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Welcome from the Federation President

On behalf of the Canadian Kendo Federation, I am honoured to welcome all competitors, officials, volunteers, distinguished guests, and supporters to the 22nd Canadian National Kendo Championships in Burnaby, British Columbia.

Every three years, these Championships bring together kendoka from across Canada to celebrate the highest level of national competition. More than a tournament, these events embody the spirit of Canadian kendo: resilience, self-discipline, character, and deepening the friendships that unite our community from coast to coast. It is at events such as these where memories and rivalries are made that raise the level of kendo in Canada and create stories for generations.



Our National Championships are especially meaningful as an important milestone in our preparation for the World Kendo Championships, and the 20th edition will be in Tokyo, Japan, in May of 2027. These Championships offer competitors the opportunity to demonstrate the kendo they have developed through dedicated training, and enable referees, instructors, and coaches to continue raising the standard of Canadian kendo through fair, consistent, and principled competition and officiating. I hope we can demonstrate this at the world stage next year.

I am also honoured to welcome Daiki Kiwada sensei, Kyoshi 8 Dan, Head Coach of the Canadian Men's National Team, and Yoshinari Sasagawa sensei, Kyoshi 7 Dan of the Hyogo Prefectural Police, and we sincerely thank both sensei for sharing their knowledge, experience, to help not only the National Team but also the Canadian kendo community through the seminars around this Championships.

These Championships would not be possible without the dedication of those who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes. I extend my sincere appreciation to the British Columbia Kendo Federation, the Organizing Committee, our referees, court officials, volunteers, sponsors, and the family members and friends whose support makes this event possible.

To all competitors, I encourage you to perform to the best of your ability and regardless of the outcome, may this inspire you to train with harder with dedication on continue your lifelong journey in kendo.

I hope everyone enjoys beautiful British Columbia, reconnects with old friends, makes new ones, and creates lasting memories throughout the weekend.

Sincerely,

Hyun-June Choi
President
Canadian Kendo Federation



August 8-9, 2026

It is my honour to extend a formal welcome to all athletes, sensei, officials, volunteers, and supporters attending the 22nd Canadian National Kendo Championship here in British Columbia. As President of the BC Kendo Federation, Head of the Tournament Committee, and representative of our host province, I am privileged to stand before you in service of this important national event.

This championship is a celebration of kendo in Canada — a gathering shaped by dedication, discipline, and the enduring spirit of Martial art, Kendo. The commitment shown by kendoka across the country reflects the strength of our community and the values we uphold: respect, perseverance, and sincerity.

I wish to acknowledge the tireless efforts of our organizing team, leaderships of dojos/clubs, shinpan, and volunteers. Their professionalism and care have ensured that this tournament is conducted with fairness, safety, and integrity. We are deeply grateful for their contributions.

British Columbia is proud to host this year's championship. Our province carries a long and meaningful connection to Japanese martial arts Kendo. It is a privilege to welcome sensei from Japan, and all competitors and supporters from across Canada. We hope your time here is memorable, enriching, and reflective of the hospitality and beauty our province offers.

To all competitors, I offer my sincere best wishes. May your performance embody the spirit of kendo, honour your training, and inspire those around you.

With respect,

Minako Gardner

President, British Columbia Kendo Federation



A MESSAGE *from* PREMIER DAVID EBY

As Premier of British Columbia, I am pleased to welcome everyone to the 22nd Canadian National Kendo Championships.

A modern Japanese martial art, kendo has benefits that include fitness, focus and self-confidence. These exciting championships bring together athletes from across Canada to showcase their skill, compete in national championship divisions and celebrate the spirit of camaraderie and sport. This event will also include seminars with visiting instructors and the Canadian Kendo Federation Annual General Meeting.

I would like to acknowledge the organizers for their hard work in coordinating an event of this scale as well as everyone else who helped bring it to fruition. Martial arts combine elements of mind, body and spiritual training that require incredible discipline, and I hope this experience leaves all in attendance with an appreciation of cultural exchange and the power of sport.

To the competitors and coaches – this is the culmination of immense dedication and training. You worked hard to be here, and I wish you all the best.

Have a wonderful competition!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "David Eby", written over a horizontal line.

