

2025 AUSKF Iaido Shinsa

Instructions for Shinsa Application

AUSKF members:

Register [here](#) by July 1, and upload a copy of your menjo if you haven't already done so.

→ **New in 2025: Fill out the attached AUSKF form.**

FIK members:

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All candidates:

Answer the questions as directed below. Submit your answers via email, by July 18 (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>

Rokudan Candidates: Answer 1a or 1b and 2

- 1a. What is Kigurai? How is it developed?
- 1b. Explain the importance of Reiho. How should it be taught?
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Nanadan Candidates: Answer 1 and 2

- 1 Discuss Kamae (構え) and Metsuke (目付け).
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All United States Kendo Federation

Request for Kendo/Iaido Examination by an Affiliate Organization of the AUSKF

Kendo / Iaido / Jodo (circle one)

Requesting Rank: _____ **Exam Date:** ____/____/____ (MM / DD/ YYYY)
(Kyu / Dan)

AUSKF ID No: _____ **Member Federation:** _____

Name of the affiliate that will conduct the test: _____
(SUSKIF, etc.)

Name: _____/_____/_____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____
(Street)

_____/_____/_____
(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ (MM / DD/ YYYY) **Age:** _____

Present Rank: _____ **Date Received:** _____

List any handicaps, injuries, etc.: _____

(Signature of Member Federation President)

(Date)

*** To avoid mistakes and delays, please print clearly.**

*** Please send this form and a copy of your menjo (certificate) with your promotion exam application form to the affiliate which conducts the test.**