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54TH INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL CHAMPIONSHIP

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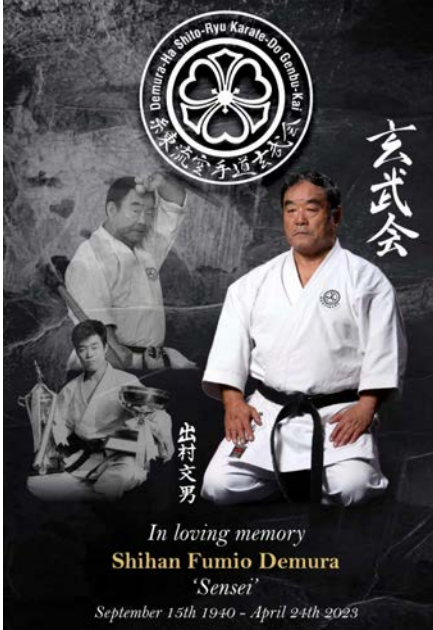
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KARATE-DO • KOBU-DO • BATTO-DO

Welcome To The 2025 DEMURA CUP



Dear Friends and Karateka,

Welcome to the 54th Annual International Goodwill Karate Do Championships. Also known as the **2025 DEMURA CUP** in honor of our late Shihan Fumio Demura. This year's tournament will include Grand Championships for the Adult Male and Female Divisions, and the very exciting Team Kumite.

Thank you so much to all athletes, parents, and volunteers for your support and dedication to our tournament and to the spirits of Budo.

We sincerely hope you enjoy the weekend, which will include various martial art seminars, cultural activities, and making new friends from across the globe.

It does not matter whether you win or lose. Compete at your highest abilities, learn from your experience each time, and make lifelong friends.

Sincerely,
Demura-Ha Genbu-Kai International

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2025 DEMURA CUP KARATE, KOBUDO, BATTO DIVISIONS



KARATE DIVISIONS - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Location: Segerstrom High Schule, 2301 W MacArthur Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92704

JUNIOR DIVISIONS

8 years old & under mixed

Beginner (less than 1 year training)	K1	S1
Novice (1-2 years training)	K2	S2
Intermediate (2-4 years training)	K3	S3
Advanced (4 or more years training)	K4	S4

9-11 years Boys

Beginner (less than 1 year training)	K5	S5
Novice (1-2 years training)	K6	S6
Intermediate (2-4 years training)	K7	S7
Advanced (4 or more years training)	K8	S8

9-11 years Girls

Beginner (less than 1 year training)	K9	S9
Novice (1-2 years training)	K10	S10
Intermediate (2-4 years training)	K11	S11
Advanced (4 or more years training)	K12	S12

12-14 years Boys

Beginner (less than 1 year training)	K13	S13
Novice (1-2 years training)	K14	S14
Intermediate (2-4 years training)	K15	S15
Advanced (4 or more years training)	K16	S16
Elite (Black Belt)	K17	S17

12-14 years Girls

Beginner (less than 1 year training)	K18	S18
Novice (1-2 years training)	K19	S19
Intermediate (2-4 years training)	K20	S20
Advanced (4 or more years training)	K21	S21
Elite (Black Belt)	K22	S22

15-17 years Boys

Beginner (less than 1 year training)	K23	S23
Novice (1-2 years training)	K24	S24
Intermediate (2-4 years training)	K25	S25
Advanced (4 or more years training)	K26	S26
Elite (Black Belt)	K27	S27

15-17 years Girls

Beginner (less than 1 year training)	K28	S28
Novice (1-2 years training)	K29	S29
Intermediate (2-4 years training)	K30	S30
Advanced (4 or more years training)	K31	S31
Elite (Black Belt)	K32	S32