Honourable David Eby, KC
Premier of British Columbia

August 8, 2026



Greetings from the Consul General of Japan in Vancouver

It is my pleasure to extend greetings to all participants, officials, volunteers, and organizers who gather at Burnaby, British Columbia, for the 22nd Canadian National Kendo Championships (CNKC).

This year's Championships mark the return of the CNKC to British Columbia for the first time in 15 years. Since Japanese immigrants established one of the country's first Kendo-jo in the fishing village of Steveston, British Columbia in the early 1910s, Kendo has flourished across Canada, promoting not only physical excellence but also the values of respect, perseverance, and self-improvement that lie at the heart of the “Way of the Sword.”

This year's Championships also serve as an important steppingstone toward the inaugural Pan-American Kendo Championships in São Paulo, Brazil, October 2026 and the 20th World Kendo Championships in Tokyo, Japan, May 2027.

I would like to acknowledge the organizers, volunteers, officials, and supporters whose dedication and hard work have made this event possible. I also wish all competitors the very best as they demonstrate the fruits of their training and commitment.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful Championship, and I wish you all the best of luck in the competition.

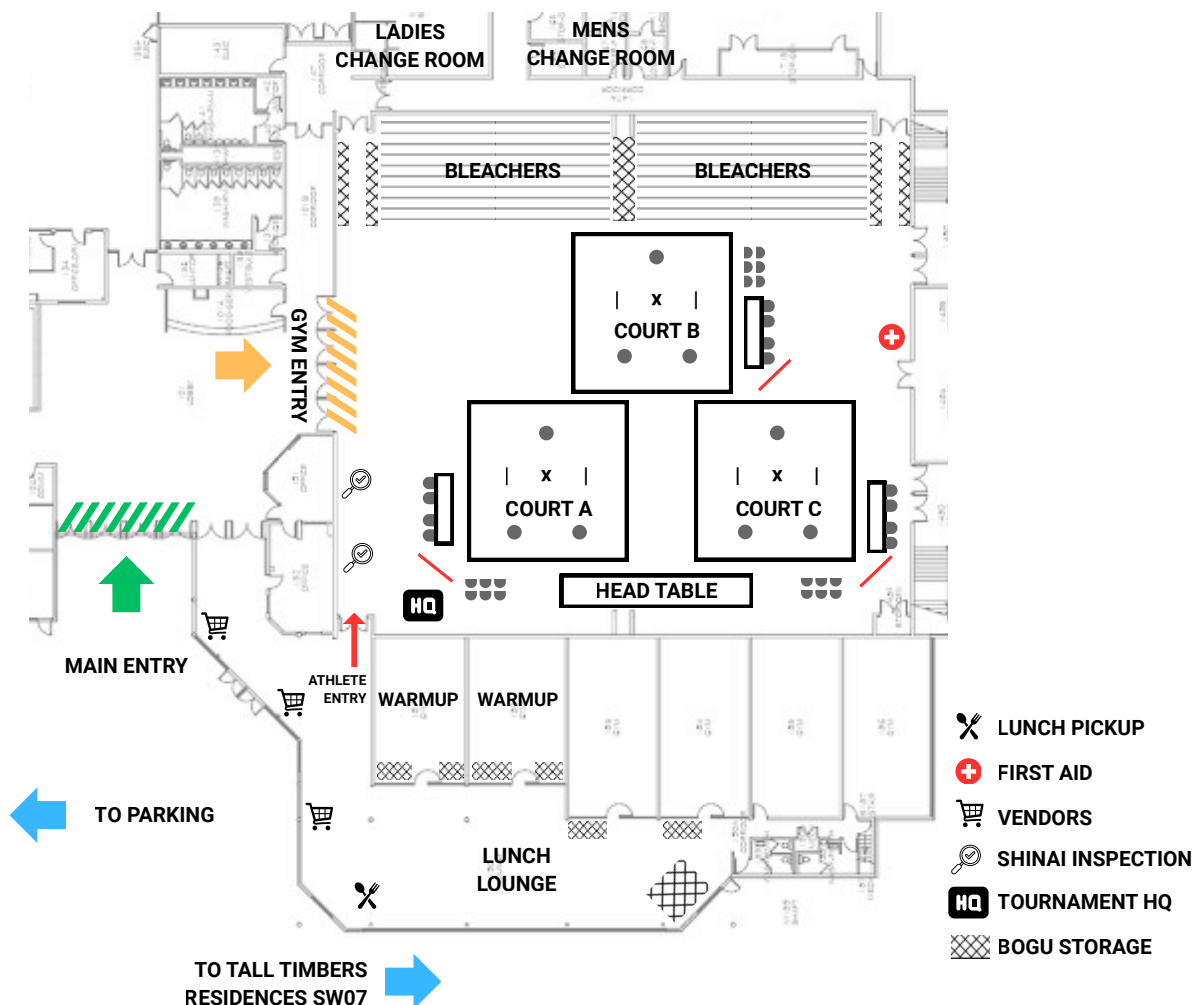
Sincerely,

TAKAHASHI Yoshiaki
Consul General of Japan in Vancouver

EVENT SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event	Facility
FRI AUG 7TH	14:00 – 17:00	Kiwada & Sasagawa Seminar	Killarney Secondary School 6454 Killarney St, Vancouver
	17:00 – 19:00	Shinai Inspection and Club Registration	BCIT Recreation Services 3700 Willingdon Ave. SE16, Burnaby
	19:00 – 20:30	CKF Annual General Meeting	BCIT Tall Timbers Building 3700 Willingdon Ave. SW07, Burnaby
SAT AUG 8TH	07:30 – 17:00	National Championships Day 1 • 07:00 Shinai Inspection & Club Registration • 07:30 Gym open for warm-up • 09:00 Opening Ceremonies • 10:00 Competition Commencement • 17:00 Closing Day 1	BCIT Recreation Services 3700 Willingdon Ave. SE16, Burnaby
SUN AUG 9TH	08:00 – 17:00	National Championships Day 2 • 08:00 Gym open for warm-up • 10:00 Competition Commencement • 16:00 Closing Ceremonies	BCIT Recreation Services 3700 Willingdon Ave. SE16, Burnaby
	19:00 – 22:00	Farewell Banquet	Hilton Vancouver Metrotown Ballroom 6083 McKay Avenue
