

# **The 36th Greater Northeastern U.S. Kendo Tournament**

## **To all Sensei and Kendo Practitioners**

We hope this message finds you well during these lingering summer days. Although the heat has subsided somewhat and the weather has become relatively more comfortable, we hope you are all doing well.

We are pleased to announce that the GNEUSKF will be hosting the 36th Greater Northeast U.S. Kendo Tournament on Sunday, September 20th, at the Keio Academy of New York Gymnasium, in collaboration with Shidogakuin New York Shidokan.

In conjunction with this event, we will hold a seminar and joint practice session on the evening of Friday, September 18, at the New York Shidokan in Pleasantville, followed by a seminar at the same dojo on Saturday, September 19.

For this tournament and seminar, we are honored to have Masaharu Kakehashi sensei (Hanshi, 8th Dan), former Chief Shihan of the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department and Shihan at Nogi Shrine Shobukan and Takeshi Ishii (Hanshi, 8th Dan), former Shihan of the Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department and Shihan at the Tokyo Budokan.

We understand you are all very busy, but we look forward to your participation.

Shozo Kato, President of GNEUSKF and Shihan of Shidogakuin NY Shidokan

## **Seminar and Tournament Schedule**

**September 18 (Friday):** Seminar and joint training session from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location: New York Shidokan Pleasantville Dojo  
175 Tompkins Avenue, Pleasantville, NY 10570

**September 19 (Saturday):** Seminar and joint practice from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
Welcome Party at the dojo following joint practice

Location: New York Shidokan Pleasantville Dojo  
175 Tompkins Avenue, Pleasantville, NY 10570

**September 21 (Sunday):** The 36th Greater Northeastern U.S. Kendo Tournament  
Time: Opening Ceremony at 9:00 AM; Closing Ceremony scheduled for 5:00 PM

Location: Keio Academy of New York Gymnasium  
3 College Road, Purchase, NY 10577

## **Tournament Divisions:**

### **Individual Divisions:**

- Under 9 Years Old Division
- 10–12 Years Old Division
- Middle School Division (13–15 Years Old)
- Girls' Division (13–18 Years Old)
- High School and College Division (16–23 Years Old / Graduate students are not eligible)
- General Division (1st Dan and Below)
- General Division (2nd–4th Dan)
- General Division (5th Dan and Above)
- Women's Division
- Senior Division (Over 50 years old)

### **3-Player Team Division:**

- Elementary and Middle School Division (15 and under)
  - Senpo (10 and under)
  - Chuken (11-13 years)
  - Taisho (13-15 years)
- Girls' Division (Ages 13–18)
- High School Division (Ages 16-18)

### **5-Player Team Division:**

- Open Dan Rank Division
  - Senpo and Jiho (16 and older)
  - Chuken, Fukusho, and Taisho (18 and older)

*Please note divisions may change based on the amount of participant entry.*

Eligibility: Must be a member of the All United States Kendo Federation

## **Seminar/Tournament Fees**

### **Seminar Fee:**

**Friday only** - Adult \$30, Youth (18 and under) \$20

**Saturday only** - Adult \$50, Youth (18 and under) \$30

**Both days** - Adult \$65, Youth (18 and under) \$40

**Welcome Party Fee:** (includes light refreshments and drinks): Adults \$25, Students and Youth (21 and under) \$15

**Tournament Entry Fee:** Individual and Team Events (one division each) – Adults \$40, Youth (18 and under) \$30

**Lunch box fee:** \$18 each for Saturday and Sunday (Chicken Karaage or Salmon Beni-Jyake)

## **Registration and Waiver**

Registration will be completed on a dojo basis - please contact your dojo representative to register for the tournament/seminar. However, individuals are required to fill out the following waiver form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffHoUVyQvjwT4QmG1Vn6Sn3Ul-PQesW6xT08Q9dyo9p2GgKA/viewform>

Payment will be made on a dojo basis. For dojo representatives, please make payment by either of the two following methods:

1. Zelle - [s.kato.gneuskf@gmail.com](mailto:s.kato.gneuskf@gmail.com) (tag *gneuskf*)
2. Check written to GNEUSKF mailed to

Shozo Kato  
50 Webster Avenue Unit 2A  
New Rochelle, NY 10801

The registration deadline is **Wednesday, September 9th, 2026.**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact [shidokanevents@gmail.com](mailto:shidokanevents@gmail.com)**