



**British
Kendo
Association**

2010 Iaido and Jodo Referees Seminar

We are delighted to announce details of this year's refereeing seminar for Iaido and Jodo in the UK. We are extremely privileged for this event to be supported by the following sensei:

Ishido Shizufumi Sensei – Iaido 8th dan Hanshi
Jodo 8th dan Kyoshi

Yoshimura Kenichi Sensei – Iaido 8th dan Kyoshi
Jodo 7th dan Kyoshi

The main purpose of the seminar is to instil into the participants:

- The rules and procedures for judging taikai
- The criteria on which to judge taikai

The seminar is open to all levels. There will be an opportunity to practice during the shiai training sessions and possibly get some useful feedback.



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The seminar will focus on both Iaido and Jodo in parallel running across both days. The seminar is a practical one and so it is advised for all participants to:

- Bring training weapons and keikogi
- Not to wear montsuki
- To bring flags (those over 4th dan will be expected to have their own flags)
- To bring the ZNKR technical manuals for either or both arts

Additionally the invited sensei's will oversee a low-cost practice on Friday 16th afternoon and evening (venue to be confirmed). This practice is open to everyone but will focus on those who are taking particularly high-level grades soon.

We will be making the most of the opportunity to hold a 4th dan Jodo grading on Sunday afternoon. Full application details will be available on the BKA website shortly.

Venue: Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre, Stevenage

Dates and Times:

Saturday 17 th April 2010	10:00 – 17:00
Sunday 18 th April 2010	10:00 – 17:00

Costs:

Pre-seminar training on Friday :	£20.00
Main refereeing seminar :	£60.00

Local Information

Getting there

Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre is in the centre of Stevenage town. It is easily accessible by a link bridge to the main station. Closest airports are Luton and Stansted.

If travelling by train then the following website is very useful for train journey planning:

<http://ojp.nationalrail.co.uk/en/s/planjourney/query>

Accommodation

Stevenage has a wide range of accommodation including Ibis, Holiday Inn etc.

Rooms normally cost from between £40 and £50 per night per person.

Eating out

The majority of eating places can be found on the other side of Stevenage rail station from the main town. There are also many pubs and restaurants in the old town which is easily reached on foot from the main town.

A full set of local guide documents will be posted to those attending the seminar and will be also posted on the BKA website.