MON AUG 10TH	09:00 – 13:00	Kiwada & Sasagawa Seminar	Killarney Secondary School 6454 Killarney St, Vancouver

VENUE MAP



VENUE INFORMATION

- Parking in on-campus lots require payment. Please review all posted signage.
- Do not leave your shoes at the entrance. Plastic bags will be provided for shoes.
- Store your bags in designated “Bogu Storage” areas.
- Bring your own lock to store valuables in lockers.
- Club Registration and Shinai Inspection will be at the venue on Friday, August 7th 5PM-7PM and Saturday, August 8th from 7:30AM. Shinai inspections after the opening ceremonies will be at the Tournament HQ.
- Warm-up areas are available in the Squash Courts next to the Lunch Lounge. Please do not warm-up on the tournament floor during competition.
- Please send one club representative to pick up all club lunches each day.
- Spectators are asked to stay on the bleachers.

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YSK, BC

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VKC, BC

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RNF, BC

Aki Fukushima | 5 Dan
VKC, BC

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THE BASICS OF A KENDO COMPETITION

In a tournament, individual matches are fought to the best of three points over a two- to five-minute time period, the length of which is announced before the competition. A scoreless or tied match may be extended at the referees' discretion.

There are also team competitions, in which the winner is determined either by the total number of match wins or by the total number of points scored.

There are four designated target areas, each worth one point. Valid strikes are to the head (**MEN**), the wrist (**KOTE**), the body (**DO**), and a thrust to the throat (**TSUKI**).

Points are awarded based primarily on **KI-KEN-TAI-ICHI** — *Spirit, Sword, and Body as one*.

- **KI (Spirit or intent):**

This is expressed by calling out the intended target (kiai) at the exact moment of the strike. For example, if you strike the wrist but call “MEN” (head), the strike will not be awarded a point.

- **KEN (Sword):**

You must strike with the proper part of the shinai (bamboo sword). This is the area between the tip and the leather tie, **approximately** 25 cm from the tip. This area is known in Japanese as the **monouchi**, often referred to in English as the “sweet spot.”

