

Invitation to Nordic Open 2024

July 18th-20th 2024

We invite you to the 2nd Nordic Open in Stockholm 2024

Nordic Open 2024 will once again bring together the Taido community in the Nordics, Europe and the world. Hosted in the beautiful capital of Sweden we will spend a few days of seriousness, playfulness and fun.

Apart from the actual competition we will also host shinsa for Black Belts and of course taido seminars with special invited guests:

- Nakano Tetsuji, 6th Dan Kyoshi, 4 times Taido World Champion and Tekken 8 game star
- **Andy Fossett**, 6th Dan Kyoshi, well known for his Taido heart and extensive knowledge paired with a willingness to promote taido in all sorts of possible and impossible ways
- Jari Tuominen, 8th Dan Hanshi, President of Taido Finland.

Above all, this is a great opportunity to test your skills, learn from each other, grow in experience and catch up with old friends and meet new.

As always, taidoka from all over the world are invited to join us!

Hannes Kannisto, Chairman of the Swedish Taido Association

Mikael Jansson, President of the Swedish Taido Association

Stefan Agnvall, Head of the Local Organising Committe

Preliminary Programme

| DAY | WHAT |
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| Thursday july 18th | Afternoon: Shinsa for Black Belts Evening: International Judges seminar |
| Friday july 19th | All day: 2nd Nordic Open Competition Evening: Banquet |
| Saturday july 20th | Until mid afternoon: International Taido Camp/seminar |

Progrqamme schedule to be defined in PM1 after registration is closed.

About the Venue

The event is held at Lillsved, located in the beautiful archipelago of Stockholm, approx 40 mins drive from downtown Stockholm. It is also possible in the summer time to travel to Lillsved by boat from the center of Stockholm.

Website: https://www.lillsved.se

Important Dates

| DATE | WHAT | |
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| April 15th | Registration opens for the Event. Kihapp opens for registration. | |
| May 31st | Registration closes for the Event | |
| June 8th | Payments due. Final day of Kihapp registration of competitors. After this date PM1 is distributed holding more information regarding the event. | |
| July 18th | ly 18th Arrival of competitors and shinsa participants | |
| July 20th | Departure of all participants: Saturday july 20th | |

Registration for the Event

Registration for the event is done on a club by club basis, by one (1) dedicated club contact that also will receive information regarding the event for distribution within the club. The organising committe will not be able to invoice or recieve individual registrations.

The registration will need to be sent in an email to <u>nordicopen2024@taido.se</u> by the club contact using the registration form.

Cancellation Policy

Registrations are binding and the all fees will only be refunded for a valid reason such as illness (nurse or doctor's certificate in english or swedish required). To return the participation fee, you must contact the event contact person.

Registration for the Competition

We will use Kihapp for registration and running the competition. Registrations in Kihapp are made centrally by the club's contact person directly in the Kihapp system for the competitors. Kihapp registrations will open on Monday april 15th. Registrations in Kihapp must be made no later than June 7th 2024.

The competition registration will be visible in Kihapp on this page once it is open:

https://www.kihapp.com/tournaments?country=Sweden

For competitors holding a national ranking in the individual competition categories, this information is also necessary

• National ranking in Hokei/Jissen for men and women respectively

Unpaid registrations will be removed from Kihapp before the brackets are drawn.

In case you are attending ONLY the competition please send email: <u>nordicopen2024@taido.se</u>.

Registration for Shinsa

We will hold Shinsa for 2 Dan and up, including shogo-titles. Registration for Shinsa follows the standard procedure and the organiers will receive the registration info directly from WTF. Registrations for Shinsa needs to be to be sent from the National Taido federation in email to <u>andy@taido.com</u> with the usual forms.

Registration for Seminars

There is no need to register specifically for the seminars for participants besides info already in the registration form.

Payments for the Event

Payments for the accommodation, packages, competition fee, shinsa fee and seminar fee will be invoiced and the invoice will be sent to the club contact.

