

Squad News 27/02/17

SQUAD TRAINING SESSIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL OF THE IAIDO BU

(YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WANT TO BE IN THE SQUAD TO ATTEND STS)

United Kingdom Iaido Squad 2017

6th Dan (1) Anna Stone, (2) Andy Watson, (3) Harry Jones, (4) John Honisz-Greens, (5) Martin Clark, (6) Hugh Darby.

5th Dan (1) Graham Turner, (2) Dave Fanning, (3) John Burn, (4) Andrew Thrower, (5) Lee Mountain, (6) Dave Ansell.

4th Dan (1) Andrew Davis, (2) Kevin Mc Neal, (3) David Parker, (4) Ben Emberley, (5) Rob Townson, (6) Dan Ivermee.

3rd Dan (1) Tecwyn Lee, (2) Ed Umeyama, (3) Ed Marshall, (4) Darren Waghorne, (5) Hannah Davis, (6) Will Heal.

2nd Dan (1) Dale Hipkiss, (2) Amy Shepherd, (3) David Smith, (4) Asta Stasiuleviciene, (5) Tamsin Harrison

(6) Shakir Rahman, (7) Kevin Douglas, (8) Pip Phillips, (9) Robert Boyd.

1st Dan (1) Ben Crabbe.

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We are looking to have a max of 8 people per grade slot.

You can be challenged for your squad position in Taikai Practice at squad STS, If you beat a squad member 3 times you get their place, but they can re-challenge you to regain their place.

Until all 8 places per grade are filled you can still join the squad by application or invitation. You must read and agree the code of conduct then apply via email to the Squad Manager on karliaidoteammanager@yahoo.com

Points will only be awarded to Squad Members.

Points will not be awarded retrospectively.

The minimum points for team selection required will be decided by the selectors (SM. SC and Bucho).

The team will be picked from the squad by the selectors, each will have an equal vote and you will need a minimum of 2 out of 3 to be selected, your points will be taken into account, but not be the only deciding factor.

Selectors reserve the right to vote onto the team wild card entries, this will give us the flexibility to put forward our best team for The EIC.

The main criteria for selection will be **ABILITY**, we will also take into account your support and respect for the squad as a whole, overall effort, your character and your team compatibility.

Gaining a Squad place is an opportunity for you to improve your Iaido, the selection team will be watching and making notes about your performance and improvement.

Again Selection will be based on ABILITY- ABILITY- ABILITY, Points, Team compatibility, Character, ABILITY- ABILITY and ABILITY.

It will be up to you to develop a working relationship with your coach. He/she will be happy to give you feedback , he/she will also give you areas for you to work on which will improve **YOUR** laido. Make sure you take written notes at STS and USE THEM IN YOUR TRAINING.

Ask questions.....the only stupid question is the one you did not ask.

The Taikai floor is a very lonely place, learn to love it and use it to make your laido better

Feel the fear and embrace it to improve.

If you have an idea which you think can be used to improve the squad then speak to the S.M.

THIS IS A TEAM EFFORT!

You may be asked to mentor individuals or small groups this is good for your lai and good for team moral.

All the squad management want from you is **100%** effort and commitment.

So, to the new Squad Members welcome and congratulations you can now start accumulating points by going to the listed seminars and STS. YOU are now the target, you will have to defend your Squad place, so best of luck and enjoy the ride.

Event	Point Value
BKA Seminar Attendance	1
Squad Training (no points for half day attendance)	2
laido Nationals Attendance	3
Nationals Medal Win (Gold)	5
Nationals Medal Win (Silver)	4
Nationals Medal Win (Bronze)	3
Post-AGM Event Attendance	3
Post AGM Event 1st or 2nd place	5

Best Regards

Karl Gibbons

United Kingdom laido Team Manager