

# Individual Membership Information

## International Okinawa Kobudou Association

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Dear Martial Art Enthusiast:

Thank you for your interest in the International Okinawa Kobudō Association. This is an exclusive and traditional organization with high standards in the “dō,” or “dao” (a way of life).

In the past, this organization has kept its membership very exclusive and only those who were fortunate enough to seek out personal training from Nishiuchi Saikoh-Shihan himself, had the opportunity to learn these authentic, practical methods of kobudō.

There are teachers of many styles of karate claiming to know and teach Okinawan kobudō, but many of the teachers have not actually studied and learned kobudō specifically from a *qualified* kobudō instructor. Sometimes, they think that because they are karate teachers, that automatically qualifies them to teach kobudō weapons as well. Not so!

Nishiuchi Saikoh-Shihan's qualifications are clear, and where and what he learned is directly traceable to the Masters in Okinawa. His qualifications are discussed in the organization brochure or his biography on our website. If you have already purchased his video tapes, then you need no further convincing of his authenticity, ability, and sincerity.

Although interested in the growth of this kobudō association, we wish to keep certain criteria and standards in the training. We are striving to preserve the traditional, authentic, and practical fighting techniques of these weapons; we are not interested in flash with no substance.

As a member of our organization, you will have training and rank promotions available to you. This is an exciting art with lots of opportunity for you to expand your knowledge and ability in the martial arts. Many people are interested in weapons, and we predict substantial growth in this art in the near future.

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The following information sheet is enclosed concerning membership and training programs available:

## I. Advantages of Membership

A. The greatest advantage of your membership is direct access to training and certification under a truly qualified master. Basically, your training can take place by one or both of the following methods:

1. Attending personal seminars conducted by Saikoh-Shihan Nishiuchi, or one of the Shihan or Shi-dō-in (Certified Instructors).

These seminars can be on-going sessions for a certain period of time (for example, every other weekend for six months), or they can be spot-seminars (for example, only one weekend) held on an agreed date, a one-time event, or occasionally at your convenience.

The seminars can be held at your location if you are able to get a group of friends and/or fellow martial arts practitioners in your area together, or you can travel to another location where a seminar is being held, or you can travel to the Headquarters dōjō, which is the best. You will receive no better training than at the headquarters.

2. Video and correspondence training program, whereby you learn from Shihan by studying his video tapes and send samples of your own performance on video tape to Headquarters for constructive critique and promotions by the Honbu Dōjō. To be qualified for rank promotions and certification, some continuous training program must be followed, but the time span for such a program is up to you.
3. A special accelerated video program is available for previously qualified kobudō instructors who wish to belong to this organization, however, dan ranks must be attained from Saikoh-Shihan Nishiuchi, or one of the certified shihan or Shi-dō-in of IOKA, by testing in person.
4. A combination of the above programs may be used to learn and earn rank certification.

B. Regardless of your art (s), Okinawan kobudō blends well with them all, and enhances your qualifications and martial art skill.

**All styles of martial artists are welcome, without discrimination, or even those people with no martial arts experience at all.**

1. If you have previous formal training under a qualified kobudō instructor, you will be given credit towards ranking in our organization after you have completed an evaluation application, personal history and **can perform our techniques according to our organization's standards**. Your performance is evaluated by Shihan or Shidoh-in our organization.

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- C. All techniques and testing requirements are unified, our organization provides all the guidelines, you will receive a packet from Headquarters.
- D. **A photo ID card** showing you are a qualified member (a \$5.00 value).
- E. One **free** set of official logo patches (A \$12.00 value).
- F. A **complete set of instructional kobudō videos by Saikoh-Shihan Mikio Nishiuchi** on the weapon of your choice! ( a \$549.45 value!)
- G. A **free training manual/guidebook** with all the curriculum for ranking requirements. (An invaluable portion of your membership!) (A \$29.95 value.)
- H. As a member, you are part of a small but growing family that cares about you and your personal training in kobudō. **You have a personal relationship with the Master and you are not just a number.**
- I. As a member, you are eligible for **recognized rank certifications** in kobudō, as long as you actually train.

