



Northern 2025 laido Seminar and Grading

We would like to invite you to the Northern BKA laido seminar and Grading. This event will be held at **Kenton School Sports Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne** on the **1st & 2nd of November 2025**. A grading will be held on November 2nd and will be up to 4th Dan.

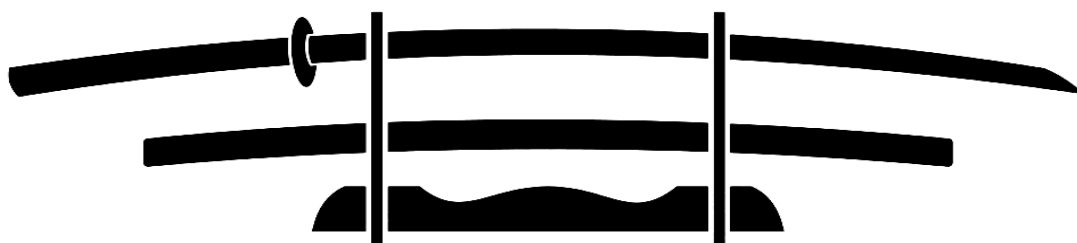
Donnie Gordon, laido Bucho.

The laido Seminar will be led by

Andy Watson, Kyoshi 7th Dan

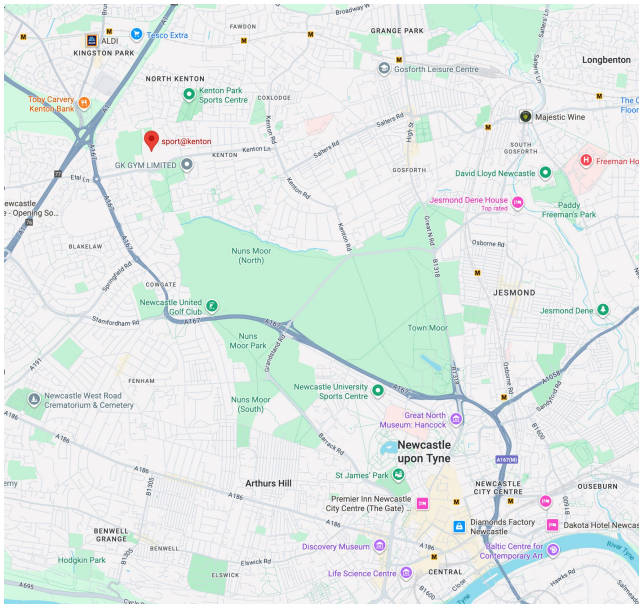
Assisted by

Hugh Darby, Renshi 6th Dan
Stuart Shirreff, Renshi 6th Dan
Robert Townson, Renshi 6th Dan
John Burn, Renshi 6th Dan
David Parker, 6th Dan
Oliver Jarvis, 6th Dan



VENUE

Kenton School, Drayton Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3RU



The Kenton School location can be found on the map opposite

Access by car: Access by car is via Kenton Lane (not Drayton Road)

Parking: Free parking onsite

Access by public transport:
Nearest Metro station is Kingston Park, a 25 minute walk from the venue

Buses: Buses 10 and 11 stop close by. See <https://www.nexus.org.uk/> for travel planning

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SCHEDULE

Sports Hall

Saturday

- 09:00** Registration begins
- 09:30** Seminar starts
- 13:00** Lunch
- 13:45** Seminar restarts
- 17:00** Day 1 concludes

Sunday

- 09:00** Grading and Seminar registration
- 09:30** Seminar starts
- 13:00** Seminar Ends
- 13:00** Lunch
- 13:45** Grading commences
- 16:00** Event closes

PRICES

A discount is offered for early birds until 23:59 on the 17th of October

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

ACCOMMODATION

We suggest:

Metro Inns: Ponteland Road, Kenton Bank, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3TY

Travelodge Newcastle Airport: Kenton Bank, Newcastle upon Tyne, GB NE3 3TY

Novotel Newcastle Airport: Ponteland Road, Kenton, Newcastle upon Tyne, GB NE3 3HZ

Which are all a very short distance from the venue. We recommend you book a flexible rate room that provides refunds in case of cancellation.

Within a 10 minute drive: Many good places to stay, eat and drink in the City Centre and Jesmond.

Jury's Inn: Scotswood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4AD

Holiday Inn Express: Waterloo Square, St James' Blvd, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4DN

Sandman's Signature: Gallowgate, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 2TB

We recommend avoiding anywhere in the West End (Arthur's Hill, Scotswood, Benwell, Elswick)

LUNCHES

There are a few shops and supermarkets within 5 minutes drive from the venue, alternatively you can bring your own packed lunches and drinks. There is seating space at the school available.

GRADING

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Gradings, up to 4th dan will be held on the Sunday afternoon from 2pm. Grading applications must be completed online and the grading question paper submitted to the laido grading officer **no later than 17th of October**. Grading Questions should be sent to: laidograting@britishkendoassociation.com.

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

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/laido 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 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 **24th** of October 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

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