



Dear AUSKF Member Federations, Fellow Kenshi,
Friends and Supporters of Team USA:

The 14th World Kendo Championships is fast approaching!

Over a year has passed since the 13th World Kendo Championships in Taiwan. Our achievements in Taiwan could not have happened without the encouragement, dedication and support of our fellow kenshi in the United States. The 14th World Kendo Championships will be held in Brazil in August 2009, and the members of Team USA are honored and excited to represent the U.S. Kendo community to the best of our abilities.

We, the members of Team USA, have committed ourselves for the next 12 months to focus on preparing for the next Championships. Our training will consist of a daily regimen of rigorous training routines, bi-weekly intensive training camps and potential travels to Japan, Korea and/or Canada to train with the other top kenshi in the world.

We strongly believe that the support of the kenshi, senseis, friends and supporters here in the United States is critical to the success of Team USA. Therefore, the members of Team USA would like to extend an open invitation to all senseis and qualified kenshi to join Team USA in our quest for the gold in Brazil. Your participation will motivate Team USA, create new and strengthen existing relationships between American kenshi, and help us improve our kendo as we prepare for the 14th World Kendo Championships. Attached you will find the Team USA training schedule for the next year. Please contact Yuji Onitsuka, Coach of Team USA (yujidesu@sbcglobal.net) and Christopher Yang, Captain of Team USA (Christopher.Yang@lw.com), if you are interested in attending any or all of our training sessions. Transportation to and from both the airport and practice facilities will be arranged by the members of Team USA, and we will also be available to make any hotel reservations or other accommodations that you may need.

In addition, certain members of Team USA are willing to travel to various regions in the United States if such opportunities arise in the next year. Please contact Coach Yuji Onitsuka with any thoughts or opportunities you may have.

Thank you again for your continued support of Team USA. The journey to Brazil will be long and challenging, but we are confident in our ability to succeed with your help and support.

Sincerely,

Team USA



2008

TEAM USA Practice Schedule



August

Sat. 8/2	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 8/3	Torrance GYM 8-12
Sat. 8/16	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 8/17	Norwalk 8-12

September

Sat. 9/6	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 9/7	Norwalk 8-12
Sat. 9/20	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 9/21	Torrance GYM 8-12

October

Sat. 10/4	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 10/5	Norwalk 8-12

November

Sat. 11/22	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 11/23	Norwalk 8-12

December

Sat. 12/6	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 12/7	Norwalk 8-12
Sat. 12/20	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 12/21	Norwalk 8-12

2009

January

Sat. 1/10	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 1/11	Torrance GYM 8-12
Sat. 1/24	Torrance MPR 3-6

February

Sat. 2/21	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 2/22	Norwalk 8-12

March

Sat. 3/7	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 3/8	Norwalk 8-12
Sat. 3/21	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 3/22	Norwalk 8-12

April

Sat. 4/11	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 4/12	Norwalk 8-12
Sat. 4/25	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 4/26	Norwalk 8-12

May

Sat. 5/16	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 5/17	Torrance GYM 8-12
Sat. 5/30	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 5/31	Norwalk 8-12

June

Sat. 6/13	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 6/14	Torrance GYM 8-12
Sat. 6/27	Torrance MPR 3-6

July

Sat. 7/11	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 7/12	Torrance GYM 8-12
Sat. 7/25	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 7/26	Torrance GYM 8-12

August

Sat. 8/8	Torrance MPR 3-6
Sun. 8/9	Torrance GYM 8-12

Practice Locations:

Torrance Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) / Torrance GYM
2400 Jefferson St., Torrance, CA 90510

Norwalk
14615 South Gridley Rd., Norwalk, CA 90650

- Team USA practices will start at 3:00pm sharp on each Saturday, and 8:00am sharp on each Sunday practice.
- Please contact yujidesu@sbcglobal.net or christopher.yang@lw.com for further details.