

Kiyoikaze Iaido Federation

« Noble Wind Iaido Federation »

Iaido

Whereas : the mission of the Kiyoikaze Iaido Federation, hereafter called the « federation », is to promote the Japanese martial arts as taught by Mitsunari KANAI (1939-2004), instructor of the New England Aikikai, Massachusetts, USA, and his successors;

Whereas : Iaido or the art of the Japanese sword was taught by master Mitsunari Kanai;

Whereas : the number of dojos, of instructors and practitioners of this art is sufficient to regroup the practitioners according to the prerogatives of the federation;

Whereas : Mr. Claude Berthiaume, student of master Mitsunari Kanai is the student having attained the highest level of expertise in this art;

It is acknowledged that: Iaido as taught by master Mitsunari Kanai is within the scope of the federation;

It is acknowledged that: Mr. Claude Berthiaume should act as technical director for Iaido;

It is ordered : that the secretary-treasurer put in place the structures required for the proper operation of the federation regarding Iaido;

It is decided : that the attached grids determine the associated excellence criteria, fees and requirements.

Appendix I

Iaido Examination Requirements and Fees

Rank	Days of practice	3 hours/week equivalence	Fee US \$	Examination content
Pre test	150 days	1 year	None	Shoden (12)
Shodan	300 days	2 years	150	Shoden (12)
Nidan	350 days	2 years	200	Chuden (10) Toyama Ryu (8)
Sandan	450 days	3 years	250	Okuden kugesu (11) and { [Shindo Munen Ryu (10) and Keishi Ryu (5)] or [Eishin Ryu (12) and Seitei Iai Iaido (5)] }
Yondan	600 days	4 years	300	Okuden tachi waza (11) and { [Hosoda Ryu (12) and Seitei Iai ZNKR (12)] or [Shindo Munen Ryu (20)] }
Godan	750 days	5 years	350	Upon recommendation
Rokudan	900 days	6 years	400	Upon recommendation

In addition to the above requirements, the practitioner must attend an average of at least two seminars per year since the previous test.

Pre-tests are optional but must be held at a seminar so that the evaluation is made by an instructor other than the practitioner's regular instructor.

Appendix II

Instructor Fees for Seminars (US \$)

	Class	Day	Weekend
Technical Director and Master Instructor	250	500	1,000
Chief Instructor	150	300	600
Associate Instructor	100	200	400

Appendix III

Miscellaneous Fees (US \$)

Fee	Amount
Dojo annual membership	20
Master instructor annual membership *	35
Chief instructor annual membership *	30
Associate instructor annual membership *	25
Practitioner's annual membership *	20
Shihan status annual fee **	50
Shidoin status annual fee **	45
Fukushidoin status annual fee **	40
Seminar logbook	20
Rank Certificate	50
Examination fee for the host dojo	10

* ** These fees are mutually exclusive.

ADOPTED by the board of directors, this _____ day
of the month of _____ of the year _____ .

President