

To all SCKO Affiliated Dojos:

Regarding: Kendo Rank Promotion Examination

The 2022 Spring SCKO Rank Promotion Examination will take place as follows:

- **Date:** April 17th, 2022 (Sunday)
- **Time:** Roll Call
 - a. **Kyu Group: 9:00AM**
 - b. **Yudansha Group: 12:30PM**
- **Place:** Butokuden Kendo Dojo (1581 Browning, Irvine, CA 92606)
- **Application Deadline:** Must be received no later than **Friday, April 8th, 2022**. **No Exceptions.**
- **Examination Fee:** Please see the attached examination fee schedule.

Applicants Must Bring:

- **All ranks** must bring their own Kendo-gu, presentable Keiko-gi and Hakama, and Shinai.
- **3 Kyu and Up:** bring Bokuto for taking “Bokuto Keiko hou” (Training Method for fundamental kendo techniques with Bokuto) and Nihon Kendo Kata exams.
- **1 Kyu and Up:** bring completed Written Test Questionnaire.

Examination Items:

- **6 Kyu:** Kirikaeshi, Men-uchi (twice), (chakuso, reiho, hassei)
- **5 Kyu:** Kirikaeshi, Men-uchi (twice), kote-men (twice), doh-uchi (twice), (chakuso, reiho, hassei)
- **4 Kyu:** Kirikaeshi, gokaku-keiko, (chakuso, kamae, reiho, hassei)
- **3 Kyu:** Gokaku-keiko, (chakuso, kamae, reiho, hassei), “Bokuto Keiko hou” 1 - 4
- **2 Kyu:** Gokaku-keiko, (chakuso, kamae, reiho, hassei, datotsu-no-sae), “Bokuto Keiko hou” 1 - 9
- **1 Kyu:** Gokaku-keiko, (chakuso, kamae, reiho, hassei, datotsu-no-sae, ki-ken-tai-ichi), Nihon Kendo Kata 1 - 3 and written examination
- **1 Dan:** Gokaku-keiko (demonstrating one who is skilled and has learned the basics of kendo), Nihon Kendo Kata 1 - 5, and written examination
- **2 Dan:** Gokaku-keiko (demonstrating one who is finely skilled and has acquired the basics of kendo), Nihon Kendo Kata 1 - 7, and written examination
- **3 Dan:** Gokaku-keiko (demonstrating one who is superbly skilled and has expertise in the basics of kendo), Nihon Kendo Kata 1 - 10, and written examination
- **4 Dan:** Gokaku-keiko (demonstrating one who is exceptionally skilled and has mastered the basics and applied use of kendo), Nihon Kendo Kata 1 - 10, and written examination

Please submit Promotion Exam Roster form to promotion@socalkendo.org and also mail one check per dojo with the total examination fee of all participants. Checks must be made payable to “SCKO” and mailed to:
c/o Yuma Kato, 150 The Promenade N., #419, Long Beach, CA 90802

Important Notes:

- Applicants must have active AUSKF/SCKO membership BEFORE the test date. It is the Dojo Representative's responsibility to make sure what they submit is correct.
- Please make sure each applicant's name matches the AUSKF database. All Dojo Reps have access to the AUSKF database.
- All examinees taking the 6 - 5 Kyu exam MUST provide their own Motodachi. One will NOT be provided for you.
- All 1 Kyu and 1 - 4 Dan taking the exam must complete the attached written examination prior to the exam date. They must submit this on the day of the exam. Written examination is the last requirement of your promotion exam.
- Please distribute copies of the attached Written Test Questionnaire to your dojo members for this purpose.
- Examinees who successfully pass all stages of the rank exam **MUST pay Certificate (Menjo) fee at the day of the exam**, after the results are announced. Without paying the certificate fee on the day of the exam, the passed rank will be revoked.
- AUSKF will only issue certificates written in English.
- Due to limited attendees caused by COVID-19, there is a possibility that 6 kyu and 5 kyu examinees will pair up as motodachi and kakarite.
- Court Assignments for each Exam Group is shown below. Please note, we may adjust assignments depending on our schedule during the day of the exam.

Est. Time	Exam Group	Court
9:00am	6 Kyu	B
	5 Kyu	A
	4 Kyu	B
	3 Kyu	A
	2 Kyu	B
	1 Kyu	A
12:00pm	Lunch Break	
12:30p	1 Dan	A
	2 Dan	B
	3 Dan	B
	4 Dan	A

COVID-19 Update

If you are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms on the day of, we kindly ask that you stay home. Health and safety are our top priority.

On the Day of Exam:

- **Spectators will NOT be able to enter the venue.** (Kids 12 years and under are allowed ONE guardian strictly for bogu assistance)
- We will also be conducting forehead temperature checks prior to your entry.
- Please refrain from using a loud voice at the dojo UNLESS you are taking the exam
- Facemasks are required at ALL TIMES
- Maintain a distance of 6ft and practice social distancing to the best of your ability
- Come dressed in your dougi and hakama. (Changing rooms will NOT be available on the day of the exam)
- After your exam and payment of your Menjo fee, please promptly leave the dojo.
- Arrive at your specified time block listed below. If you arrive early, please remain outside until your respective Registration time.
- For Kata portion: We will conduct all Kata (Bokuto Keiko Hou and Nihon Kendo Kata) immediately following each rank's Gokaku Keiko. (ie, 1 Dan group will complete both the Keiko portion and Kata portion. After this is complete, we will move to 2 Dan testing)

ALL ATTENDEES INCLUDING EXAMINEES, JUDGES VOLUNTEERS, ETC ARE REQUIRED TO:

- **Required at entrance:** Please present proof of vaccination (2 shots and booster) at the registration table (eg. vaccination card)
- **Alternatively,** if proof of vaccination is unavailable, you must present proof of a negative COVID-19 test (eg. photo of rapid antigen test result). The COVID-19 test must be taken between 4/13 (5 days prior to the shinsa) and 4/17 (day of shinsa). Rapid testing through the County and/or City as well as Over the Counter self-tests are accepted.

Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding through this unprecedented time