

2026 INF International Naginata Seminar Information pack

1 Purpose	The purpose of this event is to deepen mutual understanding and friendship among INF members through the traditional Japanese culture “Naginata”, and to strive for a correct understanding of techniques and the inheritance of culture.
2 Organised by	International Naginata Federation (INF)
3 Hosted by	Australian Naginata Federation (ANF) in Melbourne, Victoria
4 Date	Friday 26 June to Sunday 28 June 2026
5 Venue	<p>Whitten Sports stadium Victoria University Community Sports stadium 417 Barkly Street, West Footscray, Victoria, 3012</p> <p>Access: Get off West Footscray Train station, which is approximately a 3 minutes walk to the venue. About 25 mins by Taxi from Melbourne airport (About \$40) About 16 mins by Taxi from Accommodation (About \$30) About 10 mins Flagstaff station via Sunbury line from accommodation</p> <p>Some members of the local naginata group may also be able to assist in transfers from the hotels to the stadium.</p>
6 Eligibility	Members of INF Member States. Must have approval by their Federation.
7 Seminar Instructors	<p>Toko Takahashi - <i>Kyoshi</i> Ayumi Nakadan - <i>Kyoshi</i> David D’hose - <i>Renshi</i> Daniel Strenger - <i>Renshi</i></p> <p>Secretary General, Chinobu Imaura - <i>Kyoshi</i></p>
8 Program Details	<p>Detailed schedule will be confirmed closer to the date.</p> <p>Seminar opens on Friday afternoon with shinsa on Sunday afternoon.</p>
9 Participation Fee	<p>AUD\$160 per person</p> <p>Those who wish to rent naginata may borrow one shiai and/or kata free of charge; if damaged, will need to provide replacement value compensation. Availability is limited and will be confirmed after registration.</p> <p>Lunch (snacks) will not be provided but attendees may bring their own lunch, or purchase lunch at the nearby shops and cafes.</p>
10 Examination	<p>Candidates must have approval from their federation to grade.</p> <p>Kyu gradings under ANF requirements and are paid in \$AUD with federation application.</p> <p>Dan gradings up to, and including, sandan under INF requirements and must be paid by individual participants in JPY. Grading fee will be collected at registration on the Friday/Saturday. Menjo fee collected on Sunday if candidate has passed.</p>
11 Welcome dinner	<p>6.20pm on Friday 26th June 2026 Royal Standard Hotel, 333 William St, West Melbourne VIC 3003</p> <p>AUD\$55.00 per person Includes a 3 course menu, drinks not included. Partners welcome Main menu Vegetarian mains option menu</p>

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12 Application for Participation	<p>Peter Taylor, ANF Secretary - naginata.australia.secretary@gmail.com</p> <p>Application forms should be sent by the Federation President or Secretary in one application.</p> <p>Please make a single direct deposit for your Federation to the ANF Bank account for the Australian Dollar (AUD) component of the seminar fees. International transfers will need to adjust for additional banking fees of AUD\$35 per transfer.</p> <p>Account name: AUSTRALIAN NAGINATA FEDERATION BSB: 083 028 Account number: 46 248 9891 SWIFT code (for international transfers): NATAAU3303M Please list your name in the payment reference.</p> <p>If you are an attendee from overseas, please contact naginata.australia.secretary@gmail.com to discuss options such as payment onsite at the seminar if you would prefer not to make an electronic payment.</p> <p>Pay the fee when applying unless alternate arrangements have been made with the naginata.australia.secretary@gmail.com.</p> <p>Refunds will not be issued after payment.</p>
13 Applications Close	Monday 20th May 2026
14 Accommodation	<p>Accommodation is the responsibility of the attendee, however we do recommend two options that are close to the welcome dinner venue and Melbourne CBD:</p> <p>1. Jazz Corner Hotel, 352 William Street, 3000 Melbourne</p> <p>A limited number of rooms (including breakfast) have been reserved in advance at a discount rate and availability may be requested via vic.naginata.renmei@gmail.com</p> <p>Standard Studio - 4 nights (Thurs-Mon) - AUD\$643 (dates and number of nights may be adjusted on request)</p> <p>2. The Melbourne City Apartments (not including breakfast), at 221 Rosslyn St, West Melbourne.</p> <p>A discount rate is available via vic.naginata.renmei@gmail.com; rates are per room, not by person.</p> <p>Twin Studio apartment AUD\$165 per night Queen Studio apartment AUD\$165 per night 2 BR apartment AUD\$300 per night</p>
15 Insurance	<p>Each attendee is responsible for their insurance. If attending from overseas, travel insurance is highly recommended.</p> <p>By registering for the event, attendees will be covered for injury and damages at the event ONLY, as either full or temporary ANF associate members.</p>

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