17 years & < Team Junior

Kata	Kumite
Juniors Beginner	TK57 TS57
Juniors Intermediate/Advanced	TK58 TS58

18 years & > Team Adult

Adults Beginner	TK59 TS59
Adults Intermediate/Advanced	TK60 TS60

ADULT DIVISIONS

18-34 years old Men

Beginner/Novice (less than 1 year to 2 years training)	K33	S33
Intermediate (2-4 years training)	K34	S34
Advanced (4 or more years training)	Grand Championship qualifier	K35 S35
Elite (Black Belt) (USANKF rule)	Grand Championship qualifier	K36 S36

18-34 years old Women

Beginner/Novice (less than 1 year to 2 years training)	K37	S37
Intermediate (2-4 years training)	K38	S38
Advanced (4 or more years training)	Grand Championship qualifier	K39 S39
Elite (Black Belt) (USANKF rule)	Grand Championship qualifier	K40 S40

35-44 years old Men

Beginner/Novice (less than 1 year to 2 years training)	K41	S41
Intermediate (2-4 years training)	K42	S42
Advanced (4 or more years training)	K43	S43
Elite (Black Belt)	K44	S44

35-44 years old Women

Beginner/Novice (less than 1 year to 2 years training)	K45	S45
Intermediate (2-4 years training)	K46	S46
Advanced (4 or more years training)	K47	S47
Elite (Black Belt)	K48	S48

45+ years old Men

Beginner/Novice (less than 1 year to 2 years training)	K49	S49
Intermediate (2-4 years training)	K50	S50
Advanced (4 or more years training)	K51	S51
Elite (Black Belt)	K52	S52

45+ year old Women

Beginner/Novice (less than 1 year to 2 years training)	K53	S53
Intermediate (2-4 years training)	K54	S54
Advanced (4 or more years training)	K55	S55
Elite (Black Belt)	K56	S56



BATTO DIVISIONS - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

LOCATION:

City of Costa Mesa Downtown Recreation Center
1860 Anaheim Ave, Costa Mesa, CA 92627

KATA Divisions - ONE KATA DIVISION ONLY

K1	Batto-Do, Non Black Belt, Less than 1 year, Mixed
K2	Batto-Do, Non Black Belt, More than 1 year, Mixed
K3	Batto-Do, Sho-Dan and Ni-Dan Black Belts, Mixed
K4	Batto-Do, San-Dan and Above Black Belts, Mixed
K5	Batto-Do - Team Kata

TAMESHIGIR (Cutting) Divisions - Mixed except where noted

C7	Individual Cutting Below Black Belt Rank <i>(Minimum 2 Years Training)</i> <i>(Need Instructor's Approval)</i>
C8	Batto-Do/lai-Do Individual Cutting <i>(All Black Belt Ranks, Women)</i>
C9	Batto-Do/lai-Do Individual Cutting <i>(All Black Belt Ranks, Men)</i>
C10	Haya Waza Giri - Advanced Specialized Cutting Technique
C11	Do-Dan Individual Cutting (All Black Belt Ranks, Women)
C12	Do-Dan Individual Cutting (All Black Belt Ranks, Men)
C13	Team Cutting - Three Person Teams <i>(Need Approval for non-Black Belts)</i>
C14	Waki Zashi Cutting



For questions & assistance, contact tournament director, Sensei James Otter (620) 232-4480 or em

KOBUDO DIVISIONS - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

LOCATION

Segerstrom High School,
2301 W MacArthur Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92704

LONG WEAPONS - Kata Divisions

Juniors 13 and under, Beg-Nov (less than 1 yr to 2 yrs training)	LW1
Juniors 13 and under, Intermed to Adv (2-4 yrs training)	LW2
Juniors 13 and under, Junior Black Belt	LW3
Juniors 14-17, Beg-Nov (less than 1 yr to 2 yrs training)	LW4
Juniors 14-17, Intermed to Adv (2-4 yrs training)	LW5
Juniors 14-17, Junior Black Belt	LW6
Adults 18 and over, Beg-Nov (less than 1 yr to 2 yrs training)	LW7
Adults 18 and over, Intermed to Adv (2-4 yrs training)	LW8
Adults 18 and over, Black Belt	LW9