International Payments will be in Euros and Swedish payments will be in SEK with an exchange rate which will be set on the day registration closes on May 29th.

Insurance

Participation in the event is at the participant's own responsibility and risk in every aspect. All participants are obliged to take out private insurance which is valid abroad and covers injuries in international Taido competitions.

Swedish Taido Association will secure an English-speaking medic available for the participants during the competition. Any treatment that the medic is not able to perform at the venue needing other medical treatment at a hospital will be at the personal expense of the injured participant. It will be a matter between the participant and the participants own insurance company to cover the costs.

European taidokas: the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is valid in Sweden. Make sure you hold a valid card to bring to the competition in the event of an injury and/or sickness needing medical treatment outside of the venue, i.ie at a hospital. The EHIC gives you access to state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay in Sweden.

Prices and Packages

Accommodation

Accommodation will be in a shared room with 2 single beds. Please state in the registration form if you have any preference of who to share the room with. The organiser will put participants in shared rooms taking into account same sex, club and nation unless a person is stated in the registration form.

FULL PACKAGE: 290€

- Hostel/Dormitory accommodation Thursday to Saturday (double room)
- Full board
 - o Thu: Dinner, evening snack
 - Fri: Breakfast + lunch + Dinner at Banquette
 - Sat: Breakfast + lunch
- International Camp/ Seminar fee is included
- Shinsa fee is included

SEMINAR PACKAGE: 190€

- Hostel/Dormitory accommodation Friday to Saturday (double room)
- Full board
 - Fri: Dinner at Banquette
 - Sat: Breakfast + lunch
- International Camp/ Seminar

SHINSA PACKAGE: 190€

- Hostel/Dormitory accommodation Thursday to Friday (double room)
- Full board
 - Thu: Dinner
 - Fri: Breakfast + lunch
- Shinsa fee included

NO ACCOMMODATION

If you don't choose any of the accommodation packages above the fees for the optional services are applied

OPTIONAL SERVICES

- Competiton Fee 30€
 - All competitors except team leaders, coaches and judges.
 - Unpaid registrations for the competition will be removed from Kihapp before the charts are drawn.
- International Camp/ Seminar (ONLY) 60€
 - o Incl: lunch
 - o Notice: Full package and Seminar package include participation fee for Camp/Seminar
- Shinsa Fee 30€
 - o Incl: Dinner
 - o Notice: Full package and Shinsa package include participation fee for Shinsa
 - o Does not include shinsa fee to World Taido Federation.
- Banquette (ONLY) 60€
 - Notice: All packages include participation in Banquette
 - o Includes food and welcoming sparkling drink, non-alcoholic for under age

VOLUNTEERS AND JUDGES

Event judges and volunteers/officials are entitled to a personal discount.

Competition categories for Nordic Open 2024

Age and belt limitations for the different categories are listed in the tables below. All competition categories are subject to the condition that there are enough competitors. The Swedish Taido Association reserves the right to cancel, change or merge categories in the event that there are 3 or fewer participants. Merging categories will be decided by the Swedish Taido Association.

Participants in the ranked categories are not allowed to compete in the non-ranked categories and vice versa.

Seniors, Ranked

| Category | Name | Year of birth | Belt rank | Other info |
|----------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| R1 | Hokei Women | ≤ 2006 | ≥ 2 kyu | Only tai/ in -hokei |
| R2 | Hokei Men | ≤ 2006 | ≥ 2 kyu | Only tai/ in -hokei |
| R3 | Jissen Women | ≤ 2006 | ≥ 2 kyu | |
| R4 | Jissen Men | ≤ 2006 | ≥ 2 kyu | |
| R5 | Dantai Jissen Women | ≤ 2006 | ≥ 2 kyu | 3 member team |
| R6 | Dantai Jissen Men | ≤ 2006 | ≥ 2 kyu | 3 member team |
| R7 | Dantai Hokei Women | ≤ 2006 | ≥ 2 kyu | Only tai/ in -hokei, 3 member team |
| R8 | Dantai Hokei Men | ≤ 2006 | ≥ 2 kyu | Only tai/ in -hokei, 3 member team |
| R9 | Tenkai Mixed | ≤ 2006 | ≥ 2 kyu | 5+1 team members |

