

Events:

Dai san – First 16 techniques of Black Belt kata. Open to participants of all ranks. (Flag judging.)

Free Style – Any aikido technique. No weapons allowed. Open to participants of all ranks. Judges are looking for timing, blending, off balance, execution & effectiveness. (Olympic style scoring)

Dan Junanahon – Basic 17 with knife. One or both partners must be dan rank. (Flag judging.)

Kyu Junanahon – Basic 17 open hand. Both partners must be kyu rank. (Flag judging.)

Random Partner Kata – First 10 techniques of the Basic 17 performed in sequence. Each partner to uke for 5 techniques. Techniques may be executed from any type of attack. Each pair to consist of 1 dan rank & 1 kyu rank, randomly drawn ½ hour before the event. All attendees encouraged to participate. (Flag judging.)

NOTE: This has been described as one of the "Funnest" events of the tournament. It is basically a freestyle kata with 10 set techniques, performed with someone you have not worked with, and only one half hour to practice. It's a great way to meet new friends and demonstrate your ability to use timing and aikido principles to blend with and control an unfamiliar attacker.

NOTE: Flag judging – 2 pairs perform head to head in front of 3 to 5 judges with red & white flags. When both pairs are finished, one is eliminated and the other advances to the next round. This means you must be prepared to perform your kata 4 or 5 times in order to place.

NOTE: Olympic style scoring - 1 pair at a time perform before a panel of judges for a score. Placement is based on highest scores.

Tanto Randori – Men's, Women's & 3 man team. Open to participants of all ranks.

NOTE: In an effort to increase the level of proficiency, and provide more matches, the randori competitions will be double elimination to determine third place.

Novice Tanto Randori – Open to anyone who has competed in 2 or less tournaments & has not placed. This is intended for inexperienced players, of any rank or sex, who wish to gain comfort & experience in a less intimidating setting. Judges are encouraged to take extra time to explain calls and promote understanding.

NOTE: In an effort to increase the level of proficiency, Novice matches will be run in a round robin approach. Participants will be able to play as many matches as time permits.