USA KARATE ARIZONA presents

ARIZONA FRIENDSHIP SHIAI 2026

YOU'RE INVITED!

Saturday, October 17, 2026

First Chinese Baptist Church
4910 East Earll Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85018

DOORS OPEN 8:00 AM | TOURNAMENT BEGINS 9:00 AM

A fun, competitive day of karate and community for beginners, juniors, and black belts!



KATA • KUMITE • KOBUDO • PARA-KARATE

PLUS: CHANBARA • KOBUDO KUMITE • KING OF THE RING

Register now at www.tournamentinabox.com
Pre-registration closes October 1, 2026
Final registration closes October 15, 2026

Questions or registration help?
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Development • Growth • Fun • Community

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You're Invited — ARIZONA FRIENDSHIP SHIAI — October 17, 2026

Respected Arizona Sensei, Coaches, and Athletes,

I'm excited to invite you to the Arizona Friendship Shiai — on Saturday,October 17, 2026. We'd love to see you, your students, and your families join us for a fun, competitive day.

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The venue lets us run three to four full-sized rings and still have plenty of room for changing, staging, and spectators. There's even an outdoor play area so little ones can burn off energy between bouts. Whether you're bringing beginners, juniors, or black belts aiming for elite competition, there's something for everyone — Kata, Kumite, Kobudo, Para-Karate, and now **CHANBARA**, **KOBUDO KUMITE, & KING OF THE RING too!**

A few important notes:

- We are reclaiming our fall tournament for the state of Arizona with some added fun elements: Chanbara, Kobudo Kumite & King of the Ring!
- This is a training tournament designed to give valuable mat time to our athletes, coaches and referees and judges.
- This is an excellent event to experience how USA Karate Rules works and try it out.
- Because this is a ***training tournament***, the medals and trophies will be reused, previously blessed by other winners and donated back to USA Karate Arizona in order to bless another generation of competitors! Each category will have a *unique* medal or trophy assigned to the winners. This is an event based on fun and experience - not a formal event - but a gathering of martial artists supporting athlete in our state. This is about development and growth and fun!
- We'll use modified USANKF/WKF rules — see www.usankf.org for details.
- We will be staffing this event with ***our own*** judges and referees from Arizona: this will be Arizona serving Arizona! Little to no outside help! We learn together.
- As a result and in the effort to prepare us to stand on our own, we will have a judges & referee seminar to learn more about USA Karate. TBD look for information on Tournament in a Box.

Registration & key dates

- Pre-registration: now open at www.tournamentinabox.com
- Pre-registration closes: October 1, 2026
- Final registration closes: midnight, Thursday, October 15, 2026

Event day schedule

- Doors open: 8:00 AM
- Official meeting: 8:15 AM
- Tournament begins promptly at 9:00 AM

If you have questions, need help with registration, or would like to help with judging & refereeing, please reach out — I'm happy to help. I really hope you and your team can make it; it'll be a great day of karate and community.

See you at the Arizona Friendship Shiai!

Kelley Hutta
Tournament Director
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DATE: Saturday, October 17, 2026

START TIME:
Doors open at 8:00 AM
Official Meeting at 8:15 AM
Kobudo Staged at 8:45 AM
Opening Ceremony at 9:00 AM

EVENT LOCATION:
First Chinese Baptist Church
4910 East Earll Drive
Phoenix, Arizona 85018

REGISTRATION FEE:
Pre-registering prior to October 1:
$65 First Event, $10 Additional Events
Registering after October 1:
$75 All Events, $15 Additional Events

SPECTATOR FEE:
$10 - Children 5 years and older
Free - Children 4 years and younger

COACHES FEE:
$20* includes admission and floor pass
**Teams get 1 Free Coaches Pass per 5 pre-registered athletes!!*

REGISTER AT: www.tournamentinabox.com

AWARDS: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, & Participation for U10 will receive medals*

RULES:
USA-NKF/WKF Rules
(modified at tournament directors' discretion)
https://www.teamusa.org/usa-karate/events/rules-of-competition

DRESS CODE:
Competitors - traditional, solid white gi
Elite Competitors - red/blue WKF approved elite gi
Referees - WKF article 2.1

REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT:
Approved head gear for <14, WKF hand pads, leg/foot gear, mouth piece, approved external chest protectors for <14, chest protectors for females, and cup up for males.

