

**44th Australian
National
Kendo
Championships
and
Seminar**

April 19-24, Perth

2019

The Western Australian Kendo Renmei invites you to attend the 44th Australian Kendo Championships and Kendo Seminar to be held in Perth, Western Australia from Friday 19th to Wednesday 24th April 2019.

**Information
Package**



Welcome

The Western Australian Kendo Renmei invites competitors, official and supporters to the 2019 Australian Kendo Championships, Seminar and Grading in Perth, Western Australia, from Friday 19th April to Wednesday 24th April. This booklet contains preliminary information about the championships, seminar & grading for those attending the event. We look forward to hosting a successful and exciting competition and seminar, and to seeing new and familiar faces in Perth in April.

Courtney Babb
Chair of the 2019AKC Organising Committee
Vice president, WAKR

About the 2019 Australian Kendo Championships

The Australian Kendo Renmei (AKR) is the official representative body authorised by the International Kendo Federation (FIK). The AKR is responsible for Kendo as well as Seitei Iaido and Seitei Jodo activities in Australia.

The Australian Kendo Championships (AKC) is the official national championships for kendo and is held in a different state/territory each year.

The taikai (competition) is comprised of both team and individual events for both Kyu and Dan levels as well as a seminar and grading opportunity.

This information pack has been produced to assist you in the process of preparing and registering for the Championships and related events.

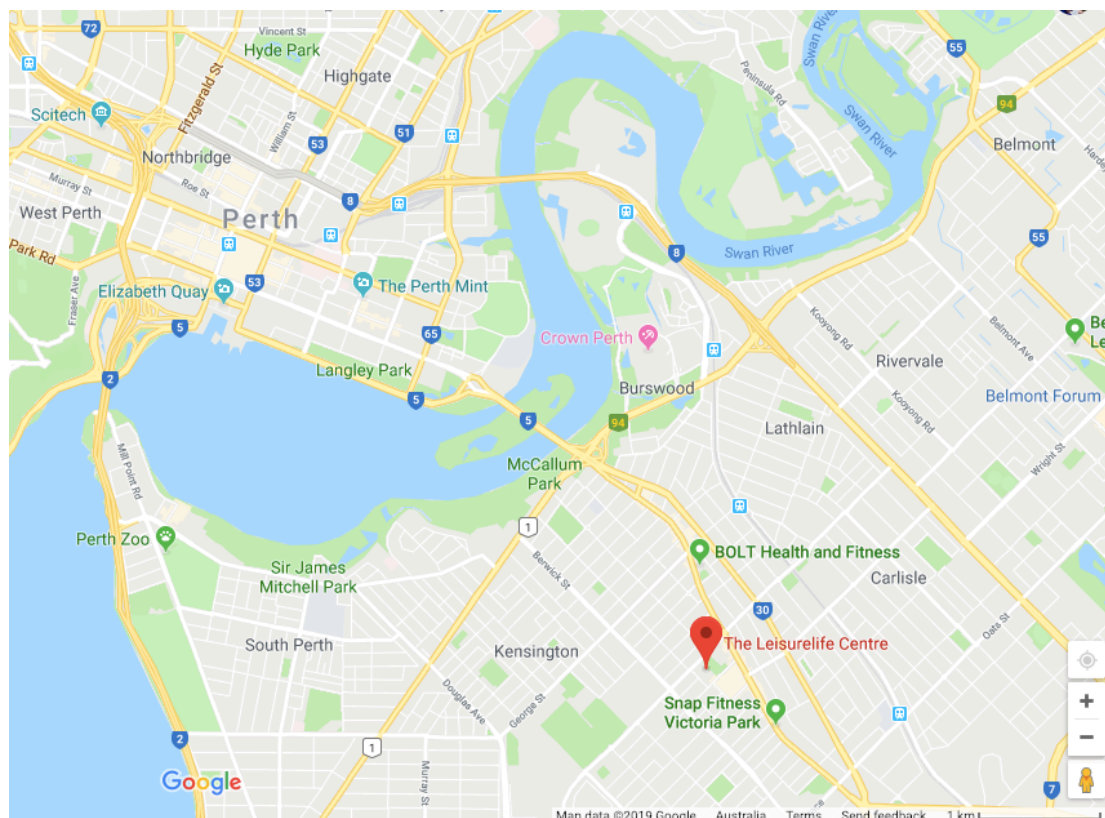
Event dates

Friday 19th April 2019	Referees' seminar/ AKR AGM
Saturday 20th April 2019	44th AKC - Competition Day 1/ Welcome Dinner
Sunday 21st April 2019	44th AKC - Competition Day 2
Monday 22nd April 2019	Seminar
Tuesday 23rd April 2019	Seminar
Wednesday 24th April 2019	AKR Dan Grading Examination

