i>PNKF Club</i>	<i>Team competitor</i>	<i>Rank Division</i>	<i>Display Name</i>
<b>Lilac City</b>	No	0-3 Kyu	A. Blair (LLC)	<b>Portland</b>	No	0-3 Kyu	A. Bailey-Conklin (POR)
	Yes	0-3 Kyu	T. Davis (LLC)				L. Busser (POR)
		1-2 Dan	A. Rossi (LLC)				V. Velez (POR)
			M. Dircks (LLC)			1-2 Kyu	J. Fadell (POR)
		3 Dan	M. Rea (LLC)			Women's Dan	R. Roland (POR)
		4+ Dan	C. Ruiz (LLC)		Yes	1-2 Dan	A. Chervin (POR)
	<b>Northwest</b>		M. Nelson (LLC)				E. Wiley (POR)
		1-2 Dan	K. Underhill (NW)				S. Fleishman (POR)
		1-2 Kyu	C. Dolera (NW)			4+ Dan	J. Kaufman (POR)
			N. Underhill (NW)				J. Shin (POR)
		Junior 11-13	N. Kim (NW)				N. Cook (POR)
		Junior 14+	C. Kim (NW)			Junior 11-13	A. Kaufman (POR)
		<b>Teams only</b>	J. Yu (NW)			Junior 14+	I. Wiley (POR)
		0-3 Kyu	T. Morris (OBU)				O. Kaufman (POR)
	<b>Obukan</b>	1-2 Kyu	D. Ceccarelli (OBU)	<b>Redmond</b>	No	4+ Dan	R. Atagi (RED)
			F. Alexandrov (OBU)		Yes	0-3 Kyu	C. Palmer-Furman (RED)
		Junior 11-13	J. Alexander (OBU)				D. Cowell (RED)
		1-2 Kyu	J. Pho (OBU)			Junior 14+	L. Cowell (RED)
			K. Onishi (OBU)			1-2 Dan	C. Johnson (SEA)
		3 Dan	B. Sprenger (OBU)		No	1-2 Kyu	A. Anderson (SEA)
			J. Cheng (OBU)			Women's Dan	D. Quach (SEA)
			S. Wetlesen (OBU)			1-2 Dan	A. Yuen (SEA)
			W. Chen (OBU)				J. Lin (SEA)
		Junior 11-13	C. Lee (OBU)				M. Remmu (SEA)
<b>OSU</b>	Yes	Junior 14+	I. Ohashi (OBU)	<b>Seattle</b>	Yes	3 Dan	D. Yao (SEA)
		Women's Dan	A. Iijima (OBU)			4+ Dan	R. Lei (SEA)
		<b>Teams only</b>	C. Perry (OBU)			Junior 11-13	H. Johnson (SEA)
		1-2 Dan	B. Wied (OSU)			Junior 14+	S. Johnson (SEA)
			S. Cox (OSU)			1-2 Kyu	D. Peterson (SPO)
			S. Jain (OSU)			3 Dan	J. Lamb (SPO)
		1-2 Kyu	B. Jack (OSU)			Junior 7-10	R. Shin (TAC)
				<b>Spokane</b>	No		
					Yes		
				<b>Tacoma</b>	Yes		

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<i>PNKF Club</i>	<i>Team competitor</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Display Name</i>
<b>U of Oregon</b>	Yes	1-2 Dan		E. Ho (UO)
				L. Lewis (UO)
				N. Ngo (UO)
				Q. Takara (UO)
				Y. Furuki (UO)
		1-2 Kyu		L. Palmstrom (UO)
<b>U of Washington</b>	Yes	Women's Dan		W. Liu (UO)
		1-2 Kyu		A. Fukuda (UW)