



**British
Kendo
Association**

The British Kendo Association Jodo and Iaido Spring Seminar 2013 (including Shinpan Seminar)

Joining Instructions

JODO SEMINAR 14th – 15th March

IAIDO SEMINAR 16th – 17th March

The seminars will be led by

ISHIDO SHIZUFUMI Sensei Iaido Hanshi Hachidan / Jodo Kyoshi Hachidan

YOSHIMURA KEN'ICHI Sensei Iaido Kyoshi Hachidan / Jodo Nanadan Kyoshi

And European 7th dan Sensei

Introduction

It is with delight to once again announce this year's BKA Spring Jodo and Iaido Seminar and Grading incorporating a Shinpan (refereeing) seminar. It should be noted from the outset that this seminar will be useful for everyone regardless of their grade or experience. The Shinpan Seminar will help to identify important points to observe in one's performance of Jodo and Iaido and so will be useful for student and teacher alike.

Venue

For the first time we are trying out Bath University and their Sports Training Village (see <http://www.teambath.com> for more information) as our venue. The venue has excellent sport facilities. We will be using two particular halls and will need to transfer between them occasionally throughout the event. Bath is a very beautiful old city located in Somerset and has within it many interesting historical sites including the remains of a Roman bath located in a popular museum (see link for more information: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bath,_Somerset). It is worth spending a few days in this area and visiting the local tourist interests.

Seminar

The events will take place according to the following schedule:

Date	Event	Venue
14-Mar-13	Jodo Shinpan and Technical Seminar	Founders Sports Hall (full hall)
15-Mar-13	Jodo Technical Seminar and Grading	Founders Sports Hall (full hall)
16-Mar-13	Iaido Shinpan and Technical Seminar	STV Sports Hall (Courts 2 & 3)
17-Mar-13	Iaido Technical Seminar and Grading	STV Sports Hall (Courts 2 & 3)

The timings for each day are as follow:

- 09:00 Registration
- 09:30 Seminar morning session
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 Seminar afternoon session
- 17:30 Seminar close

On this occasion we have requested Ishido Sensei to lead a seminar focused on developing observation and judgment skills in the scenario of a taikai. Aside from the procedures for how to behave as a taikai judge there are many areas of technical observance which are important and useful for all levels of Jodo and Iaido which Ishido Sensei will be looking at. Furthermore this will be especially useful for those preparing for a grading or wishing to develop their skills as a grading panelist.

It should be pointed out that in contrast to the usual seminar, there will not be as much time for practice and personal instruction therefore those who are taking a grading should (as is always the case) ensure they are prepared to grade before arrival at the event.

Grading

Jodo grading will be on Friday 15th March up to and including 5th Dan.

Iaido grading will be on Sunday 17th March up to and including 5th Dan.

BKA members are requested to register online. The grading application process will close by

- Jodo: 1st March 2013
- Iaido: 3rd March 2013

Non-BKA members are requested to either a) register online through the seminar booking process and pay beforehand or b) contact the relevant grading officer and pay for registration and menjo on the day of the grading. You will also need to provide a letter of permission from your own federation to take part in the grading.

For the Iaido Grading Officer: iaido.grading@kendo.org.uk

For the Jodo Grading Officer: jodo.grading@kendo.org.uk

Car parking

There are numerous pay-and-display car parks available on campus. It is estimated that it costs £6 per day to park here.

Public transport

Train: Bath Spa station has frequent services to London, Bristol and South Wales, allowing connections to the rest of the UK. Visit www.nationalrail.co.uk for information.

Bus: There are regular bus services from the train station to campus (and around town). You can plan your journey using Traveline South West at www.travelinesw.com. As you exit the train station from the main entrance the bus station is located to the left on Dorchester Street.

Coach: National Express runs cheap and direct services daily from London Victoria and Heathrow airport to Bath. Visit www.nationalexpress.com for information using "Bath Spa" as the destination.

Air: The nearest airport is Bristol International Airport. There are also regular connections by rail or coach from London Heathrow.

