



Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation 9th North American Women's Invitational Kendo Championship

April 20, 2025

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation, I would like to give you, your federation, and/or your club information about the **9th PNKF North American Women's Invitational Kendo Championship**.

On: Saturday, July 19, 2025
9:30 am to 4:00pm
At: Spartan Recreation Center
202 NE 185th St.
Shoreline, WA 98155

Entries are due by **JULY 3rd, 2025**

Cost: \$60

This includes taikai fee, bento and tenugui for each participant.

This event will be a team tournament followed by individual divisions and **all participants must be 16 years of age or older on the date of the taikai**. Each federation or club may enter up to two teams, individuals without teams may be used to backfill teams with less than 5 members. Detailed rules will be posted on **www.womenskendo.com**. The format of the tournament will be similar to the AUSKF Championships and the FIK Championships. There will also be single elimination individual events for both kyu and dan.

Women's Seminar:

We are pleased to announce the return of Chinatsu Murayama, 7D, sensei! She's currently an instructor at Saitama Police, and her achievements include:

World Kendo Championship Team Champion: 2 times

All Japan Women's Kendo Championship: 1st place - 5 times, 2nd place - 2 times, 3rd place - 1 time

All Japan Prefectural Women's Kendo Championship: 1st place - 1 time, 2nd place - 1 time, 3rd place - 3 times

Seminar Information: In addition to the tournament there will be a weeklong seminar and practice for women only, Saturday, July 12 to Thursday, July 17.

- Seminar Fee: \$50 for full seminar or \$20 for Saturday and \$15 per day for all other days.
- All participants must be 15 years of age or older. Please note that the age minimum for the tournament is 16 years; we've lowered the minimum for the seminar to give younger ladies a chance to participate.

Seminar Schedule:

Date and Time	Location
Saturday, July 12, 9:00am - 4:00pm, with lunch break	Sno-King Kendo Club Broadview-Thompson Elementary School East Gym 13052 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133
Sunday, July 13, 10:00am - 1:00pm	Sno-King Kendo Club

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Monday, July 14, 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Highline Kendo Club Steve Cox Memorial Park 1321 SW 102nd St, Seattle, WA 98146
Tuesday, July 15	NO SESSION
Wednesday, July 16, 7:30pm - 9:00pm	Kirkland Kendo Club North Kirkland Community Center 12421 103rd Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98034
Thursday July 17, 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Sno-King Kendo Club Broadview-Thompson Elementary School East Gym 13052 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133

Godo keiko:

The Godo keiko is open to all women, no fee and is not part of the seminar. Murayama sensei will not be giving instructions on this day but will be there.

Friday July 18, 8pm - 9:30pm

Location: Bellevue Kendo Club, Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Rd, Bellevue, WA 98007

Activities:

We will have planned activities with sensei during seminar week, including food, shopping, or sightseeing. More information will be posted on www.womenskendo.com

Hotel for Taikai: We do not have a room block - there are recommendations on www.womenskendo.com and of course, we encourage AirBnB or VRBO for those staying longer for the seminar.

After Taikai Party:

The Bellevue, Highline, Sno-King & Kirkland Kendo Clubs will host an after taikai party for participants and volunteers on Saturday evening from 6pm-11pm, open to all ages, located at:

Gateway Tavern
24309 56th Ave W.
Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

Please RSVP on the final sign up submission for your group. **Cost per person is \$35** and includes food, non-alcoholic and some alcoholic drinks.

Parking, Building & Logistics:

The community center has a parking lot. We will have a break between the team and individual events with a lunch break.

Hope to see you all in July!

Sincerely,

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