



Spring 2024 Iaido & Jodo Seminar and Grading - Swindon

We would like to invite you to the first BKA Iaido and Jodo seminar of 2024. This event will be held at **Kingsdown School, Swindon** on the **9th & 10th of March 2024**. A grading will be held on March 10th and will be up to 4th Dan in Iaido and 3rd Dan in Jodo.

Al Colebourn, Jodo Bucho.

Phil Henderson, Iaido Bucho.

The Iaido Seminar will be led by

Peter West, Kyoshi 7th Dan

Assisted by

Jane Styles, Kyoshi 7th Dan
Alan Lee Nash, Renshi 6th Dan
Martin Clark, Renshi 6th Dan
Tony Devine, 6th Dan
John Burn 6th Dan

The Jodo Seminar will be led by

Al Colebourn 6th Dan

Assisted by

Oliver Jarvis 5th Dan



COVID-19 : ATTENDANCE CONDITIONS & ADVICE

The government has relaxed Covid-19 precautions and so we will not be asking for a negative test result on registration at the seminar. However we **strongly recommend taking one the evening before or the morning of your first day of attending**. Everyone should make their own Health & Safety evaluation and act responsibly.

- **do not attend if you have any Covid-like symptoms. Seminar refunds/credits are available in these circumstances.**
- **please be aware of others in indoor, enclosed spaces. Wearing a face covering is not mandatory but is encouraged, especially in areas of higher risk e.g changing facilities, doorways.**
- **do not invite guests to the seminar, including to observe the grading.**

During the seminar try to maintain distancing whenever possible, especially if observing a teacher (*shugo*).

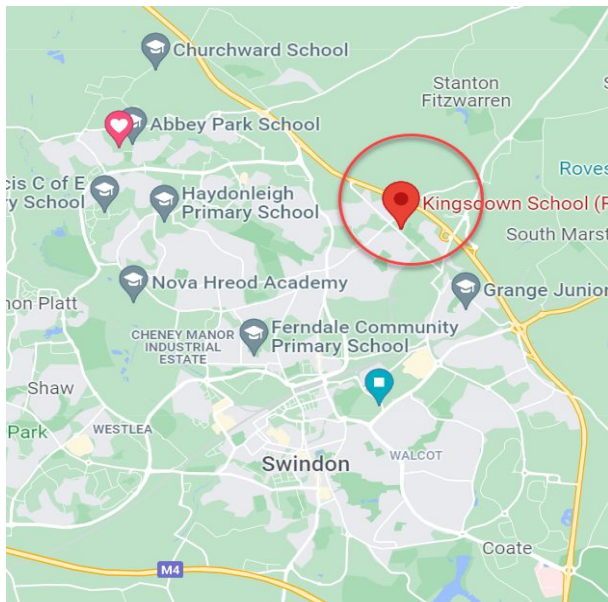
While we don't expect there to be any changes to Government guidelines and/or local venue requirements, anything is possible. Should the event be cancelled then the BKA will refund seminar fees or allow a credit against future event. **However the BKA cannot accept responsibility for travel and accommodation costs so members should be aware of the risk in making non-refundable bookings.**

To ensure everyone's safety during the seminar, teachers and organisers may request changes to the established training methods such as training bubbles and use of own weapons only.

Please make sure that you book the correct event and grading!

VENUE

[Kingsdown School: Hyde Rd, Swindon SN2 7SH](#)



There are two sites close together on B4006 Hyde Road. The 'Old' Gym (Jodo) is on the school campus. The Sports Hall and Dance Studio (Iaido) are in the Sports Centre a short distance away.

Access by car: Access by car is via the M4 (E&W) and M40 and A420 from North

Parking: Free parking onsite. On Sunday everyone should park at the Sports Centre.

Access by public transport: Nearest station is Swindon, 4.7 miles

Buses: No 10 bus every 25 mins ([Google Maps](#)) within 250 meters of station

Rail information can be obtained from the following website: www.nationalrail.co.uk

SCHEDULE

IAIDO

SPORTS HALL & DANCE STUDIO (Sports Centre)

Saturday

- 09:30 Registration begins
- 10:00 Seminar starts – Sports Hall
- 13:00 - 13:45 Lunch
- 10:00 Seminar restarts – Sports Hall & Dance Studio
- 14:15 - 17:00 Day 1 concludes

Sunday

- 09:00 Hall opens – Registration begins
- 09:30 Seminar starts
- 13:00 Seminar Ends
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Grading Registration
- 14:00 Grading commences – Iaido to follow Jodo
- 16:00 Event closes

JODO

'OLD' GYM (Kingsdown School Campus) (not the same hall as previous years.)