SHORT WEAPONS - Kata Divisions

Juniors 13 and under, Beg-Nov (less than 1 yr to 2 yrs training)	SW10
Juniors 13 and under, Intermed to Adv (2-4 yrs training)	SW11
Juniors 13 and under, Junior Black Belt	SW12
Juniors 14-17, Beg-Nov (less than 1 yr to 2 yrs training)	SW13
Juniors 14-17, Intermed to Adv (2-4 yrs training)	SW14
Juniors 14-17, Junior Black Belt	SW15
Adults 18 and over, Beg-Nov (less than 1 yr to 2 yrs training)	SW16
Adults 18 and over, Intermed to Adv (2-4 yrs training)	SW17
Adults 18 and over, Black Belt	SW18

KOBUDO KUMITE - Beginning/Intermediate Divisions

Juniors 13 and under, boys/girls mixed	WK19
Juniors 14-17, Boys	WK20
Juniors 14-17, Girls	WK21
Adults 18 and over, Men	WK22
Adults 18 and over, Women	WK23

KOBUDO KUMITE - Advanced Divisions

Juniors 13 and under, boys/girls mixed	WK24
Juniors 14-17, Boys	WK25
Juniors 14-17, Girls	WK26
Adults 18 and over, Men	WK27
Adults 18 and over, Women	WK28





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IN MEMORY OF SHIHAN FUMIO DEMURA

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ADULT DIVISIONS

KIHON ONLY (NOT KATA)	KIHON
Kihon - Women	___ CK37
Kihon - Men	___ CK38
BEGINNER / NOVICE	KATA
Visually Impaired - Women	___ CK39
Visually Impaired - Men	___ CK40
Wheelchair - Women	___ CK41
Wheelchair - Men	___ CK42
Cognitively Impaired Women	___ CK43
Cognitively Impaired Men	___ CK44
Other Physically Impaired - Women	___ CK45
Other Physically Impaired - Men	___ CK46

ADULT DIVISIONS

INTERMEDIATE / ADVANCE KATA	KATA	KOBUDO
Visually Impaired - Women	___ CK47	___ CW47
Visually Impaired - Men	___ CK48	___ CW48
Wheelchair - Women	___ CK49	___ CW49
Wheelchair - Men	___ CK50	___ CW50
Cognitively Impaired Women	___ CK51	___ CW51
Cognitively Impaired Men	___ CK52	___ CW52
Other Physically Impaired - Women	___ CK53	___ CW53
Other Physically Impaired - Men	___ CK54	___ CW54

JUNIOR DIVISIONS

AGES 11 & UNDER KIHON ONLY	
Kihon Only - Girls	___ CK1
Kihon Only - Boys	___ CK2

AGES 12 - 14 KIHON ONLY	KATA
Kihon Only - Girls	___ CK19
Kihon only - Boys	___ CK20

AGES 11 & UNDER BEGINNER / NOVICE	KATA	KOBUDO
Visually Impaired - Women	___ CK3	___ CW3
Visually Impaired - Men	___ CK4	___ CW4
Wheelchair - Women	___ CK5	___ CW5
Wheelchair - Men	___ CK6	___ CW6
Cognitively Impaired Women	___ CK7	___ CW7
Cognitively Impaired Men	___ CK8	___ CW8
Other Physically Impaired - Women	___ CK9	___ CW9
Other Physically Impaired - Men	___ CK10	___ CW10

AGES 12 - 17 BEGINNER / NOVICE	KATA	KOBUDO
Visually Impaired - Women	___ CK21	___ CW21
Visually Impaired - Men	___ CK22	___ CW22
Wheelchair - Women	___ CK23	___ CW23
Wheelchair - Men	___ CK24	___ CW24
Cognitively Impaired Women	___ CK25	___ CW25
Cognitively Impaired Men	___ CK26	___ CW26
Other Physically Impaired - Women	___ CK27	___ CW27
Other Physically Impaired - Men	___ CK28	___ CW28

