

2024 AUSKF Iaido Shinsa

Instructions and Questions for Shinsa Application

AUSKF members:

Register [here](#) by May 14, and upload a copy of your menjo if you haven't already done so. After the registration deadline, an email will be sent to your member federation president to authorize your test.

FIK members:

Register [here](#) by May 14, and upload a copy of your menjo if you haven't already done so. Foreign attendees may test with the permission of their Federation President. Send your Federation President's authorization letter by email to pam_a_parker@yahoo.com.

All candidates:

Answer the questions as directed below. Submit your answers via email, by May 21 (which is one week after the registration deadline).

Send all emails to: pam_a_parker@yahoo.com

First Kyu Candidates — Answer two of the three questions:

1. List the names of the twelve All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido kata. Include a short English translation for each.
2. Describe the proper way of gripping the katana when cutting.
3. Why are you studying Iaido? What do you hope to accomplish?

Shodan Candidates — Answer two of the three questions:

1. Tsuki (thrusts) occur in five of the ZNKR Iai kata. Name these katas and identify the target areas.
2. Draw a simple diagram of a katana, label as many parts as you can.
3. What is kirioroshi? Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido kata.

Nidan Candidates — Answer two of the three questions:

1. Discuss zanshin. Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata.
2. The blade of the katana is divided into 3 parts; describe the use of each part.
3. What is meant by the term lai-goshi? Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata.

Sandan Candidates — Answer two of the three questions:

1. What is metsuke? Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation laido kata.
2. Describe how to clean a sword (shinken and/or iaito).
3. Discuss jo-ha-kyu.

Yondan Candidates — Answer two of the three questions:

1. Define hasuji and discuss its importance in laido.
2. What is saya biki? Why do we do it?
3. Explain fudo-shin.

Godan Candidates — Answer question 1a or 1b, and question 2:

- 1a. Describe the hara (tanden) and explain its importance for laido.
- 1b. What is meant by saya-no-uchi? How does it apply to AJKF laido?
2. What is Sexual Abuse, Misconduct or Harassment? What are the reporting procedures?

Refer to AUSKF Policies and Procedures (PPG sec 31.00.00)

<https://www.auskf.org/forms/auskf-policies-and-procedures>
