



**Northern California Kendo  
Federation  
Iaido Promotion**

**Event:** NCIA Iaido Shinsa - Summer 2023  
**Date:** Sunday June 4, 2023  
**Location:** Buddhist Temple of Salinas  
 14 California, Street, CA

**Schedule**

**Registration: 8:00-8:30am**  
**Sword Check/Practice: 8:30-9:00am**  
**Shinsa: 9:00-10:00am**

**Application Deadline: Saturday May 20, 2023**

**Eligibility:**

- To test, you must be an active member of AUSKF (i.e., you must be a registered member of AUSKF as of May 1, 2023).
- Age minimum: 1 Dan must be 14 years and older.
- You must meet the required test interval (see fee table)
- Candidates from other federations must provide copy of menjo at the time of application

Desired Rank	Check #1 (NCKF)	Check #2 (NCKF)	Test Intervals
	Testing fee	Menjo Fee	
17 years and under (up to 2 Kyu)	\$20	\$20	3 months
Adult Kyu (up to 2 Kyu)	\$25	\$30	3 months
1 Kyu	\$25	\$30	3 months
1 Dan	\$30	\$50	6 months

### Forms/Written Test:

- **Send completed forms, test answers, and checks to Kimiye Touchi by May 20, 2023.**
- The forms and the written test questions are attached and are listed below:
  - Shinsa application form
  - Non-NCKF candidates need approval form from federation President.
  - Written test – the written test is required if you are testing for 1-Kyu or 1-Dan.
  - Doctor's note is required if you are doing standing kata.

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### ESSAY QUESTIONS DUE BY MAY 20

Send to Cynthia Tanabe Northern California Kendo Federation Iaido Chair  
[shinchantx@hotmail.com](mailto:shinchantx@hotmail.com)

Answer two questions from the group of questions for the rank for which you are testing.

Each answer should be at least half a page. Use detail and give examples. *Insufficient answers will be returned and candidate must re-do and submit before the test. Please include Name, AUSKF #, and dojo of registration on essays.*

#### First Kyu Candidates:

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:

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.