AGES 11 & UNDER INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCE	KATA	KOBUDO
Visually Impaired - Girls	___ CK11	___ CW11
Visually Impaired - Boys	___ CK12	___ CW12
Wheelchair - Women	___ CK13	___ CW13
Wheelchair - Men	___ CK14	___ CW14
Cognitively Impaired Women	___ CK15	___ CW15
Cognitively Impaired Men	___ CK16	___ CW16
Other Physically Impaired - Women	___ CK17	___ CW17
Other Physically Impaired - Men	___ CK18	___ CW18

AGES 12 - 17 BEGINNER / NOVICE	KATA	KOBUDO
Visually Impaired - Girls	___ CK29	___ CW29
Visually Impaired - Boys	___ CK30	___ CW30
Wheelchair - Women	___ CK31	___ CW31
Wheelchair - Men	___ CK32	___ CW32
Cognitively Impaired Women	___ CK33	___ CW33
Cognitively Impaired Men	___ CK34	___ CW34
Other Physically Impaired - Women	___ CK35	___ CW35
Other Physically Impaired - Men	___ CK36	___ CW36



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54th International Goodwill Karate-Do Championships

February 20th to 23rd, 2025

Please carefully review these rules and guidelines:

Tournament officials reserve the rights to make changes and modification as necessary for safety and to maintain expediency of all events

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO AND DURING COMPETITION

Direct all questions to the Tournament Director, Sensei Roy Center at (951) 212-2971 or email send email to info@genbukai.org

REGISTRATION

1. Registration is available online only by using the QR Code below.



2. **Registration ends at midnight PST, Friday, February 21, 2025**
 - a. \$75 for first two divisions and \$10 for each additional division
 - b. Team Divisions – \$45 per team, per division

COMPETITION VENUE AND ADDRESS

1. **Batto-do Competitions** – Saturday, February 22, 2025
Location: City of Costa Mesa Downtown Recreation Center
Address: 1860 Anaheim Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
2. **Main Events - Karate and Kobudo Competitions** – Sunday, February 23, 2025
Location: Segerstrom High School
Address: 2301 W MacArthur Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701

MAIN EVENT - KARATE & KOBUDO TOURNAMENT - ORDER OF EVENTS

1. 8:30 am - Judges / Referees Meeting and Ring Assignments
2. 9:00 am - Special Demonstrations
3. 9:30 am - Competition begins with Kobudo and Team Kata Divisions
*** (competitors must be signed in by this time) ***
4. Kata and Kumite Divisions to follow



2025 KARATE RULES AND GUIDELINES

Please note these rules and guidelines may be amended during the competition at the discretion of Tournament Officials (i.e., combining or adjusting divisions)

JUDGES & REFEREES

1. 1 Head Judge and 4 Corner Referees
2. Attire should include:
 - a. Navy Blue Jacket
 - b. Gray Slacks,
 - c. White Shirt
 - d. Black Shoes with Rubber Soles (no wood/metal soles),
 - e. Appropriate Referee Tie
3. Judges and Referees are to be impartial and should not be coaching when not officiating

COACHING PASSES

1. Passes will be available for \$30. Coaches must wear a tracksuit or gi
2. Judges and Referees are not allowed to be a coach when not officiating
3. One coach per competitor will be allowed ringside. Behavior must be professional
4. Poor behavior will result in the coach being removed from the ring at officials' discretion, and the coach's pass will be revoked without refund
5. Sharing of coaching passes is not allowed and violators will be removed
6. If you are not actively coaching a match, please vacate the competition floor