Location

The venue is the Leisurelife Centre, 34 Kent St, East Victoria Park
<https://www.victoriapark.wa.gov.au/Around-town/Facilities/Leisure-centres/Leisurelife>

Leisurelife is located in East Victoria Park, a suburb east of the Perth central city near the busy restaurant strip of Albany Highway. The venue is a 12 minute drive from central Perth. The venue is well served by public transport. The #960 bus service connects central Perth with the venue, stopping 100m from the venue. Distance from central Perth: Bus 30 min/ Car 12 min/ Taxi \$20-\$30
Distance from Perth Domestic Airport: Car 15 min/ Taxi \$25-\$35
Google map: <https://goo.gl/maps/anAnC1UNhMA2>



Championship Titles

The following titles are to be contested:

Individual Events

- Men's Kyu Individual Championship
- Men's Dan Individual Championship
- Women's Kyu Individual Championship
- Women's Dan Individual Championship
- Veteran's Individual Championship

Team Events

- Men's Kyu Team Championship
- Men's Dan Team Championship
- Women's Kyu Team Championship
- Women's Dan Team Championship
- Teams Kata Championship

Competition Rules

Please refer to Appendix 1 "Competition Rules - 2019 44th AKC" for a detailed description of the rules this event will be conducted under.

Note that each competitor must be an Australian Citizen or hold an Australian Government issued Permanent Resident visa.

Schedule

- Please note: this schedule may be subject to change

Friday 19th April	
Time	Activities
12:00	Venue opens/ Registration and Shinai Weighing
12:30	AKR Annual General Meeting
14:30	Shinpan briefing
16:30	Kendo Board AGM

Saturday 20th April	
Time	Activities
7:00	Hall Opens
7:30- 8:30	Final Registrations & Shinai Weighing
8:15	Final Shinpan Briefing
8:30	Opening Ceremony
9:00	Men's Kyu Individual Championship
11:00	Women's Kyu Individual Championship
12:00	Kata Pairs
12:30	Lunch Break – lunch served in breakout area
13:00	Women's Dan Individual Championship
14:30	Men's Dan Individual Championships
17:00 – 18:00	Goodwill Keiko
19:00	Hall Closes
19:00 for 19:30	44 th Australian National Kendo Championships Dinner

Sunday 21st April	
Time	Activities
8:00	Hall Opens
9:00	Men's Kyu Team Championship
10:30	Women's Kyu Team Championship
11:00	Veterans Individual Championship
12:00	Lunch Break
13:00	Women's Dan Team Championship
14:30	Men's Dan Team Championship
16:30	Presentations & Closing Ceremony
17:30 – 18:30	Goodwill Keiko
19:00	Hall Closes

Monday 22nd April and Tuesday 23rd April	
Time	Activities
8:00	Hall Opens
9:00	Morning Session
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Afternoon Session
17:00	Close of Seminar

Wednesday 24th April	
Time	Activities
8:00	Hall Opens
9:00	Grading Registration
10:00	Grading Starts
13:00	Grading Finishes

AKR Annual General Meeting and Election

The 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Kendo Renmei will be conducted on Friday 19th April from 1.30pm.

Competition

The 44th Australian Kendo Championships will be conducted on Saturday 20th April and Sunday 21st April 2019. A Shinpan briefing shall be conducted after the AGM on 19th April, Friday afternoon. The starting time will be confirmed as arrangements are finalised.

Seminar

The Annual Australian Kendo Seminar will be conducted on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd April 2019. Two visiting Sensei from the AJKF will conduct the seminar. Specific details will be circulated as soon as they become available.

