



# Information for Beginners

## FEES

**Dojo:** Dojo dues are paid biannually or annually. Members will not be allowed to train, enter tournaments, nor test for rank promotion if they are behind in their dues.

DOJO DUES		
INDIVIDUAL	BIANNUALLY	ANNUALLY
Adult	\$110	\$200
Minor	\$90	\$160
FAMILY	BIANNUALLY	ANNUALLY
First Adult or Minor		
Second Adult	\$90	\$160
Second Minor	\$80	\$140
Each Additional Minor	\$70	\$120

**Community Center:** Dojo members are also required to join the Valley Japanese Community Center, whose facilities we use.

ANNUAL VJCC DUES	
Per Family	\$40

**Kendo Federations:** It is also necessary to join the local (SCKF) and national (AUSKF) governing bodies of kendo.

ANNUAL FEDERATION DUES	
Southern California Kendo Federation	
Adult	\$26
Minor	\$14
All United States Kendo Federation	
Kyu, Minor	\$25
Kyu, Adult	\$40
Dan, Adult or Minor	\$40

## EQUIPMENT

**Starting:** To begin you will need a shinai. Make sure it is the correct size and weight for your age and gender. Wear comfortable clothing, such as sweat-pants and T-shirt, or something you'd wear to exercise.

**Continuing:** After three months there will be a skills test, after passing you may wear hakama and keikogi. Then after 6 months you will be tested again and after passing you can begin to wear bogu. When you begin to learn the kendo kata, you will also need a bokken.