



# **SWKIF Spring Event: Tulsa Rensei Taikai**

**At  
Charles Schusterman  
Jewish Community Center**

**Hosted By  
Tulsa Kendo Dojo**

**May 3rd – May 5th 2024**

## **Hello SWKIF Board Members, Representatives, and Sensei,**

We hope you are all doing well. This document serves as an introduction to this year's SWKIF Spring Event which will be hosted in Tulsa, Oklahoma at our dojo facility at the Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center. Although small changes are likely between now and the date itself, the information below best summarizes what we will offer participants this May.

Our tournament will feature a mass round robin format that is focused on Kenshi getting Taikai experience both as Senshu and Shinpan. With this in mind, we are prioritizing an increased number of matches offered to developing Kenshi, and an increased number of matches judged for those of advanced experience.

While this format at first appears very much opposite to standard, we believe it will offer special opportunities to newer and less experienced Kenshi within the federation, such as:

- Facilitating matches at a higher level for those with more experience.
- Each competitor will be able to compete in at least four matches individually (turn out provided)
- Each Shinpan will have the chance to preside over a significant number of shiai.

With these considerations, we believe all attendants should be able to both learn and grow from the experience.

## **Our Rensei Taikai will feature the following tournament structure:**

### **Teams:**

Consists of 5 Members with rank limitations on position:

- Senpo: Shodan and below only
- Jiho\*: Shodan and below only
- Chuken: open for any rank
- Fukusho: open for any rank
- Taisho: open for any rank, must be highest ranking of the team

\*In the case of a 4 member team, the Senpo will fight twice as both Senpo and Jiho; however, the Jiho match will not be counted towards to score.

Dojos can register complete teams, request 1-2 additional members to complete a team, or submit individual members to be placed on a team.

### **Match rules:**

- Round robin team matches will be three minutes in length with no Encho.
- Matches will be scored on wins, with ties and losses counting for no score.
- In the event of a court tie post round robin, collective points will be used to determine a winner.
- The best four seeded teams will participate in court semi-finals and a final match—both with two-minute Encho.

-In the event of a tie during semi-finals and the final itself, there will be a corresponding three-minute Daihyosen followed by Shinpan Hantei if necessary.

**Judging:**

-All competitors ranked Sandan and above are expected to Shinpan and help with court duties. Yondan and above ranks will have more rotations as Shinpan.

-There will be a registration option for those wishing to act as Shinpan only.

**End of Competition**

Competition ends when the round robin is complete, and every team has a chance to fight with each opposing team. Tie will offer an opportunity for goodwill Keiko.

**COVID Protocols**

The event will act in alignment with current AUSKF regulations, with personal masking being optional for all competitors.

**Outcomes**

The winner of the tournament will be the team with the most overall match wins, in the event of a tie total points scored will be considered.

A special prize will be given to the winning team to be announced on the day of the tournament.

We are working diligently to make the event as beneficial as possible to members of the federation and look forward to seeing you all in May. We would like to note that due to this event not being a Shinpan seminar specifically (and in the interest of creating a fluid learning experience for all participants) we recommend individuals of Sandan rank to engage in as much Shinpan practice before the event as feasible. We will be releasing a registration packet closer to the event. In the meantime, please reach out to me directly for any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Yours in the Best Spirit of Kendo,  
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