



*71st Annual
Nisei Week Kendo Tournament
August 28, 2011*



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8.28.2011
Homba Hongwanji Temple Gym
Los Angeles, CA

PROGRAM

(The taiko sound will officially open the tournament)

Master of Ceremonies:

Playing of the National Anthem

Welcome Address :

Introduction of Guests :

Greetings:

Pledge of the Competitors :

Special Presentation: Mr. Maki Miyahara

Rules and Regulations :

Iai Demonstration:

Mr. Brian Olson, SCKF 1st V.P.

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Mr. Ichiro Murakami, President AUSKF

Mr. Shingo Ujiie, Gedatsu USA

Mr. Tim Yuge, SCKF, President

Mr. Takeshi Yamaguchi, Chief Judge

Ms. Shauna Toh, Norwalk Dojo

Mr. Narbeh Bagdasarian, PCI Dojo

Mr. Levon Sukiasyan, San Fernando Valley Dojo

Mr. Korhan Tekin, Norwalk Dojo

Uchitachi- Mr. Kohjiro Kinno, OCB Dojo

Shitachi- Mr. Dennis Ralutin, OCB Dojo

Kendo Kata :

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Individual Matches- 3 minutes, 2 min extension, HANTEI (Except semifinals and final)

Team Matches- 3 minutes, no extension

Divisions:

10 years and under any kyu

11 to 13 years any kyu

14 to 15 years any kyu

Women's kyu 14 and older

Adult 16 and older

Team (kyu team)

SENPO : 10 years & Under, any kyu

JIHO : 13 years & Under, any kyu

CHUKEN : 15 years & Under, any kyu

FUKUSHO : Any age, any kyu

TAISHO : Any age, any kyu

Rules and Regulations:

- For all kyu divisions, including adult kyu, the tsuki point will not be considered as a valid point.

- For all kyu divisions, including adult kyu, a participant may only use the chudan position to strike from.

All points from other non-chudan kamae will not be considered as a valid point.

- Adult Kyu Groups may use Hidari-Do (Gyaku Do)

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Maki Miyahara sensei was awarded by the Government of Japan on July 21, 2011 with "The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays," for his contributions of the promotion of kendo and the enhancement of friendly relations between the U.S. and Japan.

Maki Miyahara sensei was born in Montebello, California, in 1921. At the age of 11, he started learning kendo from his father, who was teaching at six dojos and instructed him in a strict manner. He has been involved in kendo since that time - nearly 80 years. Currently holds the rank of hanshi 8-dan, and his kendo skill is without comparison in the United States.

After having worked for GHQ in Japan following World War II, he returned to the U.S. in 1954. He worked at a private company as an architectural engineer, all the while teaching kendo at multiple dojos. He is still teaching today, at the age of 90. He has held prominent positions at the Kendo Federation of the United States of America and at the All United States Kendo Federation.

Miyahara sensei was a principle advocate of the promotion and development of kendo throughout America. At the same time, he involved himself deeply in the training and guidance of kendo students. Through kendo, he contributed to U.S.-Japan sports friendship and goodwill. As Executive Secretary and President of the Kendo Federation of America, he contributed to the dissemination of kendo inside and outside the United States. In 1974, he took a group of children kendoists to Japan; and in the same year, not hindered by borders, he led seminars in Canada and Mexico, as well as in the U.S. In 1976, he coached the American team at the 3rd World Kendo Championship, held in London, and led them to a stunning 3rd place team victory. He promoted and spread kendo throughout the entire United States and expanded sports exchange and friendship between the U.S. and Japan.

Miyahara sensei's influence was not only strong nation-wide but in local kendo organizations. In 1973, he initiated the creation of official by-laws for the Southern California Kendo Federation, greatly helping the establishment of that Federation in its formative operations, as well. He has remained an advisor to SCKF year after year until the present time. He was also largely responsible for the great success of the 2nd World Kendo Championships, held in California in 1973.


By giving lessons to kendoists, and as Advisor and President to the Southern California Kendo Federation, he has made great contributions to the emergence and development of kendo in southern California. He has been teaching the art of kendo and investing in the lives of kendoists throughout his entire life, strongly aspiring to the wider understanding and development of kendo. He seeks to convey and prove the worth of continual practice and resolute focus in any endeavor by giving his own life's all to kendo training and to his students. Article Courtesy of www.culturalnews.com

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