Saturday

- 09:00 Hall Open – Registration begins
- 09:30 Seminar starts
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 - 17:00 Day 1 concludes

Sunday

- 09:00 Hall opens – Registration begins
- 09:30 Seminar starts
- 13:00 Seminar Ends
- 13:00 to 14:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Grading Registration
- 14:00 Jodo grading starts (followed by the Iaido grading)
- 16:00 Event closes

PRICES

A discount is offered for early birds until 23:59 on the 23rd of February

IAIDO	Early booking	Late booking
Full members		
Full member 2 days	£60	£70
Full member 1 day	£30	£35
Concessionary Members		
Concessionary Member 2 days	£40	£50
Concessionary Member 1 day	£20	£25

JODO	Early booking	Late booking
Full Members		
Full member 2 days	£75	£85
Full member 1 day	£40	£45
Concessionary Members		
Concessionary Member 2 days	£45	£55
Concessionary Member 1 day	£25	£30

ACCOMMODATION

We suggest:

[Premier Inn, Swindon Central](#)

[Travelodge, Swindon Central](#)

[The Tawny Owl Pub](#)

Or find your own room under £80 [here](#):

We recommend you book a flexible rate room that provides refunds in case of cancellation.

LUNCHES

Please bring your own packed lunches and drinks. There is a CO-OP 0.3 miles away

GRADING

IAIDO

Gradings, up to 4th dan will be held on the Sunday afternoon from 2pm (following the Jodo grading). Grading applications must be completed online and the grading question paper submitted to the Iaido grading officer **no later than 25th of February**. Grading Questions should be sent to: iaidograding@britishkendoassociation.com.

JODO

Gradings, up to 3rd dan will be held on the Sunday afternoon before the Iaido grading. Grading applications must be completed online and the grading question paper submitted to the Jodo grading officer **no later than 2nd of March**. Grading Questions should be sent to: jodograding@britishkendoassociation.com.

The grading questions can be found here: [Iaido](#) [Jodo](#)

Non-BKA members are requested to either register online through the seminar booking process and pay beforehand, or inform the Grading Officer of your wish to grade if you have problems booking online. You will also need to provide a letter of permission from your own federation to take part in the grading.

BOOKING

BKA Members

Please book onto this event through the online booking system by going through your [account](#). You will need to add items to your basket and return to the booking screen to add accommodation nights, sayonara party booking etc where relevant. Please make sure that you have booked:

1. **The correct seminar booking.**
2. **The correct grading if you are grading.**

If you have any problems with the online booking system, please contact the relevant Events Officer.

If you have a credit from a previous event do not book online. Instead email the Jodo/Iaido Events Officer who will manually add your name to the list.

Overseas visitors only

You can now book onto the event via the BKA website online registration system as a “guest member”. To do this you will need to:

1. Go to the link: <https://membership.britishkendoassociation.com/register.php>
2. Make sure that you have logged out of any existing membership from previous years.

3. Register a User Name and Password, email address and submit.
4. You will receive a link in your email. Click on this to confirm.
5. You will be directed to a page to enter your full details.

You will then be allowed to book onto the events required (follow BKA members instructions from there on).

If you are unable to achieve this please contact the relevant Bucho.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND

If the event is cancelled for reasons beyond our control, all booking fees will be refunded or transferred to another event.

IAIDO

Cancellations for personal reasons must be received in writing (email) by 2nd of March for a full refund.

JODO

Cancellations must be received in writing (email) by 2nd of March for a full refund.

If you do not cancel or do not attend the event, no refunds will be made.

You can transfer your seminar place to another person providing the event relevant Event Officer is notified, and that person completes an application form (this can be done on the day). Alternatively, by agreement, your fee can be transferred to the next event of equivalent cost.

UNDER 18

Any juniors wishing to attend this seminar should contact the Events Officer before registering (email addresses below).

Juniors who are not with their guardians are assumed to be under the care of their Dojo Leader or Appropriate Adult. Please inform the relevant Bucho by email the name of the responsible person.

CONTACTS

IAIDO

Event Officer: Sam Gerlach

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Grading Officer: David Parker

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Bucho: Phil Henderson

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JODO

Event Officer: Mark Thurman

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Grading Officer: Ally Mihaylova-Smith

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Bucho: Alastair Colebourn

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