ETIQUETTE

1. Karate competitors must wear clean white gi
2. Respect one another and demonstrate good sportsmanship
3. Arrive early and check in
4. Spectator seating are available on bleachers. Please stay clear from walking aisle and ring side

KATA GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The winner of Division K35 and Division K36 will competes each other for the 18-34 years old **Men Kata Grand Champion**
2. The winder of Divisions K39 and Division K40 will completes each other for the 18-34 years old **Women Kata Grand Champion**

KUMITE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The winner of Division S35 and Division S36 will competes each other for the 18-34 years old **Men Kumite Grand Champion**
2. The winder of Divisions S39 and Division S40 will completes each other for the 18-34 years old **Women Kumite Grand Champion**

COMPETITORS

1. Karate Competitors are only allowed to enter one division for each of the following:
 - a. Individual kata
 - b. Individual kumite
 - c. Synchronized team kata
2. Kobudo Competitors are only allowed to enter one division for each of the following:
 - a. Long weapon kata
 - b. Short weapon kata
 - c. Kobudo kumite
 - d. Synchronized kobudo team kata

3. If a competitor participates in both kata and kumite, both divisions must be for the same age/rank
4. Competitors may only compete as a Junior or Adult – not both
5. Demura-Ha Shito-Ryu Karate-Do Genbu-Kai reserves the right to refuse participation to any individual
6. It is the competitor's responsibility to arrive at the start of the tournament and be present for division staging (**No refunds will be given for missed competition**)

DIVISIONS

1. Divisions are determined by years of training, not belt color
2. Order and composition of divisions may change at the discretion of Tournament Officials
3. A minimum of three (3) competitors are required for a division to compete. If there are less than three competitors, the division may be combined with another division

EXPERIENCE CATEGORIES

1. Beginner
 - ❖ 8th Kyu & under (less than 1 year of training)
2. Novice
 - ❖ 7th Kyu to 5th Kyu (1 to 2 years of training)
3. Intermediate
 - ❖ 4th Kyu to 2nd Kyu (2+ to 4 years of training)
 - ❖ 4th to 2nd Kyu must compete in Intermediate Divisions or higher
4. Advanced
 - ❖ 1st Kyu & higher (4+ years of training)
 - ❖ 1st Kyu and Black Belts must compete in Advanced Divisions or Elite.

An athlete who participates in an Elite Division may compete in an Advanced Division in another category.

AWARDS

1. Demura Cup's Grand Champions will be awarded an individual trophy, get their names etched onto the Demura Cup perpetual trophy, and will be featured on the cover of Masters Magazine.
2. Grand Championship is applicable **only in the advanced and elite 18-34 years old male and female divisions only.**
3. Kata – Awards for first, second, and third place
4. Kumite – Awards for first, second, and two (2) third place competitors
5. Team kata – Awards for first, second, and third place
6. Team kumite – Awards for first, second, and third place.

KUMITE

1. The sparring divisions will utilize **Demura's Rules (non-elite divisions)** and **modified** USANKF rules for Elite Divisions.
2. Tournament Officials retain the right to make adjustments as needed to maintain a safe and efficient event.
3. All Kumite divisions are Jiyu Kumite – Free Sparring
4. Gloves and a mouthpiece are mandatory for all competitors
5. Groin protectors are mandatory for all male competitors
6. Shin, chest, and head protection are recommended
7. Atoshi-Baraku ("little time left") at fifteen (15) seconds left on the clock
8. Ties will be decided based on the following criteria in the order below:
 - a. Senchu (first opponent to have scored an unopposed point will win)
 - b. The competitor with the most Ippon wins
 - c. The competitor with the most Waza Ari wins
 - d. If still tied after the above considerations, the match will be decided with a vote from the Judge and Referees
9. **Demura's rules Point System:**
 - a. Ippon - Perfect timing, unbalanced/take down and follow immediately with a score, kick to the head with control, and combination scoring techniques.
 - b. Wazaari - are all other scoring points not meeting the criteria above.
 - c. The 10 Second Rule will only be applied in Advanced and Elite divisions.