If you are convinced to be a member now, **please fill out the enclosed membership application and send it in with the appropriate fees.** We will send you information on the training programs and the above promised materials as soon as possible.

- Yes, I am convinced of the value of joining the International Okinawa Kobudō Assn. and I am **located in the United States, Canada, or Mexico and am enclosing \$575.00 (\$75.00 enrollment fee, plus the lifetime membership fee of \$500.00, including video training** . Please send me the full information packet at no additional charge (All items included total more than the value of the membership fee).
- I am located outside North America and am convinced of the value of joining the International Okinawa Kobudō Association and am enclosing **\$600.00 (\$100.00 enrollment fee, plus the \$500.00 lifetime membership fee) now.** I understand that to remain an active member, I must make efforts to attend seminars as often as possible. All other terms and conditions are stated as for the membership guidelines in North America.
- I do not wish to join at this time, but I am enclosing \$75.00 for an entire packet of training information only, \$100.00 for foreign addresses, outside U.S.A.
- I do not wish to join at this time, but keep me on your mailing list.
- I do not wish to join at this time, but wish to donate something because I believe in your organization and want to help support it. I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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**Note: Please send a check or money order to:**

**International Okinawa Kobudou Assn.  
1666 San Diego Street  
Fairfield, CA 94533  
USA**

**Yes! We do accept Master Card and Visa credit cards.** Please call 707-428-7266 to charge your membership today or include your credit card number and expiration date on the application that you mail in.

You may e-mail us for membership sign-up or any further questions: [bolz@okinawa-budou.org](mailto:bolz@okinawa-budou.org) or [webmaster@okinawa-budou.org](mailto:webmaster@okinawa-budou.org)

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## Video Training Course Benefits & Advantages

***Enrollment Fee: \$500.00***

1. Laminated Photo I. D. Card.
2. One free set of beautifully designed logo patches (one for sleeve, one for chest).
3. Lifetime Membership in the International Okinawa Kobudō Association.
4. One set of all of Saikoh-Shihan Nishiuchi's video tapes.
5. You receive support / audio comments from Headquarters for each next rank you need to work on, at the time of review of your video tape.
6. You will receive a beautiful 8" x 10" certificate of promotion in Japanese and English each time you pass a kyu rank at no extra charge.
7. As a member, you have direct access to one of our Certified Instructors. You may call at any time or email if you have any questions or problems concerning your training. (Phone calls must be at your own expense.)
8. You receive *free testing* (means no test fees as is the usual method) for all kyu ranks up to, not including, Shodan level (first degree Black Belt).

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## Course Curriculum & Additional Fees

You must send in a video tape of your own performance of the test requirements, at your own expense, for each kyu level you test for. Each test must be a minimum of 10 minutes and a maximum of 15 minutes. You must send the video to headquarters and it will be critically reviewed and returned to you, along with an audio cassette of critique and explanation of the changes you need to make to improve your technique, or written critique on the test form. Reason *why* certain techniques should be done a certain way will also be given.

When you receive this tape back, you must watch your own performance carefully while listening to the comments on the audio tape or reading the comments in the test form or additional information sheet, so you can make those changes in your practice.

Each tape you send in must be accompanied by a check or money order in the amount of \$50.00 for postage and handling for each tape and the time it takes the judge to review and critique the tape. All tapes must be sent in to headquarters dōjō, not a branch dōjō. If you do so, the fee for each tape sent in is \$75.00. You may send in more than one testing on one video tape, up to three tests on one video. All Dan (black belt) levels must be tested for in person at a seminar or at Headquarters.

### How To Get Started Now:

1. Send in your \$500.00 enrollment fee via money order or personal check. Or, you may charge it on Master Card or Visa by sending us your card number and expiration date or you may call in your charge card number to 1-(707) 428-7266. Charging it or sending a money order will ensure you the speediest delivery of your materials.
2. Fill out the enclosed membership application as completely and legibly as possible.
3. You must supply your own VHS Camcorder (camera), VCR, weapons (check with local authorities as to laws in your state and locality regarding all weapons), cassette tape recorder, and a practice area free of clutter or any injurious objects or objects that could be damaged by your weapons when you practice.