Accommodation

There are various hotels located around Bath and most are easily in walking distance. Unfortunately there are not so many discount hotels as this is a tourist centre. You might want to try:

- <http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/361/Bath-Waterside-hotel>
- <http://www.expressbath.co.uk/>
- <http://www.lynwood-house.com>
- <http://www.yha.org.uk/hostel/bath>
- <http://www.thebathcourtyard.co.uk>
- <http://www.greenwaysbedandbreakfast.co.uk>
- <http://www.appletreeguesthouse.com>
- <http://www.threeabbeygreen.com>
- <http://www.radnorguesthouse.co.uk/index.html>
- <http://www.anabellesguesthouse.co.uk>
- <http://www.thehenry.com/>
- <http://www.chestnutshouse.co.uk/>
- <http://www.lindisfarneguesthouse.co.uk/>
- <http://www.thecedarsbath.com>
- <http://www.pulteneyhotel.co.uk/>

There may also be an option to book on-campus accommodation. Please contact the Iaido Events Officer for more information if you would be interested (spaces are limited) at

Bill Davison iaieventoff@yahoo.co.uk

Sayonara Party

A Sayonara/Aisatsu Party is being planned. Please do not book this yet until details are finalized after which you will be able to go back online and book this in the “Options” section. Full details will be posted on the BKA website when this is finalized.

Prices

We are this year providing a discount for those that book early. Concessionary rates apply to those in full-time study or are retired.

For either seminar:

	Early Booking (Up to 28 th Feb)	Late Booking (After 28 th Feb)
Full member 2 days	£60.00	£65.00
Full member 1 day	£35.00	£40.00
Concessionary 2 days	£30.00	£35.00
Concessionary 1 day	£15.00	£20.00

How to book your place

BKA Members



Please book onto this event through the online booking system by going through your account at <http://www.membership.kendo.org.uk/>. You will need to add items to your basket and return to the booking screen to add accommodation nights, sayonara party booking etc.

Please make sure that you have booked:

1. The right seminar booking.

For this event these will be either:

- *Jodo Spring Seminar and Grading (inc Shinpan Sem) 14-03-2013*
- *Iaido Spring Seminar and Grading (inc Shinpan Sem) 16-03-2013*

Note that the early booking option will only be available up to the 28th February.

2. The correct grading if you are grading.

3. The Sayonara party if you wish to attend.

If you have any problems with the online booking system please contact Andy at info@bkajodo.org

Overseas visitors only



You can now book onto the event via the BKA website online registration system as a “guest” member.

To do this you will need to:

1. Go to the link http://www.membership.kendo.org.uk/html/guest_member_register.php
2. Click on the text at the bottom of the page “Members of non-UK EKF/IKF etc”
3. Register a User Name and Password, email address and submit.
4. You will receive a link in your email. Click on this to confirm.
5. You will be directed to a page to enter your full details.
6. You will then be allowed to book onto the events required (follow BKA members instructions from there on.
7. Please book for the seminar, gradings and accommodation as necessary. You will need to add items to your basket and return to the booking screen to add accommodation nights, sayonara party booking etc.

Note: If you have previously registered onto the booking system and are now receiving an error message or an “expired” message then please re-register as a new user. You may need to Log Out if you are currently logged in.

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If you are unable to do this then please email info@bkajodo.org

Notes

1. All participants from outside the UK may ask for a covering letter for the group/individual for carrying swords in and out of the UK. Please contact Chris Buxton at [<chris@cbuxton.plus.com>](mailto:chris@cbuxton.plus.com)
2. If you do not receive confirmation email within two weeks check your spam, bulk or junk mail folders. If you find the email there, your ISP or your own software spam-blocker or filters are diverting our e-mail.

Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations must be received in writing (letter or email) by 7th March 2013 for a refund minus transaction costs. If you do not cancel or do not attend the event, no refunds will be made.

Junior under 18

Juniors who are not with their guardians are assumed to be under the care of their Dojo Leader or Appropriate Adult. Please inform Chris Buxton chris@cbuxton.plus.com of the name of the responsible person.

Further information on this will be put onto the BKA website. Those wishing to share information or ask social questions etc can join the chat on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/118990088270609/>

If you have any enquiries please email Andy Watson at
info@bkajodo.org