



28th Annual Detroit Open Kendo Tournament/Seminar Hosted by Detroit Kendo Dojo

Welcome Fellow Kenshi!

Thank you for your registration for the Detroit Kendo Tournament/Seminar. We are thrilled to see many kenshi registered from the US and Canada.

Schedule

Saturday, February 14, 2026

MWKF Promotion Exams	8:30 am to 11:00 am (Check-in from 7:30 am in the gym)
Seminar	11:50 am to 5:00 pm (Check-in from 10:30 am in the foyer)

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Tournament Opening Ceremony	7:30 am
Matches	8:20 am to 5:30 pm
Closing Ceremony	5:30 pm to 5:50 pm (Check-in from 6:15 am in the foyer)

Tournament times may be subject to change depending on the progress of the event.
We may accept on-site seminar registration with higher seminar fees as below listed,
USD 55 (age 18 and older)
USD 40 (age 17 and younger)

Waiver

All participants of tournament/seminar are individually required to sign the waiver form. If not yet, please complete it with this link ASAP.

<https://forms.gle/zku4Y2B56iUGQpRm9>

Venue: Fieldhouse, University of Michigan - Dearborn
Address: 4901 Evergreen Rd, Dearborn, MI 48128

Parking: There are two complimentary parking lots (Lot E7 and Lot F) adjacent to the Fieldhouse.

Facility Entrance

There are two entrances (front and back) closed to the Parking Lot E7 and F respectively. Check-in desk for the tournament/seminar will be in the foyer which is one floor above the gym floor

Check-ins

MWKF Promotion Exams

Check-in desk for the MWKF Promotion Exams will be open at 7:30 am in the gym. All examinees, please check-in individually.

Seminar (Saturday)

Check-in for the seminar will be open at 10:30 am in the foyer and be processed individually. All participants, please get a wristband at the check-in desk.

Tournament (Sunday)

Check in for the tournament will be open at 6:15 am in the foyer and be processed by dojos. So, each dojo rep, please get a tournament packet (zekken, bento voucher and tournament booklet) at the check-in desk.

Locker Rooms

Locker rooms are not spacious. So, please don't leave your belongings (kendo bags, etc.) in the locker rooms. You can leave your belongings along the wall of the gym (excluding the east wall) on Saturday. On the tournament day, please leave your belongings in the designated area (near the south wall).

Mejirushi

Participants must bring your own Mejirushi to the tournament. You may be able to buy them from on-site kendo shops, but availability may be limited.



Bento (Lunch box) on the Tournament Day (Sunday)

Pre-ordered bento can be picked up from 11:30 am in the foyer. They will be handed out in exchange for your voucher. We would appreciate it if you could pick them up as a group per dojo, rather than individually. You can eat bento on the breachers in the gym.

Concession

Concession stand of the UoM-Dearborn will be open. Additionally, the Team MWKF will be selling coffee and refreshment in the foyer on the tournament day (Sunday).

Kendo Shops

Three kendo equipment stores will be present,

Maruyama Kendo Supply

California Budogu

Hokubei Budogu (Tournament Day only)

Tournament Booklet

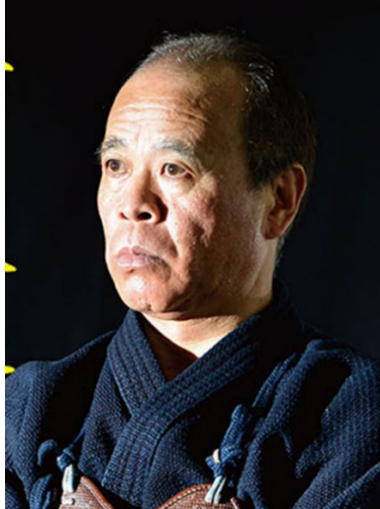
Brackets and other tournament information will be available in the digital booklet on the Friday, February 13. Limited number of prints will be delivered on the tournament day.

Seminar

We are deeply honored to have the opportunity to invite distinguished guest sensei from Japan to our seminar.

Shinji Shimizu sensei, Kendo Hanshi 8th Dan (Kumamoto Prefecture)

Moeko Takahashi sensei, Kendo Renshi 6th Dan (Kanagawa Prefecture)



Shimizu Sensei has played a leading role in the kendo world, serving as a judge for the 8th dan examination. Recently, he played as Taisho of the west team in All Japan Tozai-Taiko Kendo Taikai Champion (2023) and contributed to their victory.

Takahashi Sensei won the latest All-Japan Women's Kendo Championship (2025) for the third time. Her brilliant records also include the World Kendo Championships, the University Women's Championships and Inter-High Championships.

We are looking forward to reuniting old friends and making new friends. Safe travel.

Best regards,
Shinichi Hirano/Ted Ogata
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