

May 30, 2008

To: AUSKF Member Federations

Re: 2008 All United States Kendo Championships  
Time Schedule, Hotel, Farewell Party and others Information

Dear AUSKF Member Federation President:

Tentative Time Schedule:

**July 2, 2008**

9:30 am~ 5:00pm **Open Practice**

Canyon Springs High School Auxiliary Gymnasium  
350 East Alexander Rd., North Las Vegas, NV 89032  
Practice Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis

9:30am~ 10:30am

**Staff Meeting [All Staff, Coordinators, Helpers]**

Canyon Springs High School Gymnasium  
350 East Alexander Rd., North Las Vegas, NV 89032

10:30am ~ 5:00 pm

**Set Up – All Volunteers**

Canyon Springs High School Gymnasium  
350 East Alexander Rd., North Las Vegas, NV 89032

3:30p.m.~5:30 p.m.

**Shinpan Seminar**

Canyon Springs High School Auxillary-2 Gymnasium  
350 East Alexander Rd., North Las Vegas, NV 89032

3:30pm ~ 5:30pm

**Manager's-Coach's Meeting:**

Canyon Springs High School Gymnasium

**July 3, 2008**

**Canyon Springs High School Gymnasium**

7:00am~8:15 a.m.

Shinai-keiryō (Length & Weight inspection)

8:20 am

Pre-Ceremony Assembly

8:30 am

Opening Ceremony, Demonstration

10:00am

Individual championships

[Jr. Youth, Sr. Youth, Women's & Men's Mudansha, Senior]

Preliminary league matches, Jr. & Sr. Youth 4 courts

Lunch Break

Final tournament matches, all divisions 4 courts

5:00 pm

Closing Ceremony

**July 4, 2008****Canyon Springs High School Gymnasium**

8:00am Pre-Ceremony Assembly  
8:30am Entrance of Men's, Women's, & Jr. Youth Team, Sr. Youth Team Division  
Players  
Welcome Address & Demonstration  
9:00am Individual & Team championships  
[Individual Divisions - Women's, Men's]  
[Team Divisions – Jr. Youth, Sr. Youth]  
Preliminary league matches, Women's & Men's, 4 courts  
12:00pm Lunch Break  
1:00 pm Final tournament matches, all divisions 4 courts  
5:00pm Closing Ceremony

**July 5, 2008****Canyon Springs High School Gymnasium**

8:00am Pre-Ceremony Assembly  
8:30am Entrance of Men's, & Women's Teams  
Welcome Address & Demonstration  
9:00am Team Championships Tournament  
12:00pm Lunch Break  
1:00 pm Final tournament matches  
3:00pm Closing Ceremony  
6:00pm Farewell Party at Renaissance Hotel Ballroom

**Accommodation Reservation:**

The AUSKF has reserved a block of rooms at the hotel below. This hotel is family friendly and does not have a Casino on the premises. This hotel will also be the location of the Sayonara Party.

Rooms will be available to member federations on a **first-come-first-served** basis at \$109/night. Please use the groupname: '**KENDO**' when making your reservation. You may also reserve your federation's hotel reservation by using the following link: <http://marriott.com/lasbr?groupCode=kenkena&app=resvlink>

Lodging at this hotel is **Not Mandatory**, and you may choose to stay at another hotel or other accommodation to house your federation's team during the championships.

Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel

3400 Paradise Road.

Las Vegas, NV 89109

Reservations: 800-750-0980

Hotel Main Telephone: 866-352-3434

Fax: 702-735-3130

Homepage: <http://www.renaissancelasvegas.com>

**Ground Transportation & Travel Times:**

- It is approximately 10 minutes (3.5 miles) from the Las Vegas International Airport to the Renaissance Hotel.
- It is approximately 15 minutes (10 miles) from the Renaissance Hotel to the Canyon Springs High School.
- Shuttle Bus – A shuttle bus will be running between the Renaissance Hotel and Canyon Springs High School

**Sayonara/Farewell Party:**

Date: Saturday, July 5, 2008  
Start time: 6:00 p.m. [6:00~7:00p – Cocktail Hour, 7:00p – Dinner]  
End Time: 11:00 p.m.  
Place: Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel  
Renaissance Hotel Ball Room  
3400 Paradise Road.  
Las Vegas, NV 89109  
Hotel Main Telephone: 866-352-3434  
Menu: Dinner Buffet  
Beverage: Cash Bar  
Entertainment: D.J.