Grading

A Dan grading will be conducted in the morning of Wednesday 24th April 2019. At this stage it is expected that the grading shall be conducted to 5th Dan. Grading applications need to be submitted through your state association on the appropriate AKR application form to the AKR. Grading application and registration fees will be as per AKR guidelines and procedures, which are at:
http://www.kendoaustralia.asn.au/content/?page_id=2830

State Registrations

Seeded registration lists shall be submitted by the state association as per registration form. All registrations must be made through the state and by the nominated representative using the official registration form (sent to state secretaries). For competitors' safety, we have requested that any relevant medical conditions for any competitors be identified in the registration spreadsheet.

Please send competition and seminar registrations by 22/2/2019 to Courtney Babb: cbabb73@yahoo.com.au

Important Dates

State registration forms due by 22/2/2019.

Placement confirmed by 01/3/2019

State registration fees payable by 17/3/2019*

* Please only send payments after the WAKR and AKR have confirmed placements for events with state associations. An invoice for the appropriate amount shall be issued at that time.

Fees

Competition, Welcome Dinner and Seminar (incl lunches Sat/Sun/Mon/Tues)	\$340
Competition only (incl Welcome Dinner, and lunches Sat/Sun)	\$240
Welcome Dinner only	\$65
Seminar only (incl lunches Mon/Tues)	\$120
Additional lunch	\$15 each day

Fees payable to:

Account name: WAKR

BSB: 036:082

Account number: 294691

Description: Place your state initials after 'AKC2019' on the description please, i.e. AKC2019 NSW

Meals

Lunches for Saturday 20th April and Sunday 21st April are included in the competition fees. Lunches for Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd April are included in the seminar fees. Shinpan will not be charged for lunches but must indicate their attendance on the registration form to ensure they are catered for.

Additional lunches for guests of competitors or shinpan can be arranged at an extra cost of \$15.00 per meal where advised via the registration form. Please indicate any special dietary requirements on the state registration form.

Championship Welcome Dinner

The Championship Welcome Dinner shall be held at Technology Park Function Centre (2 Brodie Hall Drive, Bentley, WA 6102). The function centre is a 5-minute drive from the championship venue.

Please note that additional dinners for non-competitors will be \$65.00. Please confirm your attendance at the dinner, together with any special dietary requirements and any extra places on the state registration spreadsheet.

Accommodation Options

There is limited accommodation in East Victoria Park, but nearby South Perth and Burswood have accommodation options. Central Perth has a large number of accommodation options.

Below are some suggested hotels, but we advise competition and seminar attendees to appraise hotels and check reviews prior to booking.

Name	Address	Contact
Metro Hotel - mid price	61 Canning Hwy, South Perth WA 6151	(08) 9367 6122 https://metrohotels.com.au/perth-hotels/
Comfort Hotel - mid price	200 Hay St, East Perth WA 6004 Phone: (08) 9220 7000	https://www.perthcityhotel.com.au/

Great Southern Hotel	15 Robinson Ave, Northbridge WA 6003	Phone: (08) 9328 0000
City Perth Backpackers Hostel	5 Fitzgerald St, Northbridge WA 6000	Phone: (08) 9227 9146

Alternatively, please see:

<https://www.airbnb.com.au/> - rent unique places to stay from local hosts

<http://www.booking.com/> - holiday homes, apartments, resorts, hotels

<http://www.stayz.com.au/> - apartments, resorts, hotels

<http://www.wotif.com/> - apartments, resorts, hotels

Sightseeing

Suggested tourism websites:

Perth: <http://perthtouristcentre.com.au/>

Perth: <https://www.experienceperth.com/page/whats-on>

Perth and Regional WA:

https://www.westernaustralia.com/au/Pages/Welcome_to_Western_Australia.aspx#/

Contacts and Assistance

For specific enquiries please contact: Courtney Babb, Chair of the Organising Committee, WAKR Vice President: cbabb73@yahoo.com.au T:0412187719

For further resources and announcements as we approach the event please refer to the official web site: AKR website

http://www.kendoaustralia.asn.au/content/?page_id=4210

Appendix:

COMPETITION RULES

44th AUSTRALIAN KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS – WA 2019

Promoter: Australian Kendo Renmei (AKR)
Host Organisation: Western Australian Kendo Renmie (WAKR)
Technical Assistance: All Japan Kendo Federation (AJKF)

COMPETITION RULES

INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Only life members and affiliate members whose membership fee and the relevant art fees have been received by the AKR are eligible to participate in AKR National Competitions.
- A member whose fees have not been received prior to 30th of November is ineligible to participate in AKR National Competitions held in that membership year.
- All competitors must be an Australian Citizen or a Permanent Resident of Australia.

