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Program

*(The sound of the taiko will officially open this tournament)
Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Albert Kim, 1st VP SCKF*

National Anthem

Welcome..... Mr. James Yamasaki, President SCKF
Introduction of Guests..... Mr. Albert Kim, 1st VP SCKF
Pledge of the Competitors Mr. Han Soo Kim, Torrance Dojo
Rules and Regulations Mr. Ichiro Murakami, Chief Judge
Kendo Kata..... Uchitachi: Katsuo Chinen, Renshi 7 Dan, Gedatsu Dojo
Shitachi: Yoshihiro Noguchi, 4 Dan, Gedatsu Dojo
Iaido Demonstration.....Southern California Iaido Association

Tournament

Kyu matches: 3 minutes, 2 min extension, hantei (except semifinal, final)

Yudansha matches: 4 minutes, 2 min extension, hantei (except semifinal, final)

Team matches: 3 minutes, no extension

Awards (except as noted): one 1st, one 2nd, two 3rd, four best 8 (honorable mention)

- Women's Kyu (14 and over)
- Women's Yudansha
- Senior Yudansha (50 to 59) (*no HM*)
- Senior Yudansha (60 and over) (*no HM*)
- 1-2 Dan
- 5 Dan and above (*no HM*)
- 0 thru 6 Kyu
- 5 Kyu thru 4 Kyu
- 3 Kyu thru 1 Kyu
- Adult Kyu
- 3-4 Dan
- Team (*1st place only*)

Presentation of Awards Mr. James Yamasaki
Closing Address..... Mr. Albert Kim

(The sound of the taiko drum will officially close this tournament)

Perpetual Trophies

- Junior Kyu (youth 4 kyu and below)
- Senior Kyu (youth 3-1 kyu and adult kyu)
- Women's Division (women's kyu and women's yudansha)
- Yudansha (1-2 Dan, 3-4 Dan, and 5 Dan and above)

Tentative Schedule of Divisions

Court A	Court B	Court C	Court D	Court E
0-6 Kyu	5-4 Kyu A	5-4 Kyu B	Senior	Women's Kyu
3-1 Kyu A	3-1 Kyu B	Women's Dan	Adult Kyu A	Adult Kyu B
1-2 Dan A	1-2 Dan B	5 Dan and above	3-4 Dan A	3-4 Dan B
Junior kyu final		Senior kyu final	Yudansha final	Women's final
	Team			

Note: actual court assignments will be based on tournament flow

About Kubota Sensei

Yutaka Kubota Sensei was one of the pioneers of Kendo in the United States. Through his love of Kendo and through his dedication to the community, Kubota Sensei has helped to establish this martial art in Southern California and, through his legacy, continues to support Kendo for the benefit of future generations.

Yutaka Kubota was born in November 1898 in Shizuoka, Japan. Kubota Sensei immigrated to America as a teenager and attended Inglewood High School in Los Angeles. After graduating from high school, he sought higher learning and attended the University of Southern California in 1922.

Kubota became proficient in Kendo as a teen. In 1917, he attained the rank of shodan in Kendo in Japan. He continued his Kendo training after immigrating to the U.S. In August 15, 1924, he won first place in Kendo at the Los Angeles YMCA-sponsored Los Angeles-Japan Championships featuring a variety of sports and martial arts. He received his 2nd dan in 1925. He showed his leadership skills when he organized a Kendo team in Southern California in June 1927. In 1928, he received 3rd dan. He attained 4th dan in 1931 and 5th dan in 1935. In June 27, 1936, Kubota participated in the First Japan – Southern California Kendo Tournament.

When World War II broke out, Kendo was banned in the United States. In 1942, Kubota joined the U.S. military and was sent to Santa Fe, New Mexico. That year, his family was sent to a relocation camp first to Santa Anita, then to Colorado. After the war, they moved back to Los Angeles.

Several years after the war ended, Kubota was again allowed to practice Kendo. He continued to rise in rank: in 1952, he achieved 6th dan. In August 10, 1953, he helped organize and participated in the Nisei Week Kendo Tournament. One year later, in November 1954, Kubota became a U.S. citizen. In 1958, he received kyoshi 7th dan.