**Note: Deadline to sign up for Farewell Party is June 1, 2008**  
**We can not accept Reservations submitted after this Deadline**

**Koki Ariga**  
**Vice President, Competition**

**Addendum:**

**Request to Players (Senshu) and Shinpan**

**\*\* Players**

I am requesting that each Player (Senshu) bring one set of MEJIRUSHI (Tasuki) 1-Red and 1-White to the 2008 All United States Kendo Championships. Mejrushi **WILL NOT** be prepared or provided by the AUSKF.

**\* Shinpan**

I am requesting that each selected Shinpan to please bring one set of SHINPAN-KI 1-Red and 1-White to the 2008 All United States Kendo Championship venues; including the Shinpan Seminar.

**\*\* MEJIRUSHI (Tasuki):**

International Kendo Federation The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan:

Article 4 : Shiai-sha (Player) shall wear at the crossing point of Do strings Mejrushi, a strip of cloth, either red or white, in the total length of 70 centimeters and width of 5 centimeters.

**\* The uniform of Shinpan:**

IKF The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan:

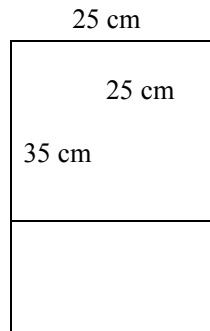
Article 23 : The uniform of Shinpan-in shall be as follows, unless otherwise stipulated in each tournament:

1.A plain, dark blue jacket ; 2.A plain, gray pair of trousers ; 3.A plain, white shirt ; 4.A plain, deep red necktie ; and 5.A plain, dark blue pair of socks.

**\* Shinpan-ki:**

IKF The Regulations of Kendo Shiai and Shinpan:

Article 6: The specification of Shinpan-ki are show in Figure; the standard for the flag handles shall be 1.5 centimeters in diameter.



2008 All United States Kendo Championships Only

Specifications of shinai

Itto

	Sex	Junior Youth	Women's Youth		Senior Youth	Men's, Women's Senior,
			14-15 years old	16-18 years old		
Length	Male/Female	< 114 cm	< 114 cm	< 117 cm	< 117 cm	< 120 cm
Weight	Male	> 440 gr	-	-	> 480 gr	> 510 gr
	Female	> 400 gr	> 400 gr	> 420 gr	> 420 gr	> 440 gr
Kensaki: Width	Male	> 25 mm	-	-	> 26 mm	> 26 mm
	Female	> 24 mm	> 24 mm	> 25 mm	> 25 mm	> 25 mm

Men's & Women's Mudansha Division Shinai Regulation will be based on the competitor's age and shinai they are using. For example, a 16 year old male using a 38 shinai will be subject to the regulation of a size 38 shinai [less than or equal to: 117 cm, >480g, >25mm kensaki width]

Nito

	Sex	18 years or older	
		Daito (longer sword)	Shoto (shorter sword)
Length	Male/Female	< 114 cm	< 62 cm
Weight	Male	> 440 gr	280 gr < W < 300 gr
	Female	> 400 gr	250 gr < W < 280 gr
Kensaki: Width	Male	25 mm	24 mm
	Female	24 mm	24 mm

- Sakigawa Length has been longer than 50 mm.
- Tuba Diameter has been shorter than 9 cm.

Junior Youth may not take Jodan-No-Kamae or do Tsuki against their opponent.