



Tanren Juku joins the Canadian Aikido Federation

This September, our club (Tanren Juku Aikido Club of Calgary) moved from its affiliation with Calgary Aikikai to join the Canadian Aikido Federation (CAF). The Canadian Aikido Federation has existed for over 20 years. On April 25, 1997, the CAF received official charter as a non-profit corporation from the Directorate of Incorporation, Industry Canada.

In September, when Dan Sensei asked for permission to join the CAF, the Technical Director, Yukio Kawahara Shihan (7th dan), welcomed us into the organization. This is a significant move for our club and all our members. It will mark the beginning of the next phase of our evolution. We are joining a strong organization of Aikido clubs across Canada who are well regarded by the world headquarters of Aikido in Japan.

The Teen / Adult class students will see a change in the test requirements but rank promotions will be accredited through the CAF to the World Headquarters in Japan.

The test requirements for the children's class will not change. BigRock Aikikai, who we enjoy many activities with, have been members of the CAF for a number of years. We expect our association with BigRock Aikikai and the adult group, Aikido Bozankan, to grow as a result of this change.

Registration in Canadian Aikido Federation

As members of the CAF all Tanren Juku Students are required to be registered with the Federation. The annual registration fee is \$15 per student and is due in October each year. Members of the CAF are recognized in the local, national, and international Aikido community. CAF membership also brings with it group insurance rates which help to keep the costs of Aikido practice reasonable.

Students can pay the \$15 CAF membership fees by cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to the Canadian Aikido Federation. All students are required to be members of the CAF.

As a part of the formality of joining the CAF, we require all students to complete and submit the attached registration form and waiver. We recognize some new students recently submitted waivers, but the new information is necessary because of our change in insurance companies now that we are a member of the CAF. Information obtained on the registration form and waiver will be treated as outlined in the CAF Privacy Policy which is available on the CAF website.

This information will help us make emergency contact in case of injury, maintain up-to-date membership records, and maintain a record of testing dates and promotions.

Children's Class Age Split

This announcement is important for all Children's Class students. **Starting in November, the classes will be split according to the children's ages as follows:**

Tuesday 5:30 to 6:30:	6 yrs to 8 yrs – all ranks
Tuesday 6:30 to 7:30:	9 yrs and up – all ranks
Saturday 9:00 to 10:00:	6 yrs to 8 yrs – all ranks
Saturday 10:00 to 11:00	9 yrs and up – all ranks

The Monday weapons class for green belts and higher will continue without change. Any Green Belts who are interested in the weapons class should speak to Dan Sensei. The cost for the weapons class is \$20 per month.

We realize this change has significant impact. The success and growth of the club in the last year and a half has resulted in a large group of children who are very committed to their practice. We want to offer as much opportunity as we can to challenge them to seek their potential.

The move to this class format for the benefit of the students has been demonstrated successfully in the past. If any of the parents have questions or concerns about this change, please contact Dan Sensei, Irene Sensei or Raoul Sensei.

Kagami Biraki 2006 DVD

A DVD of this year's Kagami Biraki ceremony, held on 2006 January 28th, is now available.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please fill out the form below.

The cost is \$20. Please make cheques payable to Tanren Juku.

If you have any questions, please see any of the Sensei.

Name: _____

Number of copies (\$20/each): _____

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