Team Kumite

10. The total cumulative points for all three matches will determine the winners for each round.
11. Teams shall consist of maximum of four members with only three actual fighting members, and one member is reserve for each round.
12. Teams that do not present themselves when called shall be disqualified (**Kiken**) from that category. In team matches, the score for the bout will be set to 3-0 in favor of the other team. Disqualification by **Kiken** means that the contestants are disqualified from that category, although it does not affect participation in another category.
13. The contestants are all members of a team. There are no fixed reserves.
14. Before each match a team representative must hand in to the officials table an official form defining the names and fighting order of the competing team members. The fighting order may be changed for each round, but once notified it may not be changed.
15. A team shall be disqualified if any of its members or its coach changes the team's composition without submitting the written fighting order.
16. In team matches where an individual loses on account of receiving **Hansoku** or **Shikkaku**, any score for the disqualified contestant will be set to zero, and a score of 3-0 will be recorded for that bout in favor of the other team.
17. The Individual Team bouts will be cumulative and be added together to determine the winner of each round. In the event of a tie, the number of Senshu will be examined first, if still tied then the total number of Ippon will be considered. If still tied a decision by the officials will be made.

DEMURA'S RULES - TIME AND POINT SYSTEM (WAZAARI & IPPON COMBINED)

	ALL	NON-ELITE DIVISIONS
Points		3 Point Match
Match Time		2 Minutes
Stop Clock		Full Match

USANKF MODIFIED RULES - TIME AND POINT SYSTEM (For Elite Divisions Only)

	Elite Adults	Elite Juniors
Points	8 Point Match	8 Point Match
Match Time	2 Minutes	2 Minutes
Stop Clock	Full Match	Full Match

KUMITE (SPARRING) PENALTIES

1. Any action which results in contact or direct danger to opponent
2. Any other prohibited action, including Jogai
3. All penalties including contact, non-contact, out of bound, etc., will be logged under a single category
4. Penalties may be escalated at the discretion of Tournament Officials:
 - 1st Chui 1
 - 2nd Chui 2
 - 3rd Chui 3
 - 4th Hansoku Chui
 - 5th Hansoku – Disqualification

KATA RULES

1. All kata divisions will have five (5) Judges
2. Scoring will be with points
3. Competitors in the Junior Beginner Divisions are allowed to start their kata over if they forget their place or stop their kata in the middle

KATA FOR BEGINNER AND NOVICE DIVISIONS

1. Whether adults or juniors, all Beginner and Novice competitors must choose from the following katas:

Pinan 1 – 5	Gekisai Dai Ichi	Taikyoku	Fukui Kata
Heian 1 – 5	Gekisai Dai Ni	Kihon Kata	

❖ *In cases of multiple rounds, Beginner/Novice competitors may repeat the same kata*

KATA FOR INTERMEDIATE DIVISIONS

Adult and junior competitors in the Intermediate Divisions may do any kata. However, the following katas are NOT ALLOWED:

Anan	Gojushiho	Kanchin	Matsumura Bassai
Anan Dai	Gojushiho Sho	Kanku Sho	Nipaipo
Chatanyara Kusanku	Gojushiho Dai	Kosokun (Kushanku) Sho	Paiku
Chinto	Hakusho	Kurunfa	Papuren
Gankaku	Heiku	Kusanku	
Seisan	Sochin	Shisochin	Suparinpei
Tomari Bassai (Passai)	Useishi	Unsu (Unshu)	Ohan & Ohan Dai

❖ *In cases of multiple rounds, Intermediate competitors may repeat the same kata, except a different kata must be selected for medal rounds.*

KATA FOR ADVANCED AND ELITE DIVISIONS

1. Adult and junior competitors in the Advanced and Elite Divisions may choose any kata
2. Advanced competitors may repeat the same kata in subsequent eliminating rounds, however, a different kata must be selected for medal rounds
3. Elite competitors must perform a different kata for each round
4. One individual kata and one individual kumite division only.

