



# SCKF Iaido

September, 2017

Dear fellow kenshi and iaidoka,

The Southern California Kendo Federation (SCKF) is very pleased to host an iaido seminar and shinsa featuring guest instructor, Shozo KATO Sensei from the Greater Northeastern United States Kendo Federation (GNEUSKF). Kato Sensei is the current All United States Kendo Federation (AUSKF) iaido chairman and carries the ranks of Kyoshi 8 dan in kendo and Kyoshi 7 dan in iaido.

**Seminar will be held at Venice Iaido Dojo in Los Angeles on Saturday, October 28, 2017 & Sunday, October 29, 2017.**

An iaido shinsa will be held on Sunday, October 29 and will be open to all AUSKF iaido students eligible to test for any kyu rank or 1 dan. **All shinsa candidates must participate in both seminar days.**

The seminar and shinsa schedule, fees, and additional information can be found in the pages to follow. Fees may be paid in person and a waiver must be signed by all attendees on the first day of the seminar, October 28.

Please feel free to distribute this information to any interested individuals.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to seeing you in October!

Kind regards,

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Iaido Chairman, Southern California Kendo Federation

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## 2017 SCKF IAIDO SEMINAR AND SHINSA INFORMATION

### Seminar Head Instructor

#### Shozo KATO Sensei

Kendo, Kyoshi 8 dan

Iaido, Kyoshi 7 dan

Iaido Chairman, All United States Kendo Federation (AUSKF)

Head Instructor, Shidogakuin Dojo, Greater Northeastern United States Kendo Federation (GNEUSKF)

### Schedule (subject to change)

#### Saturday, October 28, 2017

9:00 a.m.: Dojo opens; sign-in / registration

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Seminar

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Seminar

6:00 p.m.: Dinner

#### Sunday, October 29, 2017

9:00 a.m.: Dojo opens

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Seminar

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: Open practice / shinsa preparation

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Shinsa

3:00 p.m.: End shinsa / closing remarks

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Open practice / koryu seminar

### Fees:

#### Seminar:

None

#### Rutt's Cafe lunch (optional):

\$12.00 cash per day

#### Dinner, 10/28/17 (optional):

TBD per person; location TBD

#### Shinsa:

\$20.00 for all kyu applicants; \$30 for all 1 dan applicants

#### Menjo:

\$20.00 (for all kyu, 17 years old or younger); \$30.00 (for all kyu, 18 years old or older);  
\$50.00 (for 1 dan)

**All fees are non-refundable\* and are payable on October 28, 2017. All applicants must sign a waiver form during registration.**

**Additional Information:** The seminar and shinsa will be conducted according to the Zen Nippon Kendo Renmei (ZNKR) and AUSKF standards on seitei iaido. All participants must be familiar with the ZNKR seitei iaido kata (ZenKenRen iai). **Shinsa candidates must attend the seminars. Due to safety reasons, shinken (swords with a sharp edge) will not be allowed.** All equipment must be in good working order and will be subject to inspection at any time.

### All shinsa applicants must provide the following:

- 1) Completed and signed application form; additionally, candidates from outside the SCKF must complete the AUSKF 'Affiliate Organization Exam Request' form.
- 2) Copy of menjo stating current rank, except for those with no rank.
- 3) Written test, if attempting 1 kyu or 1 dan only.
- 4) Shinsa fee: \$20 for attempting kyu; \$30 for attempting 1 dan; check payable to **Southern California Kendo Federation**
- 5) Menjo fee (see below) check payable to **All United States Kendo Federation**

\*Those who do not pass their shinsa will have their menjo fees returned.

### Menjo Fees

All kyu (17 years old or younger): \$20

All kyu (18 years old or older): \$30

1 dan: \$50



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## 2017 SCKF IAIDO SHINSA WRITTEN TEST QUESTIONS

Answer **two** questions from the group of questions for the rank for which you are testing. Please use a separate sheet(s) for your answers and write your name, dojo, and requested rank at the top of each sheet.

### 1 Kyu Candidates

1. List the names of the twelve All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido kata. Include a short English translation for each.
2. Describe the proper way of gripping the katana when cutting.
3. Why are you studying Iaido? What do you hope to accomplish?

