

AUSTRALIAN KENDO RENMEI

Kendo - Iaido - Jodo

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To: Sensei and Presidents of Club/Dojo affiliated to the Australian Kendo Renmei (AKR).

Cc. To Presidents of State and Territory affiliated associations.

Re: OVERSEAS GRADE EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS.

Dear Sensei and club/dojo Presidents,

I write to ask for your help and support to avoid unfavourable outcomes and to facilitate an efficient and low stress experience for our and your members, when they apply to be examined overseas.

The AKR Executive Committee is also committed to doing all that we can to assist our and your members, to assist with their applications to be examined overseas.

We ask for your support to help us improve understanding and the application of AKR policies in general, particularly for overseas grade exam applications as we are encountering an increasing number of problems in that area. We have even had some cancellations of exam results.

The AKR is affiliated with the International Kendo Federation (FIK), so we also comply with their exam application policies and also meet the requirements of the overseas examining organisation.

For AKR members to be examined at an exam in an overseas FIK affiliate there is a simple process to follow. The Procedures and application forms to be examined overseas are provided on a dedicated AKR website <u>page</u>.

Please ask interested members to refer to it. If questions persist, please ask your state association executives. They may have dealt with a similar situation previously, so can help.

The AKR grading rules also provide the basis for understanding our policies. Download a copy here.

The AKR website also has the time in grade policy shown in table form, for ease of understanding.

The Procedures and application forms to be examined overseas are drawn from the AKR policies in the Manual of Documents.

Thank you for your co-operation with this task.

Yours sincerely,

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