SYNCHRONIZED TEAM KATA

1. Each team must have a minimum of 3 persons per team – any combination of male/female
2. Junior Divisions – all ages 17 or under
 - a. Beginner/Novice Division
 - b. Intermediate/Advanced/Elite Division
3. Adult Divisions – all ages 18 or older
 - a. Beginner/Novice Division
 - b. Intermediate/Advanced/Elite Division
4. Kata Selection:
 - a. Beginner/Novice Divisions must do a Beginner/Novice Kata
 - b. Intermediate/Advanced/Elite Divisions are PROHIBITED from doing a Beginner/Novice Kata
 - c. Any kata performed must be appropriate for the level of the lowest ranked person on the team
 - d. Any formation is acceptable, but kata must begin and end in the same formation
5. Please provide a team name and name of each team member

SPECIALLY CHALLENGED DIVISIONS

1. Divisions correspond to Paralympics categories
2. Kihon divisions will generally consist of up block, down block, punch, and front kick
3. Each competitor may select one Kata or Kihon Division and one Kobudo (weapons) Division – **no competitor may select both Kata and Kihon**
4. Both divisions must be in the same category, experience, and age
5. Competitors may have an assistant in the ring with them during competition
6. Divisions may be reconfigured at the discretion of officials



REGISTRATION QR CODE



KOBUDO RULES AND GUIDELINES

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LOCATION

Seegerstrom High School - 2301 W MacArthur Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701

JUDGES & REFEREES

1. 1 Head Judge and 4 Corner Referees
2. Attire should include:
 - a. Navy Blue Jacket, Gray Slacks, White Shirt,
 - b. Black Shoes with Rubber Soles (no wood/metal soles),
 - c. Appropriate Referee Tie

COMPETITORS

1. Uniforms – Kobudo competitors may wear the following:
 - a. All white gi (top and bottom)
 - b. Black gi top with white gi pants
 - c. All black gi (top and bottom)
 - d. Or as approved by Tournament Officials
2. WEAPONS
 - a. Each weapon must be inspected for safety
 - b. Each weapon must be in working condition with no evident of damage
 - c. Bo must be made of solid wood and straight shaft or mildly tapered
 - d. No plastic bo, no neon glowing bo, no screw join together bo
 - e. No plastic weapon of any kind – not Genbu Kai approved
3. Etiquette
 - a. Demonstrate good sportsmanship
 - b. Respect one another
 - c. Bow when entering and exiting the ring
4. Arrive early and check in
 - a. It is the competitor's responsibility to arrive at the start of the tournament and be present for division staging (No refunds will be given for missed competition)

DIVISIONS - CATEGORIES

1. Kobudo Competitors are only allowed to enter ONE division for each of the following categories:
 - a. Long Weapon: Bo, Eku, Jo
 - b. Short Weapon: Sai, Tonfa, Maei-Te Tonfa, Nunchaku (single or double), Kama, Tekko
 - c. Synchronized Team Kata
 - d. Kobudo Kumite – Weapon Sparring
2. If a competitor participates in both kata and kumite, both divisions must be for the same age/rank
3. Competitors may only compete as a Junior or Adult – not both
4. Tournament Officials reserves the right to refuse participation to any individual

KATA

1. Competitors may enter one long weapon kata division, one short weapon kata division, and one team kata division
2. All kata divisions are mixed male and female
3. Maintain control of the weapon at all times
4. Each weapon must be inspected prior to the start of the division
5. Kobudo divisions will be based on competitors' karate ranks and length of training
6. Judges will use a point system
7. Kata Selection:
 - a. Demura-Ha Kobudo Kihon Katas
 - b. Traditional Kobudo Katas are allowed
 - c. FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING ACCEPTABLE KATAS, INQUIRE WITH TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