- **TAI (Body):**

Just as a punch in **karate** gains power when the body moves into it, a proper strike in kendo requires the body to move in coordination with the cut. The momentum of the body must be synchronized with the strike. This is commonly represented by **fumikomi** (a stamping foot action), which indicates that the body's momentum has landed at the moment of impact.

Therefore, if a strike lands with the proper part of the shinai, is coordinated with the body's momentum, and the intended target is called out at the moment of impact, a point may be awarded in kendo — most of the time.

HOW TO WATCH A KENDO MATCH

Three referees indicate a scored point by snapping red or white flags above their heads. The two competitors wear either a red or white ribbon (tasuki) attached to their backs to identify their side.

- At least two referees must agree for a point to be awarded.
- A fast crisscross motion of the flags below hip level indicates that the officials did not see a valid point.
- The lead referee's decision is final in **all** cases. On occasion, they may summon the two assistant referees for a brief conference regarding the application of the rules.

Play is stopped after each successful point and is resumed at center court on the referee's signal. If two players remain locked in a sword guard tangle (**TSUBAZERIAI**) for too long with no sign of active movement, the referee may stop play and restart the match from center court.

If a player is forced out of bounds or drops their shinai, a penalty (**HANSOKU**) is called. A second such infraction results in a point being awarded to the opposing player.



THE LEGACY OF CANADIAN KENDO

Looking Back, Moving Forward

By Hiro Okusa

Former President, Canadian Kendo Federation

When Vancouver hosted the 17th Canadian National Kendo Championships in 2011, the Canadian Kendo Federation celebrated its 100th anniversary. More than a decade has passed since that important milestone.

Today, Kendo has spread across the entire country, reaching from British Columbia to the Atlantic provinces. As we gather for the 22nd Canadian National Kendo Championships, this is an appropriate opportunity to reflect on the remarkable journey of Canadian Kendo and the people who made it possible.

According to the late Rintaro Hayashi Sensei, the first organized Kendo dojo in Canada was established in Steveston around 1914. Hayashi Sensei devoted his entire life to Canadian Kendo before the war, during the internment years, and after the war. Steveston was his hometown, and he left behind invaluable records and documents. Without his dedication, much of our early history would have been lost.

In my view, the history of Canadian Kendo can be divided into five major periods.

Pre-War Era (Before 1914–1941)

Kendo began in Steveston and soon spread throughout the Vancouver area. As Japanese Canadian communities grew, approximately ten dojos were established across British Columbia.

Wartime (1942–1945)

Although Kendo was prohibited in civilian communities during the war, it continued to be practiced at the Angler Prisoner of War Camp in Ontario.

Post-War Reconstruction (1945–1970)

Following the war, Japanese Canadians were dispersed across Canada after leaving the internment camps. Former Kendo practitioners re-established dojos in the cities where they settled, particularly in Winnipeg, Toronto, and Montreal. This marked the beginning of Kendo as a truly national activity.

New Immigration (1970s–2000)

A new wave of immigrants from Japan arrived in Canada and brought renewed energy and technical leadership to Kendo. Their influence was especially significant in Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal, strengthening instruction and expanding participation.

New Development (2000–2026)

Canadian Kendo has entered a new era. Membership has become increasingly international, with practitioners from many cultural backgrounds, including a significant contribution from the Korean Kendo community. At the same time, a new generation of Canadian-trained instructors has assumed leadership of clubs across the country, ensuring the continued growth of Kendo in Canada.



Class Photo, Steveston, BC

Circa 1931. Part of the Roy and Shizuko Akune Collection, Nikkei National Museum Archive

In this article, I would like to take a closer look at the first period—the pre-war era.

Geography

Before the Second World War, Kendo was practiced exclusively in British Columbia, but its reach was surprisingly extensive. It extended from the fishing village of Steveston to farming communities throughout the Fraser Valley, and as far north as Ocean Falls, where many Japanese Canadians worked in the fishing, canning, and pulp industries.

Based on historical records currently available, pre-war Kendo dojos existed in the following communities in BC:

- Steveston (Richmond)
- Powell Street area (Vancouver)
- North Arm (Richmond)
- Middle Arm (Richmond)
- Acme Cannery (Sea Island)
- Sunbury (Delta)
- Whonnock (Maple Ridge)
- Strawberry Hill (Surrey)
- Queensborough (New Westminster)
- Woodfibre (across Britannia Beach)
- Ocean Falls

These communities formed the foundation upon which Canadian Kendo was first established.

