

SEIDO Karate Eiko Hanshi Tournament 2026

Junior & Collegiate Student KATA Tournament Rules 2026

When: Saturday 25 July 2026 (9am start)

Where: St Oran's College, 550 High Street, Lower Hutt

AGE Groupings

- Junior: Those students enrolled in Primary and Intermediate Schools (generally aged between 5 and 12 years)
- Collegiate: Those students enrolled in College Schools (generally aged between 13 and 17 years)

JUNIOR

- 5 & 6 years
- 7 & 8 years
- 9 & 10 years
- 11 & 12 years

COLLEGIATE

- 13-15 years
- 16-17 years

BELT / GRADE Divisions

- White & White advanced (10th & 9th kyu)
- Blue & Blue advanced (8th & 7th kyu)
- Yellow & Yellow advanced (6th & 5th kyu)
- Green & Green advanced (4th & 3rd kyu)
- Brown & Brown advanced (2nd & 1st kyu)
- Black (shodan, nidan, sandan)

Individual KATA Competition Rules

- ALL contestants will perform a kata of their choosing within their grade level. (Refer table below).
- The marshal will call the contestant who will enter the ring, approach the Head Judge, and announce their name and their kata.
- The contestant will then move to a position on the floor where they wish to commence their kata and assume fudo dachi with a loud "OSU" or musubi dachi if they are performing a mokuso kata, The Head Judge will then say "HAJIME"
- If a contestant makes a mistake at the beginning of the kata, the Head Judge may halt the contestant and permit the contestant to start again. Important to NB this will incur an automatic one point deduction and the maximum possible score from each judge will be 9.0
- At the completion of the kata each contestant will receive a judge's score.
- If a contestant announces their kata but performs a different kata, they will be awarded a zero score at the completion of their kata
- The highest and lowest scores will be dropped. The remaining scores will then be tallied for a FINAL score.
- The top 5 contestants in each will be called back for a medal play off to determine the top 3 placing's. (top contestant play off will be dependent upon total contestants entered in each age group, division and event)
- White belt, blue belt and yellow belt graded contestants may choose to repeat OR perform a different kata in the medal play off round
- Green belt and above graded contestants must perform a different kata i.e. different to their first round kata) in the medal play off round
- In the event of a tied score during the medal play off round the contestants may choose to

repeat OR perform a different kata.

- Black Belt Dan grade divisions for empty hand and weapons kata.
- Black Belts may not repeat their empty hand and weapons kata in consecutive rounds.

3-Person Team Kata Competition Rules:

- As above but adapted to apply to 3-Person Team and 3-Person Weapons Team Kata formations
- All 3-Person Team Kata formations will be at the choice of each team (eg. 3 in a triangle formation, 3 in a horizontal or longitudinal row, etc.)
- All 3-Person Team Kata and 3-Person Weapons Team Kata will be performed in a synchronized manner

Scoring System:

- One Judge per attending Dojo per KATA ring
- Score Card System – score awarded between 7-10
- 0.5 scores allowed between 7-8
- 0.1 scores allowed between 8-10
- Top 3 or top 5 scores play off for 1st, 2nd and 3rd medal placings depending upon size of belt, division and event groupings

Judging:

- A judging panel will be made up of one judge from each Dojo in attendance per KATA Ring
- The most senior black belt judge will be assigned as Chief Judge for each KATA Ring
- All judges will be black belts shodan and above

Judging Criteria:

- That the correct kata is performed as specified by the contestant
- That good timing, rhythm, speed, balance, focus and power are demonstrated
- That the correct and proper use of breathing are demonstrated
- That focus, attention and concentration are demonstrated
- That good stances and techniques are demonstrated
- Committed and loud KIAI when required in the kata are demonstrated

PERMITTED KATA FOR EACH GRADE (Empty Hand and Weapons Kata)

Grade	Belt Grade	JUNIOR	COLLEGIATE	TERTIARY
White	10 th	Sanbon Tsuki 1,2, Taikyoku 1, 2 or 3	Taikyoku 1, 2 or 3	Taikyoku 1, 2 or 3
Advanced White	9 th	Sanbon 1,2 , Taikyoku 1, 2 or 3	Taikyoku 1, 2 or 3	Taikyoku 1, 2 or 3
Blue	8 th	Taikyoku 3, Seido 1	Taikyoku 3, Seido 1, Pinan 1	Taikyoku 3, Seido 1, Pinan 1
Advanced Blue	7 th	Seido 1, Pinan 1	Seido 1, Pinan 1	Seido 1, Pinan 1
Yellow	6 th	Seido 1, Seido 2, Pinan 1, Pinan 2	Seido 2, Pinan 2	Seido 2, Pinan 2
Advanced Yellow	5 th	Seido 2, Pinan 2	Seido 2, Pinan 2, Pinan 3	Seido 2, Pinan 2, Pinan 3
Green	4 th	Seido 2, Seido 3, Pinan 2, Pinan 3 Gekisai-dai	Seido 3, Pinan 3, Pinan 4 Gekisai-dai	Seido 3, Pinan 3, Pinan 4 Gekisai-dai
Advanced Green	3 rd	Seido 3, Pinan 3, Pinan 4 Gekisai-dai	Seido 3, Pinan 4 Gekisai-dai, Yansu	Seido 3, Pinan 4 Gekisai-dai, Yansu
Brown	2 nd	Seido 4, Pinan 4 Tsuki-no	Seido 4, Pinan 4, Pinan 5 Tsuki-no, Yansu	Seido 4, Pinan 4, Pinan 5 Tsuki-no, Yansu
Advanced Brown	1 st	Seido 4, Pinan 4, Pinan 5 Tsuki-no, Sai-ha	Seido 4, Pinan 5 Tuski-no, Yansu, Sai-ha, Tensho	Seido 4, Pinan 5 Tuski-no, Yansu, Sai-ha, Tensho
Shodan	1 st Dan	Seido 5, Gekisai-sho, Seienchin Bo Chion Kata	Seido 5, Gekisai-sho, Seienchin Bo Chion Bo Kata	Seido 5, Gekisai-sho, Seienchin Bo Chion Bo Kata
Nidan	2 nd Dan	Seido 5, Gekisai-sho, Seienchin, Koryugojushiho Fusetsu-dai Bo Kata	Seido 5, Gekisai-sho, Seienchin, Koryugojushiho Fusetsu-dai Bo Kata	Seido 5, Gekisai-sho, Seienchin, Koryugojushiho Fusetsu-dai Bo Kata
Sandan	3 rd Dan		Koryugoshiho, Kanku, Seido-Empi-no dai Fusetsu-sho Bo Kata	Koryugoshiho, Kanku, Seido-Empi-no dai Fusetsu-sho Bo Kata