Kubota was ambitious not only in Kendo, but also in business. He worked in the areas of agriculture and in insurance through the years. In May 1956, he joined a partnership of an enterprise which later became the Kubota Nikkei Mortuary.

In 1968, Kubota received the degree of hanshi, and in 1970, he received 8th dan.

Kubota Sensei's long and continuous service to the Japanese American community was recognized in Japan in April 1973, when he received Japan's prestigious Fifth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure. In August 1973, he became a Nisei Week Pioneer Awardee for his dedication to the community. Also, in December 1978, he received the All Japan Agricultural Red and White Medal of Honor. In 1984, as one of the Little Tokyo Pioneers, he participated in the celebration of the Little Tokyo 100th Anniversary.

Yutaka Kubota passed away in November 1990. Through his estate and through the Kubota Nikkei Mortuary, Kubota Sensei has provided generously for the continuous support of the Southern California Kendo Federation.

SCKF Dojo Listing

Dojo	City	Contact	Schedule
Chuo	202 N Saratoga St Los Angeles	M Shikai 323-727-7060	Mon 7:30-9:30 Thu 7:30-9:30
Costa Mesa	254 Victoria St Costa Mesa	E. O'Brien 714-717-6464	Mon 7:30-10:00 Wed 7:30-10:00
Covina	1203 W Puente Ave West Covina	K. Kinjo 626-919-5311	Tue 7:00-9:00 Thu 7:00-9:00
Cypress	10602 Walker St Cypress	J. Park 714-933-0303	Mon-Fri 5-9p Sat 10:30, 4:30
Gardena JCI	1964 W 162 nd St Gardena	L. Hada 310-324-1303	Fri 7:30-9:00
Gedatsu USA	7872 Hill Dr South San Gabriel	T. Matsumoto 909-980-4621	Tue 7:30-9:30 Fri 7:30-9:30
Industry Sheriff's	841 7 th Ave City of Industry	A. Murakami 562-692-4943	Tue 7:00-10:00 Fri 7:00-10:00
Joshua Tree	6171 Sunburst Ave Joshua Tree	D. Yamaguchi 760-366-0236	Tue 6:00-7:45
Norwalk	14615 S Gridley Rd Norwalk	norwalkkendo@ gmail.com	Mon 7:00-9:30 Fri 7:30-10:00
OC Buddhist Church	909 S Dale St Anaheim	K. Kinno 714-655-2771	Tue 7:00-9:00 Thu 7:00-9:00
Pasadena Cultural Institute	595 N Lincoln Ave Pasadena	J. Yamasaki 626-676-0318	Tue 7:30-9:00 Fri 7:30-9:00
San Diego Kendo Bu	2650 Truxton Rd San Diego	J. Yamamoto 619-479-4231	Tue 7:00-9:00
San Fernando Valley	8850 Lankershim Blvd Sun Valley	D. Bailey 818-980-6920	Mon 7:30-9:30 Wed 7:30-9:30
Santa Barbara	1015 E Montecito St Santa Barbara	S. Timbrook 805-682-4207	Thu 7:30-10:00
Seishin	Oxnard Buddhist Temple 250 S H St, Oxnard	G. Urata 805-988-8876	Thu 7:30-9:30
Sho-Tokyo	815 E 1 st St Los Angeles (Downtown)	M. Sakae 323-888-0027	Wed 5:30-7:00 Fri 5:00-7:00
Torrance	3340 Civic Center Dr Torrance	T. Yuge 310-655-0302	Tue 7:30-9:00 Fri 7:30-9:00
Venice	12448 Braddock Dr Los Angeles (West Side)	J. Inouye 310-413-9034	Wed 7:30-9:00
Westside	Penmar Recreation Center 1341 Lake St, Venice	C. Mizobe 310-532-2196	Mon 7:30-9:30 Wed 7:30-9:30
Yun Kum Jae	505 S Virgil Ave Los Angeles	Y.B. Kim 213-458-2663	Mon-Fri 2:00-9:00

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