Demographics

Before the war, virtually all Kendo practitioners in Canada were of Japanese ancestry. Today, however, Japanese Canadians account for less than ten percent of our membership. Kendo in Canada has truly become an international martial art, welcoming people from many different cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

Despite this growth, Kendo remains relatively small compared with many other sports and martial arts. Yet this has always been one of its greatest strengths. Wherever we travel, Kendo practitioners quickly become friends. Across Canada and around the world, we share not only a common discipline but also a strong sense of community and mutual respect. Our histories are deeply connected.

Looking Forward

More than a century ago, the pioneers of Japanese Canadian Kendo planted the first seeds of our art in Canadian soil. Through hardship, perseverance, and dedication, those seeds have grown into a vibrant national community.

It is now our responsibility to build upon that foundation and continue creating a uniquely Canadian Kendo tradition for future generations.

August 2026



A Portrait of the Kaslo Kendo Club at the Drill Hall, Kaslo, BC. Circa 1940.
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Steveston Kendo Club (STV)

Anita Chui | MAS
Elliott Chui | OPN
Emily Chui | WOM
Tenny Chui | MAS
Paul Lee | OPN
Brian Miki | OPN
Ethan Nakano | OPN
Riley Nakano | OPN
Cole Robillard | OPN
Lauryn Tong | WOM
William Wong | MAS

WOMENS TEAM ROSTERS

Senpo: E. CHUI
Chuken: A. CHUI
Taisho: L. TONG

OPEN TEAM ROSTERS

Senpo: B. MIKI
Jiho: E. NAKANO
Chuken: E. CHUI
Fukusho: R. NAKANO
Taisho: C. ROBILLARD
Spare 1: P. LEE

Tozenji Kendo Club (TOZ)

Yu An Chen | OPN
Tsuyoshi Hamanaka | OPN

U.B.C. Kendo Club (UBC)

Ellis Cheng | OPN
Matthew KwanChun Chu | OPN
Bennett Lo | OPN
Joon Young Suk | MAS
Eric Tze Chung Toh | OPN

OPEN TEAM ROSTERS

Senpo: B. LO
Jiho: M. CHU
Chuken: E. CHENG
Fukusho: E. TOH
Taisho: J. SUK

University of Victoria Kendo Club (VIC)

Tiffany Huang | WOM

Vancouver Kendo Club (VKC)

Rogerio Asato | OPN
Anita Espiritu | WOM
Aki Fukushima | WOM
Ge Gao | OPN
Sukhyun Jung | OPN
Harry Kim | OPN
Nicole Lee | WOM
Hanaca Yamada | WOM

OPEN TEAM ROSTERS

Senpo: A. FUKUSHIMA
Jiho: H. KIM
Chuken: S. JUNG
Fukusho: H. YAMADA
Taisho: R. ASATO
Spare 1: P. TELLES
Spare 2: G. GAO

Youshinkan Dojo (YSK)

Akari Kobayashi | WOM
Keita Kobayashi | OPN
Ivan Melendez | OPN
Hinata Nichols
Shingo Nichols | OPN
Maria Petrucci | MAS
Jakob Schmidt | MAS
Martina Solano | WOM

OPEN TEAM ROSTERS

Senpo: S. NICHOLS
Jiho: H. NICHOLS
Chuken: A. KOBAYASHI
Fukusho: J. SCHMIDT
Taisho: K. KOBAYASHI
Spare 1: M. SOLANO
Spare 2: I. MELENDEZ

PROVINCIAL TEAM ROSTERS

QUEBEC

Women's Provincial Team

Coach: Junko Ariyama

Junko Ariyama | MKC
Natasha Fracassi | SHD
Maria Manea | MCG
Alex Thibodeau | QKK

Open Provincial Team

Coach: Gabriel Schor

Alex Datsenko | SHD
Etienne Mathieu | QKK
Simon On | MCG
Olivier Petit | QKK
Patrick Vu | ISS
William Wong | MCG
Ali Zakeri | SHD

