

January 31, 2016

## Dear Federation Representatives:

The All United States Kendo Federation is happy to announce that the 6<sup>th</sup> AUSKF Junior Open National Championships will be held on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in Detroit, Michigan. These championships will be open to <u>ALL</u> kenshi 18-years and younger regardless of rank.

In addition, we will also be hosting a youth seminar the following day, Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at the same location in Detroit, Michigan. This seminar will be open to all tournament participants regardless of age or rank.

To register, a Federation Representative should email <a href="register@auskf-jrnationals.com">register@auskf-jrnationals.com</a>. This Representative will receive access to a form unique to their federation where participants can be registered for the tournament and youth seminar. Volunteers, shinpan, bento, and tenugui will also all be noted and ordered on this form. We ask Representatives complete this form by <a href="May 13, 2016">May 13, 2016</a>.

Once complete, the form will display the total cost. Please pay ONE CHECK PER FEDERATION payable to "ALL UNITED STATES KENDO FEDERATION" and mail to:

Yuji Onitsuka 1830 Chablis Way Gonzales, CA 93926

Days Inn Hotel has been reserved on a first come first serve basis at \$65/room. When calling to make reservations, contact John Hakim (general manager) and reference the code name "kendo tournament."

Days Inn Ann Arbor; 2380 Carpenter Rd. Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48108; (734) 971-0700

Other nearby hotels have been conveniently listed on the Travel page on: <a href="www.auskf-jrnationals.com">www.auskf-jrnationals.com</a>

Thank you in advance for your interest in the Junior Open National Championships and completing the application packet in a timely manner. If you have any questions regarding the completion of the packet or information regarding the tournament, please email the Committee at: <a href="mailto:info@auskf-jrnationals.com">info@auskf-jrnationals.com</a>

Please visit us at <a href="www.auskf-jrnationals.com">www.auskf-jrnationals.com</a> for additional information and updates.

Best regards, AUSKF Junior Open Championship Committee



## 6th AUSKF Junior Open National Championships and Youth Seminar Information<sup>1</sup>

Date: Saturday, June 25th, 2016 (Tournament); Sunday, June 26th (Seminar)

Location: Eastern Michigan University

E. Circle Drive

Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

*Time:* 7:00am – 8:30am – Registration

9:00am - Open Ceremony

*Divisions:* • 9-years old and younger

• 10-11 years old

• 12-13 years old

• 14-15 years old

16-18 years old

• 13-under girls

• 14-18 girls

Team Divisions

Boy's Team Composition		
Senpo	13-years old and under	
Jiho	15-years old and under	
Chuken		
Fukusho	18-years old and under	
Taisho		

Girls Team Composition		
Senpo		
Chuken	18-years old and under	
Taisho		

Youth Team Composition (Both Boys and Girls)		
Senpo		
Chuken	11 years and younger	
Taisho		

Deadline to submit application: May 13, 2016

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All information contained herein is subject to change depending on the number of participants and other factors.



Shiai Rules:

- Individual Championships will be OPEN to any youth kenshi with AUSKF membership. Each individual is only eligible to participate in a single individuals division Girls are allowed to compete in one of either the Girls Individual Division or Boys Individual Division
  - Time limit: 3 minutes with unlimited encho thereafter.
- Team Championships for both Boys and Girls divisions will consist of up to 2 teams per federation (to be decided by federation at the Championships). Each participant can only play in ONE team.
  - Team matches in the Boys Team Division will consist of 5 members selected from each age group as outlined above (see chart)
  - Team matches in the Girls Team Division will consist of 3 members with no age or rank restrictions (open to all girls)
  - Team matches in the Youth Team Division will consist of 3 members with age limit of 11 years and under (Boys or Girls)
  - o Time Limit: 3 minutes
  - In case of daihyo-sen, match will be determined by ipponshobu
- Tsuki is valid only for 16-18 year old age group in the Individual and Boys Team (Fukusho and Taisho) Championships. Jodan and Nito will only be allowed in the 16-18 year old age group for Boys Individual and Boys Team (Fukusho and Taisho) Championships.
- Taikai format (round robin, tournament brackets, etc) will mirror the format of the 2015 U.S. Junior Open Championships further details regarding the Individual and Team Championships will be announced at a later date depending on the number of participants
- All other rules will comply with standard rules and regulations set forth by the Federation of International Kendo (FIK)

Shinpan:

- 4-dan and up on a volunteer basis.
- Shinpan selection will be at the discretion of the Committee. Shinpan will receive a travel stipend (maximum \$200) and 2 nights' stay at a hotel designated by the Committee.

Entry Fee:

\$30 per participant (Taikai) / \$20 per participant (Youth Seminar)

Responsible Parties:

• AUSKF Competition Committee: info@auskf-jrnationals.com

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