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TO: Presidents, FIK affiliates in
American Zone Countries

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Re: FIK Kendo Referee Seminar for the American Zone (FY 2016)

We are pleased to announce that the FIK American Zone Kendo Referee Seminar will be held in January 2017 in Chicago. We would like to express appreciation for AUSKF's dedication to make this event succeed. You are cordially requested to recommend applicants from your organization by using the attached application form. **NOTE: AUSKF Regional members must submit directly to AUSKF President Y. Tagawa.** (see application form attached)
Deadline is: December 5, 2016.

The details of the seminar are as follows.

1. Date: January 21 & 22, 2017 (Saturday & Sunday)

2. Host Organization:

All United States Kendo Federation (AUSKF)

Contact person: Mr. Yoshiteru Tagawa, President AUSKF

E mail address: duketagawa@gmail.com

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3. Place: Venue: Feldman Recreation Center

Address: 8800 W. Kathy Lane, Niles, IL 60714, U.S.A. Tel: +1 (847) 297-3000

*Transportation is provided between HQ Hotel and Gym.

4. Accommodation Reservations:

Our recommended hotel is

HQ Hotel: Courtyard Marriott Glenview/Northbrook

Address: 1801 Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview, IL 60025, U.S.A.

Tel: +1 (847) 803-2500

\$79.00 per night, plus tax (13.25%) for king-sized bed with a sleeping sofa.

\$89.00 per night, plus tax (13.25%) for two queen-sized beds.

Free continental breakfast and Wi-Fi.

Reserve a room directly with the hotel, using the code "AUSKF FIK Seminar".

[Online reservation](#) is also available.

http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=AUSKF%20FIK%20Seminar%5Echigv%60AFSAFSA%7CAFSAFSB%6079.00-89.00%60USD%60false%604%601/20/17%601/23/17%6012/30/16&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

Reserve before **December 30, 2016**.

The special rates may no longer apply after the deadline.

The rates are good for your stay of January 20, 21, and 22.

5. Access: *O'Hare International Airport to the Courtyard Marriott Hotel:
13 miles, about 20 minutes by car.
*The hotel partners with [American Taxi](https://order.americantaxi.com/ATOnlineOrderWeb/business.htm?key=318273) for transportation. About \$28 each way.
<https://order.americantaxi.com/ATOnlineOrderWeb/business.htm?key=318273>
Courtyard Marriott Hotel to Feldman Gym:
4 miles, about 10 minutes by car. (\$16 for taxi)

A hotel shuttle will run between the hotel and the gym.

Seating is limited, up to 11 passengers.

The shuttle schedule:

Departing the hotel at 8am and 8:30am, on Saturday morning.

Departing the gym at 5:30pm and 6pm, on Saturday afternoon.

Departing the hotel at 7:30am and 8am, on Sunday morning.

6. Schedule outline:

January 21 (Sat): Seminar, Goodwill Keiko 09:00-16:30

Welcome Party 19:00~21:00

January 22 (Sun): Seminar, Goodwill Keiko 08:30-12:00

7. Participants expected:

- * Participants should be members of the FIK-affiliated organizations in principle.
- * Participants should be a Kendo 5 Dan or higher Dan holders, and should practice Kendo regularly, 4-Dan holders are acceptable as well if he/she desires to participate.
- * No age limitation to participate.
- * It is desirable that five or more members from each FIK-affiliated organization attend the seminar.
- * Candidates for the referees of WKC are encouraged to participate.
- * Nobody can participate in the seminar unless registered officially in advance.
- * 5 or more participants from one FIK affiliated organization are preferable.
- * The application form covers up to 12 applicants, but this does not mean limitation.
- * In case of more than 12 participants, please make a copy of application form and use it.
- * Please do not be absent from this seminar except an unavoidable reason.
- * Please wear Kendogi, Hakama, and Tare during the seminar.
- * Translators (between Japanese and English) will be there to facilitate communication.
- * Three instructors from the International Kendo Federation/FIK will conduct the seminar.

8. Expenses:

The participants should bear own expenses for travel, accommodations and meals.

The box lunch will be available on Saturday for US\$10.00.

Welcome Banquet (optional): "Empire Szechwan".

The cost is US\$40.00, including tips and taxes. Alcohol is separate.

The restaurant is in a walking distance from the hotel.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Yukio Sato, Secretary General

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