



The Kendo Bu is proud to announce that the 2010 British open will be held as follows:

Date: Saturday, 16th October 2010
Time: 10am - 5pm
Venue: Mumeishi Kendo Club
Cranford Community College
High Street
Cranford, Middlesex
TW4 9PD

This year we have a plethora of hosts and guests, among which, the BKA Chairman: Mr Errol Blake and the Kendo Bucho: Mr Mike Davis. The competition's referee team comprises up to 14 experienced BKA referees led by Mr John Howell. Several dojo are also actively supporting the event with their members: Mumeishi, Hizem, Imperial and Nenriki so far.

The British Open is a competition open to all kendoka with limitation only for age. The Men, Ladies and Juniors competitions are organised as individual matches. Juniors will be made up of 14-17 year olds, one group only. Ladies competition can only be held if there is a minimum of 10 entrants. If there is time we will have one hour gigeiko at the end. Everyone is welcome to join in.

The event will be filmed and the final, semi-final and some of the most remarkable shiai will be posted onto the BKA website.

Entry fee is set at £10 and applications must be made by the end of September via the BKA website at the following address (Further application information will be published soon)

There will be a wealth of medals and prizes to be won so polish your sword, prepare your best keikogi and hurry up and apply.

Referee Team:

Mr John Howell 7th Dan – Shinpancho

Mr Terry Holt 7th Dan

Mr Jeff Humm 7th Dan

Mr John O'Sullivan 6th Dan

Mr Gary O'Donnell 6th Dan

Mr Takashi Mano 6th Dan

Mr Steve Bishop 6th Dan

Mr Rick Schofield 5th Dan

Mr Gerry Kinkaid 5th Dan

Mr Emanuele Levi 5th Dan

Ms Emiko Yoshikawa 5th Dan

Mr Clive Sinclair 4th Dan

Support for the courts will be given by:

General Management - Mumeishi Dojo

Court A Management - Imperial Dojo

Court B Management - Hizen Dojo

Event Programme:

10.00-10.30 Registration & Shinai check

10.30-10.50 Opening ceremony – Chairman of the BKA & Kendo Bucho speech

10.50-11.00 Rules of the taikai and remarks (Shinpancho)

11.00-16.00 Men, Ladies and Juniors Championship

16.00-16.15 Prize giving and Closing Ceremony

16/15-17.15 Jigeiko

The British Open promotes goodwill and friendship. In this light we are enticing the help of all kendoka and dojo that would like to contribute to this event. We are still looking for people to help with the logistics, transportation, food provision, filming, and reporting of the event. If you think you can contribute please write to the organiser - Kendo Grading Officer: kendoofficer@gmail.com.

If you cannot help but would like to sponsor with money, prizes, etc please contact the Kendo Bu Cashier jopetrie@blueyonder.co.uk