

Information and Guidelines for all

Okinawan Dento Karate Gishiki Participants (Budosai)

The information on these three pages was written to help you in preparing for and participating in the 8th Okinawan Dento Karate Gishiki. We want your experience in Okinawa to be a great one.

Deadlines

Please read the Reservations and Cancellations Policy on the Registration website before the site closes on June 30th. Afterwards you can still contact the Travel Desk by email: budosai2019@ntaoka.co.jp. All deadlines listed for the Travel Desk end at 17:00, Japan time (Japan time = UTC + 09:00)

1. Registration – Training & Sayonara Party

The online registration will be closing on Sunday June 30th. This will be the last chance to purchase Sayonara dinner tickets.

Until that deadline, people can still register, make changes to their registration and make their payment online using a credit card.

People, who missed the deadline, can still register for training in Okinawa starting on Registration day, Monday July 29th through to August 3rd. They should check the prices now as they will be higher, only cash payments will be accepted at the door.

2. Accommodation

Registration and changes to your accommodation arranged by the Travel Desk must be finalized by July 3rd.

Payment must be submitted by July 3rd.

Special note: Please do not contact the hotel directly, any changes or cancellations must be made via the Travel Desk.

3. Tours/Excursions

You can register for the tours or excursions offered on the Travel Desk website up to Friday July 5th; payment must be completed by Wednesday July 10th. The payment is necessary to confirm your registration.

Registration Day

1. Location and Time

The registration check-in will take place at the Karate Kaikan on Monday July 29th. Registration will start at 10:00 and end at 4:00. Please do not enter the building before that time, unless you are assisting with the set up and distribution.

2. What to bring

ILOGKF members – are to bring their payment receipt from the website and a form of photo ID, such as a passport. They should also bring their membership booklet; have them check to make sure their country is clearly labelled on the cover or on the first page of the booklet.

Nonmembers – are to bring their payment receipt from the website, the Letter of Approval which they received and a form of photo ID, such as a passport.

3. For those who still owe money or have not registered in advance Go directly to the Travel Desk which will also be set up at the Karate Kaikan. Your registration package will be at their desk.

4. For those who can't make it to the registration on Monday There will be a registration table and the Travel Desk representatives at the Karate Kaikan on Tuesday morning, and at the Budokan on Wednesday morning. Thursday through Saturday you can pick up your prepaid registration package at the location you will be training, according to your rank.

Special note—The Travel Desk will be at both locations throughout the week offering tours and excursions.

Japanese Etiquette

We will be guests in Okinawa, and as such should be on our best behavior. Some Japanese customs may not be known to all our members, so we would like you to ensure that all your people are made aware of the following.

1. In the Karate Kaikan and the Budokan

Do not leave any garbage or belongings in the building when you leave, that includes water bottles. You are to take with you whatever you brought into the building.

Shoes must be removed before stepping on the wooden floor. Store your shoes in your gym bag or backpack. Do walk outside in bare feet and then go back on the wooden floor.

There are changerooms and washrooms where you can change into your gi. Do not change in the public areas, both inside and outside the building.

2. Photography and Videography and Autographs

Please remember that only the Official Gishiki photographers make take pictures or make videos during training sessions.

You can use cameras before and after training, during the Sayonara Dinner, and at the Masters' Demonstration.

Do not ask Higaonna Sensei to pose for pictures, nor to sign autographs. All other sensei's may be approached in a respectful manner.

3. At the Sayonara Dinner

The drinks provided at the tables are there so everyone will have one drink for the toast. Please limit yourself to that one drink from those at the table. More drinks are available at the bar using your drink ticket or paying in cash.

Everyone is to wait until the head tables get their food before anyone else can touch the buffet.

Only take food for yourself, do not pass food outside the lines to others. And do not remove platters of food from the buffets.