



**32ND AUSTRALIAN KENDO CHAMPIONSHIPS
MELBOURNE 9 & 10 JUNE 2007**

Important Information for Competitors

Registration and shinai weigh-in

This will take place from 5pm til 10pm on Friday 8 June at the Kenshikan Dojo, 91-99 Rosslyn St, West Melbourne. Even if you cannot make it to KSK on Friday yourself, it would be helpful to the organisers if you could arrange to have your shinai brought to KSK at this time on your behalf. As part of your preparation, please check all your shinai and make sure they are in good condition and especially that they are not under-weight.

Buses

Three 48-seater coaches will leave from the Kenshikan Dojo at 7.30am on Saturday and Sunday, to take all competitors to the competition venue. Competitors must make their own way to the KSK from their accommodation. Buses will also take all competitors back to the KSK at the end of each day. Buses will be ready to leave from 5.30pm onwards.

The cost of these buses is included in the competition fee.

Meals

Competitors are responsible for all their own meals, except for the Championship Dinner on Saturday night. There will be a kiosk operating at the 32AKC venue serving nutritious lunch and snack options. Competition organisers will also be providing each competitor with a free water bottle, compliments of Onlinekendo.com, and free fruit to have at any time. Errol St North Melbourne, which is close to both the YHA and KSK has a range of restaurants and cafes that are open from early until late. There is also a supermarket.

Venue layout

The venue for the 32AKC is the Darebin Community Sports Stadium, Plenty Rd Reservoir. It contains two double basketball stadia. The main stadium will be for competition, and the other stadium will be for individual and team warm-ups. Please note the only warm-ups allowed in the main stadium will be silent: no kiai or fumi-komi.

The two stadia are adjacent, but there will be no public address system notifying competitors in the warm-up stadium of upcoming events. The onus is on each competitor to know where they should be for their event(s), and be aware of any changes in schedule. Please avoid the ignominy of forfeiting your match through bad self-management.

Competitors' room

There will also be a large upstairs room away from both competition areas where competitors can relax and store their belongings. This room will be patrolled by 32AKC volunteers and is also under constant security camera surveillance.

Championship Dinner

The venue for the traditional Saturday night dinner will be at 7pm, at the Abruzzo Club, in Lygon St, East Brunswick.

<http://www.abruzzoclub.com.au/>

As is the norm, the cost of this dinner is included in your competition fee. This includes a three course meal, wine, beer and soft drinks. The Abruzzo Club is an Italian club originally founded by and for migrants from the Abruzzo region of Italy.

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/restaurant-reviews/abruzzo-club/2006/08/28/1156617264341.html>

Competitors will need to make their own way there. Transport will not be provided by the organisers. Lygon St Brunswick is served by two tram routes which originate in Swanston St, a short walk from the Ibis Hotel and the North Mebourne YHA. Competitors staying at the KSK may want to catch a tram eastbound along Victoria St, alighting at Elizabeth St cnr (next to the Victoria Market), and walking the short distance to Swanston St.

Metlink, the Melbourne public transport authority, have an excellent automated journey planner. Go to http://jp.metlinkmelbourne.com.au/metlink/XSLT_TRIP_REQUEST2?language=en and enter you start and end points for a list of transport options and timetable information. Also, Google Maps can produce street-directory style, printable maps of any area in Melbourne. It is a good idea to visit and print out information from one or both of these sites before you leave for Melbourne.

All queries regarding the dinner, or accommodation can be directed to Lucy Galbally at <mailto:hospitality@kendovictoria.asn.au>

32AKC Competition Schedule

	Time of Day	Event	Time taken	Elapsed time
Day 1	900	Opening Ceremony	0 hr 30 min	0 hr 30 min
	930	Kyu Individual	2 hr 50 min	3 hr 20 min
	1220	Women's Individual	0 hr 40 min	4 hr 00 min
	1300	Lunch	0 hr 45 min	4 hr 45 min
	1345	Open Individual	2 hr 50 min	7 hr 35 min
	1635	Goodwill Keiko (Optional)	0 hr 25 min	8 hr 00 min
	1700	Close		
Day 2	1000	Kyu Teams	1 hr 40 min	1 hr 40 min
	1140	Women's Teams	0 hr 20 min	2 hr 00 min
	1200	Senior Individual	0 hr 40 min	2 hr 40 min
	1240	Lunch	0 hr 40 min	3 hr 20 min
	1320	Kata Pairs	0 hr 40 min	4 hr 00 min
	1400	Open Teams	1hr 40 min	5 hr 40min
	1540	Presentations and Closing Ceremony	0 hr 40 min	6 hr 20 min
	1620	Goodwill Keiko (Optional)	0 hr 40 min	7 hr 00 min
	1700	Close		