

Kobudo Seminar

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The focus of the seminar is to lay a solid groundwork for training in Kobudo. The progression will parallel the association's syllabus. We will separate the participants into manageable groups based on experience. All groups will review the kihon. All groups will work with the Bo and Sai. Depending on previous experience and requirements for grading preparation, other weapons will be reviewed with selected individuals. Beginners will also be working with Nunchaku and Tekko. Please bring as many weapons as possible and be prepared to share them with others who do not have weapons. We will have groups working on Bo while others are working on Sai, Nunchaku, or another weapon so that at all times all people should have a chance to train.

Help with translation will be welcome.

Kobudo Testing

Only those persons who have been training in Kobudo for the required period of time and can demonstrate sufficient proficiency are eligible to test. Additionally persons need to register as a member and must have the required time in grade. We understand that many people have experience in Kobudo from various sources, and that will be considered when determining the eligibility of applicants. However, the association is strict in requiring its members to conform to standard techniques that demonstrate the association's teachings. Akamine Kaicho will evaluate each application separately based on merit, effort, and spirit of the applicant. It is not sufficient just to be able to do the Kata, or even to be able to do the Kata at a high skill level, to pass the tests, the applicant must do the Kata and techniques as taught by the Association.

All grading requirements are included for completeness, however advanced grades can only be considered for registered members with required longevity.

Junior Grading 昇級 (Ikkyu)

Mézato no Tekkó 前里の鉄甲

Shushi no Kon Sho 周氏の棍(小)

Mézato no Nunchaku 前里のヌンチャク

(Typically less than two years of experience in Kobudo)

Shodan 初段

Sakugawa no Kon Sho 佐久川の棍(小)

Chikinshitahaku no Sai 津堅志多伯の鉞

Akamine no Nunchaku 赤嶺のヌンチャク

(More than two years doing Kobudo)

Nidan 弐段

Shushi no Kon Dai 周氏の棍(大)

Chatanyara no Sai 北谷屋良の釵

Hamahiga no Tunfá 浜比嘉のトウフアー
(More than two years since passing Shodan)

Sandan 参段

Sakugawa no Kon Dai 佐久川の棍(小/大)

Hamahiga no Sai 浜比嘉の釵

Kanegawa no Tinbé 鐘川のティンペー
(More than two years since passing Nidan)

Yondan 四段

Yuniga (Yonegawa) no Kon Left hand 米川の棍

Kugusuku (Kojó) no Sai 湖城の釵

Kanegawa no Nicho Gama 鐘川の2丁鎌
(More than two years since passing Sandan)

Godan 五段

Shirotaru no Kon 白樽の棍

Tawada no Sai 多和田の釵

Chikinsunakake (Tsuken Sunakake) no Ekku 津堅砂掛の棍
(Godan can only be given at the Hombu in Okinawa)

Dan Grade Testing Fees are enclosed for reference. All prices are in Japanese Yen.

Dan Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Registration										
Cost	2000	3000	4000	5000	15000	25000	30000	35000	45000	50000
Test Fee	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
Association Application Fee	One Time Cost 5000 (usually collected at Shodan)									
Shihan License	Not eligible until 5 th Dan				One Time Cost 10000					
Instructors License	Eligible from 3rd Dan		One Time Cost 10000							
Dojo License	Eligible from 3rd Dan		One Time Cost 10000							