

23rd Eishinkan Taikai, October 2022

Dear Jodoka

Following last year's successful Taikai safely held under difficult circumstances thanks to the fine co-operation shown by all competitors, I feel confident enough to hold the Eishinkan Taikai again this year.

I realise that the timing of the EJC in September makes the Autumn schedule very busy but please try to see the event as a chance to relax, have some fun and to introduce your beginners to shiai in an easy-going and relaxed atmosphere.

Please try to arrive at the Millmead Hall, Haversham Rd, Wolverton, Bucks by 10:00 ready for a 10:30 start on Saturday 22nd October.

We plan to finish the final matches by late afternoon, followed by a late lunch/early supper for everyone attending - vegetarian option provided – but please bring your own drinks (cake would also be welcome!).

I would be extremely grateful if any Jodo Godan, Rokudan and Nanadan would be prepared to improve their refereeing skills instead of joining a team, however they are welcome to compete if they prefer.

I will bring enough flags for everyone.

The format and rules are the same as the European Team Championships i.e. 3 players with a maximum of 10 dan in total - with mudan counting as one dan. The kata stipulated will be selected from the first nine forms of the ZNKR Seitei Jodo Kata. This year the Senpo will be asked to perform kata 1-3, Chuken kata 4-6 and Taisho kata 7-9.

All teams not progressing to the tournament stage of the Taikai will be entered into the Plate Competition. Where a team consists of only 2 players the position of Senpo remains vacant and the match will consist of the 2nd and 3rd competitors. As always, anyone attending on a solo basis will be attached to a two-man team wherever possible.

Please note that this is a dojo team event and at least two representatives should be registered with the same Dojo.

Please let Jock and Amanda know, by telephone or e-mail before the end of September, if your Dojo will be entering a team. The cost of entering each team is £30 and to make things easier Amanda has kindly offered the preferred option of her Paypal account to keep the event cash- free.

Any dojo may enter as many teams as it wishes. In order to keep the entry fee as low as possible we are unable to cover expenses for referees but as usual there will be a small gift for all participants.

It would greatly help if teams & referees register by the end of September so that an adequate number of participant gifts can be organised.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alain Bangard, Amanda Allen and members of Kenmukan Dojo for their invaluable help in supporting this event and to Jinmukan Dojo for kindly funding the purchase of the sanko-sho.

In order to maximise the safe running of the event we ask everyone to read the following safety advice carefully. Thank you for your cooperation in making this event as safe as possible.

If you have any further questions/suggestions please email Jock at jockhopson@gmail.com

Lastly, please, please bring back the trophies, preferably engraved with your triumph from last year (Lisa, Lee, Colin, Rob, Hobbits and Eimeikan)

Jock Hopson 14/09/22

Eishinkan taikai at Milmead Hall: Note re Risks

The Eishinkan taikai will be held at 12 noon on 22nd October 2022 at Millmead Hall, Haversham Rd, Wolverton, Bucks.

Although the legal regime in respect of COVID has been superseded, there is still some risk of community transmission of COVID and therefore you will need to make a personal assessment of risk before deciding to attend this event.

To assist you in this, you may find the following information helpful:

- The Hall is well ventilated with multiple windows on both sides and a through flow of air.
- Please do not attend this event if you have any cold or flu like symptoms at all
- We will not be requiring lateral flow testing as a precondition, but will request all participants to conduct a test before setting off for the event
- If you can travel by car please do but if you have to take public transport please wear a mask while doing so
- As usual there will be food provided at the end of the event; we will manage this by seating 6 people at each table and calling them up to collect food (no self service).
- Masks may be worn at participants' discretion

We will take as many reasonable steps as we are able to try to mitigate risks from Covid. However, given the increased number of people in the hall compared to dojo training, the level of risk may still be higher than in your usual training sessions.

Thank you for your cooperation in making this event as safe as is possible in the circumstances.

Please note that should this event be prevented from taking place for reasons connected with COVID or other matters beyond the control of the organisers, then team entry fees will be refunded but we are not able to offer compensation for other expenses.

Eishinkan Taikai Team Entry Form: Please register additional teams on a separate sheet.

Dojo

Team Member

Team Member

Team Member

5/6/7Dan Referees: _____

Dojo_____

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