ALBERTA

Women's Provincial Team

Coach: Flora Chan

Shoko Arakawa | TSC
Flora Chan | CAL
Hailey Michaelchuk | STR
Nadia Stelck | STR

Open Provincial Team

Coach: David Westhead

Ian Bigelow | STR
Kevin Dyck | STR
Stephen Hladky | SCA
Dean Jo | TSC
Paul Jo | TSC
Evan Salcedo | STR
David Sun | STR

ONTARIO

Women's Provincial Team

Coach: Yuko Miyamoto

Joanna Asare | JCC
Dannie Fu | TKC
Eimi Fujimoto | CAR
Lily Hoysak | ETO
Andrea Masuda | RKD

Open Provincial Team

Coach: Ryo Yasumura

Bill Kim | RKD
Kunhee Kim | NYK
Raymond Kim | JCC
Yona Kushima | TKC
Daniel Lau | CAR
Taketoshi Miyamoto | TKC
Sean Zapanta | JCC

BC

Women's Provincial Team

Coach: Dean Ara

Harumi Ara | REN
Akari Kobayashi | YSK
Hiyo Tominaga | REN

Open Provincial Team

Coach: Ray Murao

Rogerio Asato | VKC
Elliot Chui | STV
Clark Liao | REN
Brian Miki | STV
Shion Miyashita | REN
Kenta Yoshimura | REN

MANITOBA

Women's Provincial Team

Coach: Reuben Gabac

Jenna Grose | WIN
Suzie Kim | TSW
Koeun Lee | TSW
Kyoko Miyata | MAN

Open Provincial Team

Coach: Reuben Gabac

Darrell Delorme | WIN
Jenna Grose | WIN
Sung Kim | TSW
Michael Kyrliuk | TSW
Koeun Lee | TSW
Seth Stepaniuk | MAN
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Open Club Teams	• 4 minute matches to Semi Finals / 5 minute matches for Finals • 5-person team
Women's Club Teams	• 4 minute matches to Semi Finals / 5 minute matches for Finals • 3-person team
Open Individuals	• 4 minute matches to Top 16 / 5 minute matches for Quarter Finals On • Unlimited 3-minute sudden-death overtime
Women's Individuals	• 4 minute matches to Top 16 / 5 minute matches for Quarter Finals On • Unlimited 3-minute sudden-death overtime
Masters Individual	• All 4 minutes • Unlimited 3-minute sudden-death overtime
Provincial Open Teams	• All 4 minutes • 5-person team
Provincial Women Teams	• All 4 minutes • 3-person team

TOURNAMENT DAY 1 – AUG 8, SAT

	Court A	Court B	Court C
07:30 - 08:30	Athlete Warm Up		
08:45 - 09:00	Clear Floor & Converge in Lunch Lounge for Athlete's Procession		
09:00 - 09:40	Athlete's Procession & Opening Ceremonies		
09:45 - 10:00	Nihon Kendo Kata Demonstration Performed by: Uchidachi, Dean Ara (7 Dan Kyoshi) Shitachi, Yoshinari Sasagawa (7 Dan Kyoshi)		
10:00 - 11:25	Open Individuals Bracket A Preliminary Matches Round 1 Matches Round 2 Matches Court Final	Women's Individuals Preliminary Matches Round 1 Matches Round 2 Matches	Open Individuals Bracket B Preliminary Matches Round 1 Matches Round 2 Matches Court Final
11:30 - 12:30	Open Individuals Bracket C Preliminary Matches Round 1 Matches	Women's Individuals Quarter Finals Women's Semi-Finals	Open Individuals Bracket D Preliminary Matches Round 1 Matches
12:35 - 12:40		Women's Individual Final Match	
12:45 - 14:00	Open Individuals Bracket C cont'd Round 2 Matches Court Final Master's Bracket B Round 1 Matches Round 2 Matches	Master's Individual All Preliminary Matches Master's Bracket A Round 1 Matches Round 2 Matches Master's Semi-Finals	Open Individuals Bracket D cont'd Round 2 Matches Court Final Open Individuals Semi-Finals
14:00 - 14:10		Master's Individual Finals Open Individuals Finals	
14:10 - 15:00	Competition Break (adjustment of time)		
15:00 - 16:20	Open Club Teams Top Round 1 Matches	Open Club Team All Preliminary Matches	Open Club Teams Bottom Round 1 Matches
16:20 - 16:45	Individual Divisions Award Ceremony		