COMPETITOR'S REGISTRATION

- Each State Organisation must register the competitors for the Individual Championships and the Team Championships with the Host Organisation by the prescribed closing date. The AKR will not accept late registrations.
- A competitor may participate in both an Individual event and a Team event.
- Criteria of age, grade and any other relevant factor is **as at** the date of competition, i.e. competitors registered for Kyu grade events must be Kyu grade at the time of the event.
- The attire for competitors comprises of kendogi and hakama in dark blue, black or white. No excessive decorative embroideries should be on the attire.

GENERAL

- **FIK Rules & Regulations:** all matches will be played in accordance with the FIK Rules & Regulations, with the following additional Competition Rules. All matches will be san-bon shobu (three point match) unless otherwise specified.
- **Competition Draws & Referees:** the Kendo Board is responsible for the allocation of the draw for each event and allocation of referees (shinpan) to each event.
- **Shomen-ni- Rei:** Shomen-ni-Rei will be done at the beginning and end of each day.
- **Nafuda (Zekken):** Competitors will wear a dark blue or black nafuda on the centre panel of their tare. For team events their state name (abbreviations accepted e.g WA) written across the top in English, state logo or family name (Japanese characters accepted) in the middle and their family name in English written across the bottom. For Individual events either team or dojo/club nafuda will be acceptable. For the dojo /club nafuda the name must be in English across the top, dojo (club) logo or family name (Japanese characters accepted) in the middle and family name in English across the bottom. Changes have been passed by the national council and updated in MoD.

Specifications and diagrams are located at the URL below:

http://www.kendoaustralia.asn.au/content/?page_id=1230

CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

The following individual Championships are to be contested: *

1. Individual Kyu Grade Men's Championship
2. Individual Kyu Grade Women's Championship
3. Individual Dan Grade Men's Championship
4. Individual Dan Grade Women's Championship
5. Veteran's Individual Championship (competitors must be over 45 years of age and have a dan grade on the date of the commencement of the competition, i.e. Saturday after good Friday)

**Note that a player may compete in only one individual event*

The following Team Championships are to be contested: **

6. Teams Kyu Grade Men's Championship
7. Teams Dan Grade Men's Championship
8. Teams Kyu Grade Women's Championship
9. Teams Dan Grade Women's Championship
10. Teams Kata Championship

***Note that a player may compete in only one team event. Men and women cannot compete in each other's events, and kyu grades and dan grades cannot compete in each other's events. The exception is the Kata event where competitors can be mixed.*

RESTRICTION ON TECHNIQUES IN KYU GRADE MATCHES

In Kyu Grade matches, the use of tsuki thrust, jodan-no-kamae and nito (two sword) style are not permitted.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

- Preliminary rounds will be conducted using a pool system with 3 point matches.
- Pools will consist of 3 competitors (in principle) but may consist of 4 competitors depending on the number of competitors in the event.
- In pools of 3 the order of matches is as follows: A><B, C><B, C><A.
- In pools of 4 the order of matches is as follows: A><B, C><B, C><D, A><D.
- There will be no extension (encho) in pool matches.
- The winner of a pool will be determined by number of wins (draws are not counted).
- If two or more players equal on wins, then by number of points scored (points conceded are not counted).
- If two players still equal, an ippon shobu (one-point) shiai without time limit will be played to determine winner.
- If all three players are equal on wins and points scored, pool is played again in full (san bon shobu).
- Progression in the competition after the pools will be by knock-out.
- Extensions in knock-out rounds and finals will have no time limit.
- The veteran's individual event will be for those over 45 years of age and hold a Dan grade.
- The duration of matches will be dependent on the event as follows:
 - Individual Kyu Grade Men's 4 minutes
 - Individual Dan Grade Men's 5 minutes
 - Individual Kyu Grade Women's 4 minutes
 - Individual Dan Grade Women's 5 minutes
 - Veteran's Individual 4 minutes