### Shodan Candidates

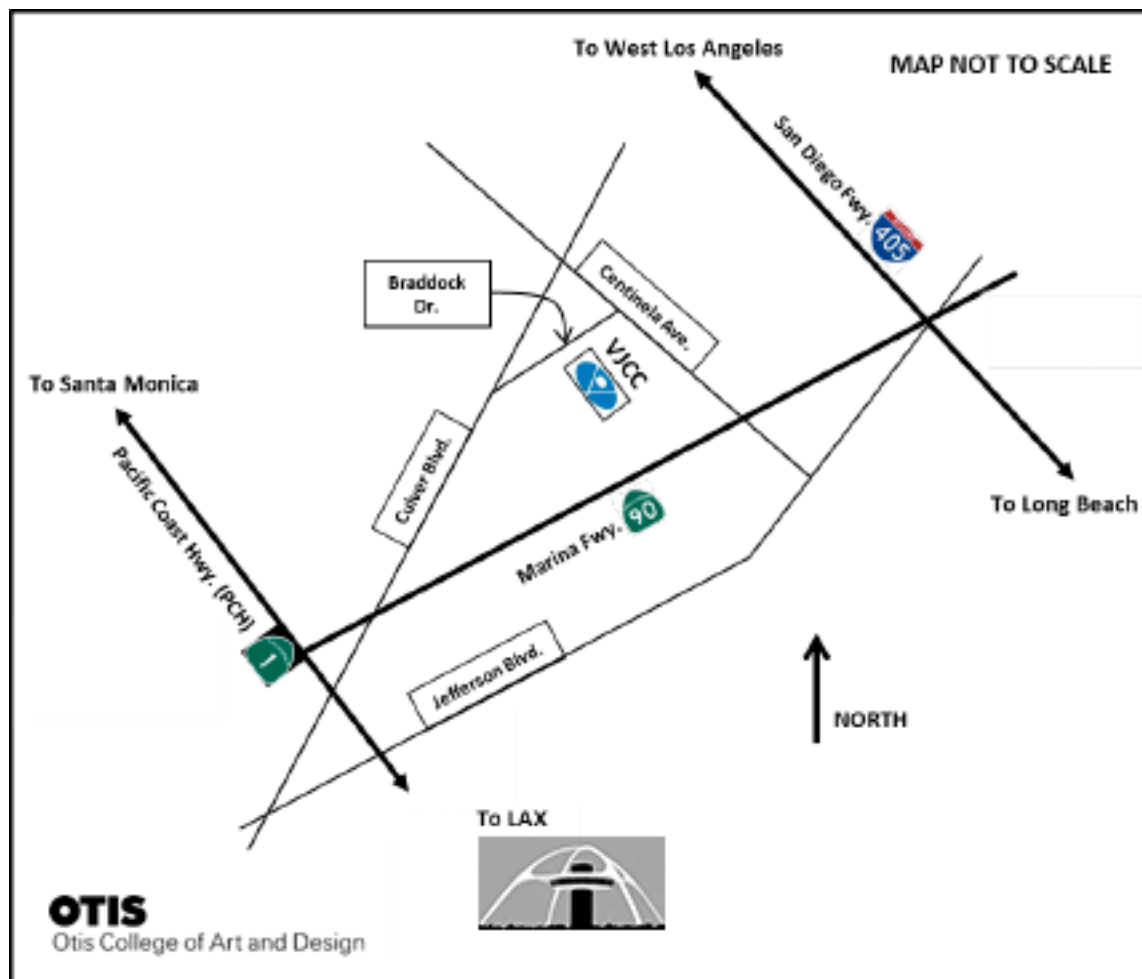
1. Explain what is meant by the term *saya biki*. Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido kata.
2. Draw a simple diagram of a katana, label as many parts as you can.
3. What is *kirioroshi*? Describe its use in one All Japan Kendo Federation Iaido kata.



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## 2017 SCKF IAIDO SEMINAR AND SHINSA LOCATION INFORMATION

Venice Japanese Community Center (VJCC)  
Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)  
12448 Braddock Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90066  
<http://vjcc.com/>



### Directions

#### From I-405

- Exit CA-90 west towards Marina Del Rey
- Exit Centinela Ave.
- Right on Centinela Ave., heading northwest
- Left on Braddock Dr., heading southwest
- Parking lot entrance is on the left

#### Local Airport Distances from Venice Japanese Community Center (approximate)

- Los Angeles International Airport (LAX): 4 miles
- Bob Hope / Burbank Airport (BUR): 24 miles
- Long Beach Airport (LGB): 29 miles
- John Wayne / Orange County International Airport (SNA): 45 miles



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**All participants are responsible for their own transportation and lodging.**



**This is our hall at the Southwest corner of the Venice Japanese Community Center**

**We look forward to seeing you soon!**