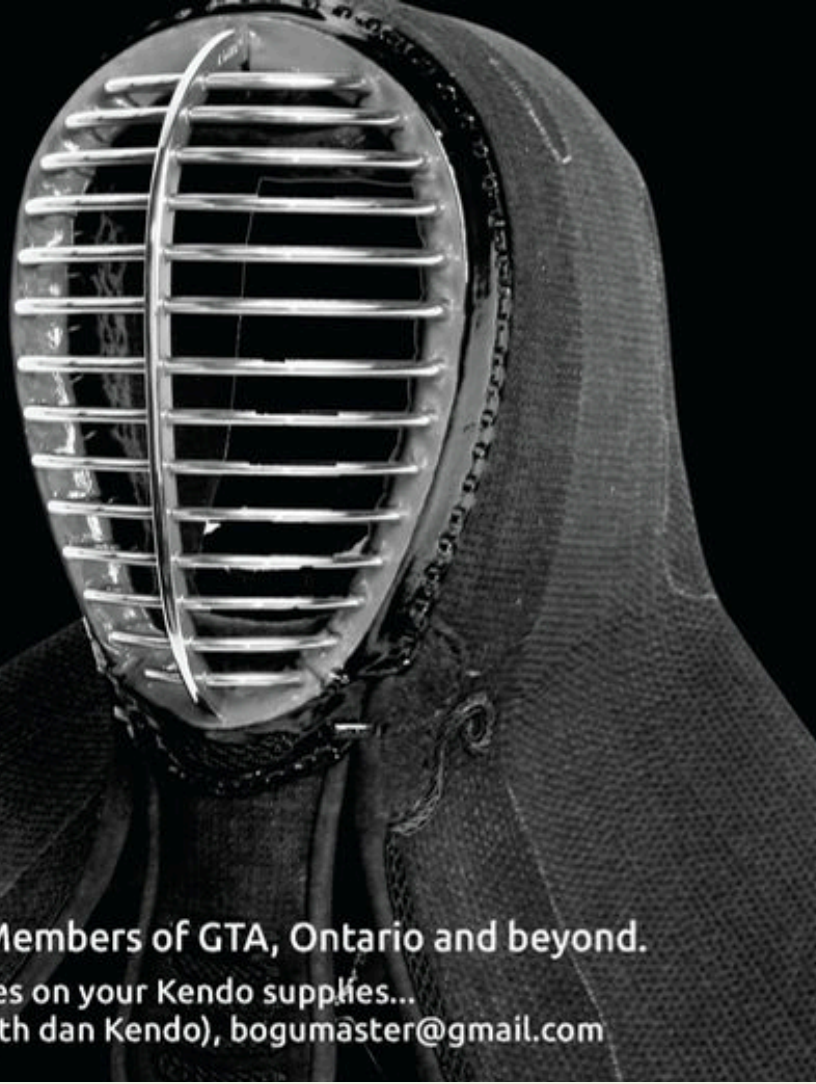
TOURNAMENT DAY 2 – AUG 9, SUN

	Court A	Court B
08:00 - 09:30	Warm Up	
09:30 - 09:45	Clear Floor & Shinpan Meeting	
09:45 - 10:00	Athlete Briefing on Tournament Floor	
10:00 - 11:10	Women's Club Team Block A Round Robin Face-off for 2nd Place Teams Semi-Final Top Bracket	Women's Club Team Block B Round Robin Semi-Final Bottom Bracket
11:00 - 11:20	Women's Club Team Final	
11:30 - 12:00	Open Club Teams Top Round 2 Matches Semi-Finals	Open Club Teams Bottom Round 2 Matches Semi-Finals
12:20 - 12:50	Open Club Team Final	
12:50 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 14:45	Open Provincial Teams Block A Round Robin	Open Provincial Teams Block B Round Robin
14:50 - 15:15	Women's Provincial Teams Block A Round Robin	Women's Provincial Teams Block B Round Robin
15:30 - 16:00	Closing and Team Awards Ceremony	



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