## International Okinawa Kobudou Association

*Saikoh-Shihan Mikio Nishiuchi, President*

### ***Kobudō Group Seminar Fee Schedule for Seminars Conducted Personally by Saikoh-Shihan Mikio Nishiuchi, President***

*Even though you are not a member of the IOKA, you may sponsor Saikoh-Shihan Nishiuchi at your home dōjō or wherever you wish and he will put on a fantastic seminar for you, your colleagues and/or students. The following criteria applies for fees:*

#### **ONE-DAY WEEKEND SEMINAR**

NON-MEMBER  
\$1200.00

MEMBER  
\$600.00 (50% discount)

\*\*Plus all travel & living expenses for Saikoh-Shihan Nishiuchi and assistant (s).

#### **TWO-DAY WEEKEND SEMINAR**

NON-MEMBER  
\$1600.00

MEMBER  
\$800.00 (50% discount)

\*\* Plus all travel & living expenses for Saikoh-Shihan Nishiuchi and assistant (s).

#### **FIVE-DAY SEMINAR**

NON-MEMBER  
\$4000.00

MEMBER  
\$2000.00 (50% discount)

\*\* Plus all travel & living expenses for Saikoh-Shihan Nishiuchi

\*\*Do not eat fowl or red meat. Appreciate rice, vegetables, or broiled fish.



## International Okinawa Kobudou Association

*Saikoh-Shihan Mikio Nishiuchi, President*

*You may invite Shihan Bolz to conduct seminars for you at your home dōjō or wherever you wish, even if you are not a member of IOKA. The following criteria applies:*

### **Kobudō Group Seminar Fee Schedule for Seminars Conducted Personally by Shihan Mary Bolz**

#### **ONE-DAY WEEKEND SEMINAR**

NON-MEMBER  
\$800.00

MEMBER  
\$500.00

\*\*Plus all travel & living expenses for Shihan Bolz and assistant (s), if applicable.

#### **TWO-DAY WEEKEND SEMINAR**

NON-MEMBER  
\$1000.00

MEMBER  
\$600.00 (40% discount)

\*\* Plus all travel & living expenses for Shihan Bolz and assistant (s), if applicable.

#### **FIVE-DAY SEMINAR**

NON-MEMBER  
\$3000.00

MEMBER  
\$1500.00 (50% discount)

\*\* Plus all travel & living expenses for Shihan Bolz

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Saikoh-Shihan Mikio Nishiuchi,

## New Member Application

**For Individual**

**For Official Use Only:**

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

PASTE  
YOUR  
PHOT  
O

Paper Clip  
Photo Here  
for Your  
Membership  
Card

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY AND CLEARLY!

            

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

MO./DAY/YEAR

YOUR HOME ADDRESS (Street) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE #(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Voice mail number: \_\_\_\_\_ optional number \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR MARTIAL ART SCHOOL'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR MARTIAL ART SCHOOL'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

YOUR MARTIAL ART SCHOOL'S PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH OF TIME YOU'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN MARTIAL  
ARTS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF STYLE \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR KARATE INSTRUCTOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) The above information is correct and truthful to the best of my knowledge.
- (2) I have submitted the enrollment fee and the first annual individual membership fee with this application.
- (3) I hereby release Shihan Mikio Nishiuchi, Shihan Bolz, his/her assistant (s), and all other instructors of the Association from all rights and claims for any damages, injuries, or illnesses suffered by me as a result of any training techniques learned from the International Okinawa Kobudou Association.
- (4) I understand that the enrollment fee and the annual individual membership fee is **nonrefundable with no exception.**
- (5) I understand the International Okinawa Kobudou Association has the right to revoke my membership at any time for what it considers due cause.
- (6) I understand fully all obligations and benefits of the International Okinawa Kobudou Association and pledge my loyalty to meet its standards and to promote it.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

(If under 18, parent must sign)