TEAM COMPETITIONS

Conduct of Team Competitions

- Preliminary rounds will be conducted using a pool system.
- For the first round, the names and positions of each of the competitors of the team will be handed to the court referee by the team manager 30 minutes prior to the commencement. The names and positions in subsequent rounds will be handed to the court judge immediately after the last fight. Even if there is no change to the order from the previous match, an order list must be submitted for each match.
- In case where the competitors' order is different from the one described in the submitted order list, if it is noticed before the declaration of 'Hajime' by the chief referee (Shushin) for a match, the order of the competitors can be corrected without any penalty. However, if it is found after the declaration of 'Hajime' for a match by the chief referee, the referees of that match shall stop the match immediately and the competitor whose order is incorrect (as well as any other competitor not in correct order from the same team) shall both lose their respective matches and their opponents awarded 2 points per match respectively. If it is proved before the bow of the end (Shuryo-no Rei) at the conclusion of the matches that members from both teams were in violation of the order submitted, all competitors whose orders were incorrect shall lose his/her match and each opponent shall be given 2 points respectively. If it is found after the bow of the end (Shuryo-no Rei) by both teams, the winning and losing of them shall not be changed.
- Pools will consist of 3 teams in principle but may consist of 4 teams depending on the number of teams in the event.
- In pools of 3 the order of matches will be as follows: A><B, C><B, C><A.
- In pools of 4 the order of matches will be as follows: A><B, C><B, C><D, A><D.
- There will be no encho in the team matches.
- The winning team will be determined by number of wins.
- If the number of wins is equal, then by number of points scored (points conceded are not counted).
- If the number of wins and the number of points is still equal, then one player from each team shall play a "no time limit" ippon-shobu (one-point) play-off match (daiyou-sen). Competitors for the play off must be selected from the registered team members for the match only.
- A default will be regarded as a loss with the opponent awarded 2 points.
- The top 2 teams will progress to a play-off with the winning team from pool A playing-off the second team from pool B and the winning team from pool B playing-off the second team from pool A.
- The final team match will be the winning teams from the play-offs.
- The duration of matches will be dependent on the event as follows:
 - Men's Kyu Team Competition 4 min
 - Men's Dan Team Competition 5 min
 - Women's Dan Team Competition 5 min
 - Women's Kyu Team Competition 4 min

Team Manager (Kantoku)

- Team managers may accompany and sit with their team during shiai.
- Team managers will provide their own kantoku-ki for signalling a protest (Igi) if required.
- The kantoku-ki will be as specified in the FIK Rules & Regulations.
- Team manager, coaches or players must not have clocks, watches or any timing device near the competition area.

Men's Dan and Kyu team matches

- Teams will be 5 a side, with a minimum of 3 players;
- If playing with 4 players, must play positions 1, 3, 4, 5;
- If playing with 3 players, must play positions 1, 3 & 5.

Women's Dan and Kyu Team matches

- Women's Dan Teams will be 5 per side, with a minimum of 3 players;
- If playing with 4 players, must play positions 1, 3, 4, 5;
- If playing with 3 players, must play positions 1, 3 & 5
- Women's Kyu Teams will be 3 a side, with a minimum of 2 players
- If playing with 2 players, must play positions 1 & 3.

Kata Pairs

- Teams must perform Nihon Kendo Kata 1 – 7

SHINPAN (Referees)

- All competitors of kendo 4 Dan and above must be available to referee (a shinpan list will be made).
- Competitors in an event may not participate as referees in the same event.
- All referees will wear the uniform consisting of: a plain dark blue jacket, a plain grey pair of trousers (no skirts), a plain white shirt, a plain deep red necktie and a plain dark blue or black pair of socks.
- Referees will wait in the designated area when not on duty and refrain from mixing with competitors where possible.

TIMING AND LOCATION OF EVENTS

The Kendo Board reserves the right to adjust the commencement and shiai-jo of an event to manage the duration of the Championship.

REFERENCES

These rules have been adapted from the Program and Regulations of the 15th World Kendo Championship (15 WKC).