KUMITE

1. Kobudo Kumite (weapons sparring) is a relatively new development and is rapidly gaining popularity. Its main purpose is the application of vigorous techniques as practiced in kobudo kihon and katas.
2. Ring Setup
3. Competition floor –same as karate kumite rings – 8 Meters Square
4. Officials – each ring will consist of 1 Judge and 4 Corner Referees
5. Score Table – each ring will have a minimum of 1 scorekeeper, 1 timekeeper, and 2 helpers
6. Equipment
 - i. Two sets of each of the following Kobudo Kumite weapons:
 - Bo, Eku, Sai, Tonfa, Kama, Nunchaku, Katana, Tinbe
 - ii. Head gear
 - Towels / bandana for wearing under the helmet
 - Gloves
 - iii. Competitors are encouraged to bring their own helmet and gloves
 - Provide towels / bandana to wear under helmet
 - Color must be neutral or match your appointed side of the ring (i.e., aka/shiro/ao)
 - Equipment must be approved by officials
 - Groin protection required for males
 - Optional gear competitors may bring – shin, arm, and chest protection
7. Competitors will choose a weapon prior to each match and return it at the end of the match
8. Kobudo Kumite techniques shall be executed with proper distance, speed, timing, and power, while remaining under control, with safety and a display of good sportsmanship at all times
9. Scoring Techniques / Targets:
 - a. Tsuki – Thrust to the chest/body (**throat is prohibited**)
 - b. Men – Top of forehead (crown)
 1. Migi Men – Right side of the head above the temple
 2. Hidari Men – Left side of the head above the temple
 - c. Do – The body
 1. Migi Do – Right side of the body
 2. Hidari Do – Left side of the body
 - d. Kote – The wrist
 1. Migi Kote – Right wrist and lower 1/3 of attached forearm
 2. Hidari Kote – Left wrist and lower 1/3 of attached forearm
 - e. Ashi – Leg (Only from ankle to below the knee – This target will be only ½ point)
 1. Migi Ashi – Right leg, only from ankle to below the knee
 2. Hidari Ashi – Left leg, only from ankle to below the knee

10. Illegal / Prohibited Actions

- a. Jogai – Stepping out of bound
- b. Excessive contact
- c. Grabbing the opponent
- d. Grabbing the opponent's weapon
- e. Uncontrollable techniques
- f. Using the non-protected or padded parts of the weapon to strike
- g. Kicking or punching with an empty hand
- h. Malicious intent – purposely causing harm to an opponent
- i. Non-Scoring and Prohibited Targets / Techniques:
 - Side and back of the head
 - The temples
 - The ears
 - The joints
 - The throat
 - The groin
 - The neck
 - The thighs

11. Penalties

- a. All penalties including contact, non-contact, out of bound, etc., will be logged under a single category
- b. Penalties may be escalated at the discretion of Tournament Officials:
 1. Chui 1 – 1st Penalty
 2. Chui 2 – 2nd Penalty
 3. Chui 3 – 3rd Penalty
 4. Hansoku Chui – 4th Penalty
 5. Hansoku – 5th Penalty (Disqualification)

12. Scoring / Point System

- a. Red Flags and Blue or White Flags
- b. Qualifying / Elimination Rounds
 - Nihon Shobu (2 Point Match)
 - A combination of Wazari (1/2 Point) and Ippon (1 Full Point)
- c. Final / Medal Rounds
 - Sanbon Shobu (3 Point Match)
 - A combination of Wazari (1/2 Point) and Ippon (1 Full Point)

13. Time – 2 Minutes, Stop Clock

14. Ties will be decided based on the following criteria in the order below:

- a. Senchu (first opponent to have scored an unopposed point will win)
- b. The competitor with the most Ippon wins
- c. The competitor with the most Waza Ari wins
- d. If still tied after the above considerations, the match will be decided with a vote from the Judge and Referees



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