

32AKC Opening ceremony programme

FINAL version

All trophies, including banners, to be brought to venue by trophy holders or trophy coordinator by 8.30.
Trophies other than banners to be set up on trophy table.

At approx 8:50, players, shinpan and officials etc will be signalled to commence assembling (BS)

Opening ceremony commences 9.00am sharp

1. The venue is in readiness. All shinpan and officials stand in their allotted places inside the stadium. In the adjoining stadium, all competitors assembled by state (ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, WA and VIC as host state last) in single file behind name-plaque bearer. Holders of banners (reigning champions) to lead their team-mates.
2. Upon commencement of entry music (march from Aida), teams to file into main stadium, via player's entrance ramp and assemble before the officials, in single file of each state, with first state (ACT) to the officials' left.
3. 32AKC Org (BS) calls out "Shomen ni..." All officials turn to face the flag. "Rei!" all bow in unison.
4. The National anthem is announced and played.
5. Introduction by VKR President (GO)
6. Welcome by AKR President (RW) and introduction of VIPs
7. Speech by Japanese Consul-General, Mr Shisei Kaku.
8. Response by Fukumoto sensei (YY to translate)
9. 32AKC Org calls on all of the outgoing champions, to come forward carrying the banners: the Women's Individual, the Open Individual, the Women's Team, and the Open Team. All line up facing senseis and officials. Rei to senseis, guests and officials, turn rei to competitors.
10. Four people (AKR Pres, AKB Chair (YM), VKR Pres, 32AKC Org) each take one banner and place in stand simultaneously. Stands will need to be positioned to make this easy to do without everybody getting in each other's way.
11. AKB Chair announces format of Championships, calls on Sensei Nagae as Head Shinpan to read the rules of the Championships
12. Competitor pledge by Kirby Smith, 2006 Individual Champion
13. AKB Chair tells competitors for the kyu individual competition to be ready in (x) minutes.