Seniors, Non-Ranked

| Category | Name | Year of birth | Belt rank | Other info |
|----------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|
| NR1 | Hokei Women | ≤ 2006 | 6-3 kyu | Only tai/ in -hokei |
| NR2 | Hokei Men | ≤ 2006 | 6-3 kyu | Only tai/ in -hokei |
| NR3 | Jissen Women | ≤ 2006 | 6-3 kyu | |
| NR4 | Jissen Men | ≤ 2006 | 6-3 kyu | |
| NR5 | Hokei Mixed Sonen | ≤ 1994 | All | Only sei-hokei |
| NR6 | Jissen Women Sonen | ≤ 1994 | All | |
| NR7 | Jissen Men Sonen | ≤ 1994 | All | |

Juniors, No ranking applicable

| Category | Name | Year of birth | Belt rank | Other info |
|----------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| J1 | Hokei Girls | 2007-2010 | 6-1 kyu | |
| J2 | Hokei Boys | 2007-2010 | 6-1 kyu | |
| J3 | Jissen Girls | 2007-2010 | 6-1 kyu | |
| J4 | Jissen Boys | 2007-2010 | 6-1 kyu | |
| J5 | Dantai Hokei Girls | 2007-2010 | 6-1 kyu | Only tai/ in -hokei, 3 member team |
| J6 | Dantai Hokei Boys | 2007-2010 | 6-1 kyu | Only tai/ in -hokei, 3 member team |
| J7 | Dantai Jissen Girls | 2007-2010 | 6-1 kyu | 3 member team |
| J8 | Dantai Jissen Boys | 2007-2010 | 6-1 kyu | 3 member team |
| J9 | Tenkai Mixed | 2007-2010 | ≤1kyu | 5+1 team |
| J10 | Hokei Mixed Youth | 2011-2012 | ≤1kyu | |
| J11 | Jissen Mixed Youth | 2011-2012 | ≤1kyu | |

All ages, No ranking applicable

| Category | Name | Year of birth | Belt rank | Other info |
|----------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| A1 | Dantai Hokei Mixed | No restriction | No restriction | Only tai/ in -hokei, 3 member team |
| A2 | Tenkai Mixed | No restriction | No restriction | 5+1 team |

For jissen the following rules apply regarding protective gear:

- It is allowed to wear soft chest protections which will fit under the uwagi
- It is allowed to wear soft shin guards as protections
- It is **required** for boys and men to wear a jockstrap. For men 18 years and above this requirement can be waivered at the athletes own risk. This needs to be provided in writing to the Organizing committe of the Swedish Taido Association.

The organizing committee does not provide protection gear and every participant needs to bring their own. Failure to use required protective gear will immediately disqualify the participant unless a written waiver has been formally presented to the

In Dantai jissen the general rule is that one team should consist of 3 competitors, however, if an athlete is not able to participate due to injury or similar and no substitution is available, the match for the absent athlete will be counted as a "default loss" and the team can participate in the event with two (2) competitors. In dantai jissen, all five Taido technique classes must be represented by the three members of the team.

Possible combinations:

- a) sen-un (1), hen-nen (3), ten-sen (5)
- b) sen-un (1), un-hen (2), nen-ten (4)
- c) sen-un (1), hen-nen (3), nen-ten (4)
- d) un-hen (2), hen-nen (3), ten-sen (5)
- e) un-hen (2), nen-ten (4), ten-sen (5)

Local Organising Committe

The Local Organising Committe (LOC) consists of:

- Stefan Agnvall, Head of LOC
- Mikael Jansson, President of the Swedish Taido Association
- Hannes Kannisto, Chairman of the Swedish Taido Association

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