



## **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 **16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2026**. A grading will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> and will be up to 4<sup>th</sup> Dan in Iaido and 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan in Jodo.

**Andrew Terry, Jodo Bucho.**

**Andy Watson, Iaido Bucho.**

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### **The Iaido Seminar will be led by**

Fay Goodman, 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Kyoshi

#### **Assisted by**

Colin Porter, 6<sup>th</sup> Dan  
Ben Emberley, 6<sup>th</sup> Dan

### **The Jodo Seminar will be led by**

Al Colebourn, 7<sup>th</sup> Dan

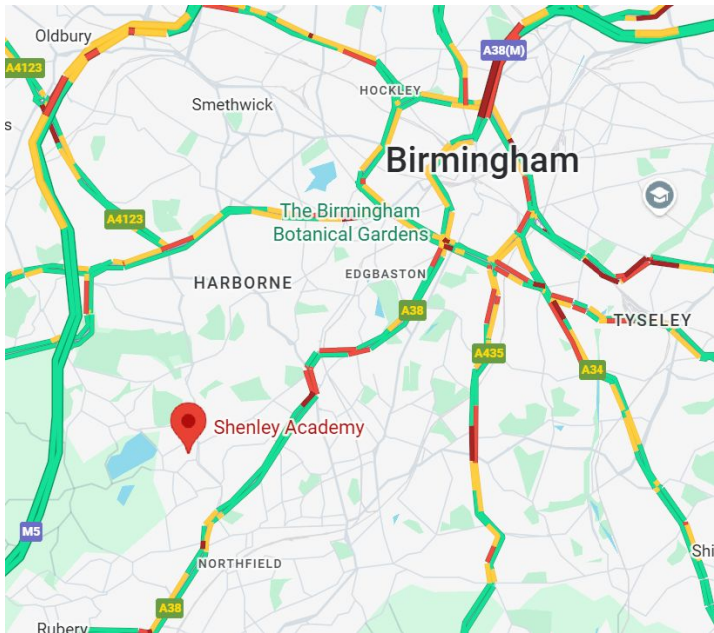
#### **Assisted by**

Rob Colson, 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **4<sup>th</sup>** 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 5<sup>th</sup> of May**. Grading Questions should be sent to [iaidograding@britishkendoassociation.com](mailto:iaidograding@britishkendoassociation.com).

### JODO

Gradings, up to **3<sup>rd</sup>** 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 5<sup>th</sup> of May**. Grading Questions should be sent to [jodograding@britishkendoassociation.com](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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  
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**Grading Officer:** David Parker  
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**Bucho:** Andy Watson  
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### JODO

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