

ALL U.S. KENDO FEDERATION JUNIOR TEAM USA

Goal: To involve the younger generation of kenshi in the United States in national training camps in order to 1) improve the level of kendo for the next generation of U.S. kenshi; 2) increase awareness among younger kenshi about Team USA and World Championships; 3) enhance the pool of candidates for Team USA in the future.

1. **Who:** Open participation by all AUSKF registered kenshi between the ages of fifteen (15) and twenty-one (21).
 - All participating kenshi must be recommended/approved by local federation. Each federation to submit one application packet.
 - Stipend of \$500 to be provided to each local federation (except for federations located in the region where the Junior Team USA Training Camp is held) each time that it sends at least one kenshi to participate. Stipend must be used to assist kenshi (or kenshis) in travel costs to attend Junior Team USA Training Camps. All other travel costs to be borne by participant (or supported by local federation).
 - Participation fee of \$50 per kenshi.
 - Currently limited to male kenshi – female program may be added going forward based on interest/success of program.
 - Kenshi under fifteen or over twenty-one may participate in the program on a case-by-case basis in the discretion of the instructors.
2. **What: Junior Team USA Training Camp** that includes Team USA level training, keiko, team bonding activities and educational materials. Participants will stay together for an entire weekend to provide a fulfilling experience for all.
3. **When:** The first Junior Team USA Training Camp will be held in Los Angeles, California on **April 27-28, 2013**.
 - Participants should arrive in Los Angeles, CA no later than the night of Friday, April 26th, 2013.
 - Further details to be provided to each participant.
4. **How:** Instruction to be provided by all former Team USA representatives at the World Kendo Championships, including:
 - Yuji Onitsuka
 - Shuntaro Shinada
 - Christopher Yang
 - Marvin Kawabata
 - Brandon Harada
 - Daniel Yang
 - Sandeep Ghodgaonkar