



West Midlands 2026 Iaido & Jodo Seminar and Grading

We would like to invite you to the West Midlands BKA Iaido and Jodo seminar of 2026. This event will be held at **Shenley Academy** in **South West Birmingham** on the **16th & 17th of May 2026**. A grading will be held on May 17th and will be up to 4th Dan in Iaido and 3rd Dan in Jodo.

Andrew Terry, Jodo Bucho.
Andy Watson, Iaido Bucho.

The Iaido Seminar will be led by

Fay Goodman, 7th Dan Kyoshi

Assisted by

Colin Porter, 6th Dan
Ben Emberley, 6th Dan

The Jodo Seminar will be led by

Al Colebourn, 7th Dan

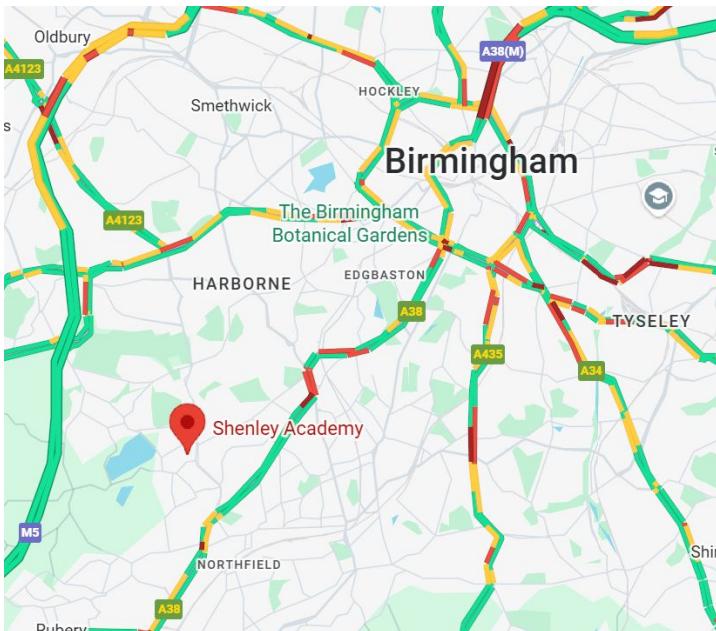
Assisted by

Rob Colson, 6th Dan Renshi



VENUE

[Shenley Academy, Shenley Lane, Birmingham B29 4HE](#)



Access

Access by car: Good access from the M5 Jct 3 and 4

Parking: Free parking onsite

Access by public transport:

Selly Oak Station (45 mins walk or 2.5 miles cab)

Buses: X21 runs every 30 mins to within 200 metres of venue

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

SCHEDULE

IAIDO

SPORTS HALL

Saturday

09:30 Hall open – Registration begins

10:00 Seminar starts

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 17:00 Day 1 concludes

Sunday

09:30 Hall opens – Registration

09:45 Seminar restarts

13:00 Seminar Ends

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

13:30 Grading Registration

14:15 Grading commences – Iaido to follow

Jodo

16:00 Event closes

JODO

Drama Studio/Theatre

Saturday

09:30 Hall Open – Registration begins

10:00 Seminar starts

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 17:00 Day 1 concludes

Sunday

09:30 Hall opens – Registration begins

10:00 Seminar restarts

13:00 Seminar Ends

13:00 to 14:00 Lunch

13:30 Grading Registration

14:15 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 3rd of May

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	£85	£95
Full member 1 day	£45	£55
Concessionary Members		
Concessionary Member 2 days	£55	£65
Concessionary Member 1 day	£30	£35

ACCOMMODATION

We suggest:

[The Avenue and Log Club](#)
[Premier Inn Birmingham South \(Rubery\)](#)

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 small convenience shop within 0.4 miles and an ASDA Superstore 1.2 Miles (**opens at 10 on Sundays**)

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 the 5th of May**. 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 the 5th of May**. 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

Please contact the relevant Bucho at the addresses below.

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 16th of May 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: Al Colebourn
iaidoevents@britishkendoassociation.com

Grading Officer: David Parker
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Bucho: Andy Watson
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JODO

Event Officer: Mark Thurman
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Grading Officer: Ally Mihaylova-Smith
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Bucho: Andrew Terry
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