2025 Summer Seminar and Grading - Cambridge

We would like to invite you to the BKA Summer Iaido Seminar and Grading. This event will be held at **Cambridge University Sports Centre** on the **15th** to the **17th** of August 2025. A grading up to **5th** dan will be held on August 17th.

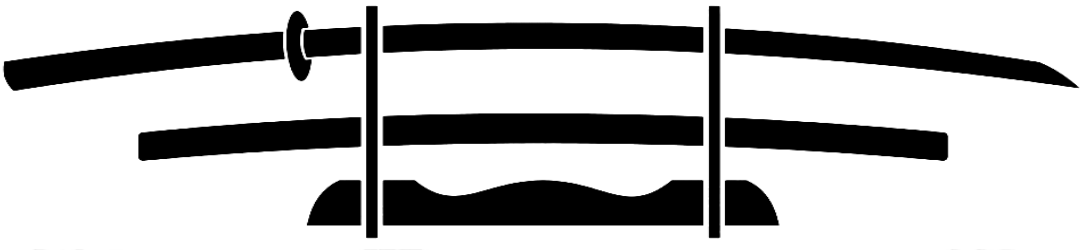
Donnie Gordon, Iaido Bucho.

The Iaido Seminar will be led by

Chris Mansfield, Kyoshi 7th Dan

Assisted by

Fay Goodman, Kyoshi 7th Dan
Peter West, Kyoshi 7th Dan
Andy Watson, Kyoshi 7th Dan
Jane Styles, Kyoshi 7th Dan
Harry Jones, Kyoshi 7th Dan



VENUE

[Cambridge University Sports Centre](), Philippa Fawcett Drive, Cambridge CB3 0AS

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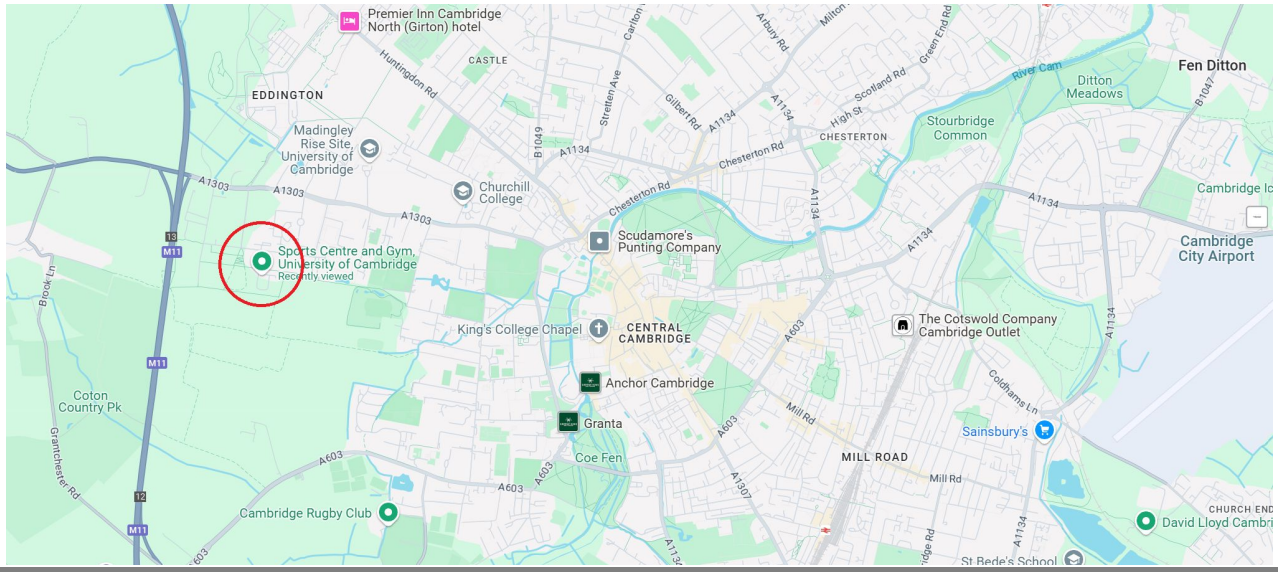
Access Information including directions, parking etc can be found here

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



SCHEDULE

Main Sports Hall

Friday 15th
09:00 Registration begins
09:30 Seminar starts
13:00 Lunch
13:45 Seminar restarts
17:00 Day 1 concludes

Saturday 16th
09:00 Registration begins
09:30 Seminar starts
13:00 Lunch
13:45 Seminar restarts
17:00 Day 2 concludes

Sunday 17th
09:00 Seminar registration
09:30 Seminar starts
13:00 Seminar Ends
13:00 Lunch & Grading Registration
13:45 Grading commences
16:00 Event closes

PRICES

A discount is offered for early birds until 23:59 on the 31st of July

IAIDO	Early booking	Late booking
Full members		
Full member 3 days	£90	£105
Full member Friday/Saturday/Sunday (per day)	£30	£35
Concessionary Members		
Concessionary Member 3 days	£60	£75
Concessionary Member Friday/Saturday/Sunday (per day)	£20	£25

For those attending only part of the seminar, please book each day individually in the booking system

ACCOMMODATION

Colleges:
We suggest **Churchill College Cambridge**, it is quite close to the venue, a 5-10 minute walk. Click the link to book.

Additional:
Cambridge University colleges provide B&B accommodation through UniversityRooms.com. Murray Edwards College is also close to the venue and have parking available.

Hotels:
Premier Inn Cambridge North (Girton)
Premier Inn Cambridge (A14)
Travelodge Cambridge Central

Or find your own room under £80 **here:**

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

LUNCHES

There is a cafeteria on site located here:
https://www.google.com/maps/dir//52.2086532,0.0899708/@52.2079406,0.0895589,120a,35y,39.54t/data=!3m1!1e3!4m2!4m1!3e0

However we are not sure of opening times. Alternatively there is a Sainsbury's located within 20 mins walk here:
https://stores.sainsburys.co.uk/2709/cambridge-eddington-avenue

Please be aware that they open from 10am on Sundays!

Organised Group Meals

Sayonara Party - There will be a Sayonara Party in Cambridge on the evening of Saturday 16th August. This will be held at Nines Global Buffet from 7:30pm. More information can be found here: https://www.ninesrestaurant.co.uk/

This is available for pre-registration on the BKA online booking system.

BKA members - Please pre-register on the online booking system before the deadline dates.
Non-BKA members - Please-register by emailing the Events Officer on the email address at the end of this flyer by the deadline dates.

GRADING

IAIDO

Gradings, up to **5th** dan will be held on the Sunday afternoon from 2pm. Grading applications must be completed online and the grading question paper submitted to the Iaido grading officer **no later than 31st of July.**

Grading Questions should be sent to: iaidograding@britishkendoassociation.com.

The grading questions can be found here: **Iaido**

Non-BKA EKF Members are asked to apply from their own Federations via the EKF webportal. If you have any problems with this then please contact your own international representative.

Non-BKA Non-EKF members are asked to do the following:

1. Email the relevant Grading Officer as well as the BKA Director of International Affairs (internationalaffairs@britishkendoassociation.com) with:
   a. details of your application
   b. a scan/copy of your previous menjo
   c. a letter of authorisation from your federation
2. You can pay for application and menjo registration at the seminar (card and cash payments are possible).

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 Iaido 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.

Cancellations for personal reasons must be received in writing (email) by 15th of July 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.

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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: David Hickey
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