LODGING:



Hampton Inn & Suites, Tempe/Phoenix Airport
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480 - 410 - 6400 /

Holiday Inn & Suites, Phoenix Airport North
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For more information please contact Kelley Hutta at kelley@cmacus.com
* See more info regarding special events, medals, and categories.

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YOUTH DIVISIONS

S1	5yrs & under Boys Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K1	5yrs & under Boys Beg/Nov Kata	Kata
S2	5yrs & under Girls Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K2	5yrs & under Girls Beg/Nov Kata	Kata
S3	6-7 yr olds Boys Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K3	6-7 yr olds Boys Beg/Novice Kata	Kata
S4	6-7 yr olds Boys Int Kumite	Kumite	K4	6-7 yr olds Boys Int Kata	Kata
S5	6-7 yr olds Boys Advanced Kumite	Kumite	K5	6-7 yr olds Boys Advanced Kata	Kata
S6	6-7 yr olds Girls Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K6	6-7 yr olds Girls Beg/Novice Kata	Kata
S7	6-7 yr olds Girls Int Kumite	Kumite	K7	6-7 yr olds Girls Int Kata	Kata
S8	6-7 yr olds Girls Advanced Kumite	Kumite	K8	6-7 yr olds Girls Advanced Kata	Kata
S9	8-9 yr olds Boys Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K9	8-9 yr olds Boys Beg/Novice Kata	Kata
S10	8-9 yr olds Boys Int Kumite	Kumite	K10	8-9 yr olds Boys Int Kata	Kata
S11	8-9 yr olds Boys Advanced Kumite	Kumite	K11	8-9 yr olds Boys Advanced Kata	Kata
S12	8-9 yr olds Girls Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K12	8-9 yr olds Girls Beg/Novice Kata	Kata
S13	8-9 yr olds Girls Int Kumite	Kumite	K13	8-9 yr olds Girls Int Kata	Kata
S14	8-9 yr olds Girls Advanced Kumite	Kumite	K14	8-9 yr olds Girls Advanced Kata	Kata
S15	10-11 yr olds Boys Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K15	10-11 yr olds Boys Beg/Nov Kata	Kata
S16	10-11 yr olds Boys Int Kumite	Kumite	K16	10-11 yr olds Boys Int Kata	Kata
S17	10-11 yr olds Boys Adv Kumite	Kumite	K17	10-11 yr olds Boys Advanced Kata	Kata
S18	10-11 yr olds Girls Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K18	10-11 yr olds Girls Beg/Nov Kata	Kata
S19	10-11 yr olds Girls Int Kumite	Kumite	K19	10-11 yr olds Girls Int Kata	Kata
S20	10-11 yr olds Girls Adv Kumite	Kumite	K20	10-11 yr olds Girls Advanced Kata	Kata
S21	12-13 yr olds Boys Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K21	12-13 yr olds Boys Beg/Nov Kata	Kata
S22	12-13 yr olds Boys Int Kumite	Kumite	K22	12-13 yr olds Boys Int Kata	Kata
S23	12-13 yr olds Boys Adv Kumite	Kumite	K23	12-13 yr olds Boys Advanced Kata	Kata
S24	12-13 yr olds Girls Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K24	12-13 yr olds Girls Beg/Nov Kata	Kata
S25	12-13 yr olds Girls Int Kumite	Kumite	K25	12-13 yr olds Girls Int Kata	Kata
S26	12-13 yr olds Girls Adv Kumite	Kumite	K26	12-13 yr olds Girls Advanced Kata	Kata
S27	14-15 yr olds Boys Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K27	14-15 yr olds Boys Beg/Nov Kata	Kata
S28	14-15 yr olds Boys Int Kumite	Kumite	K28	14-15 yr olds Boys Int Kata	Kata
S29	14-15 yr olds Boys Adv Kumite	Kumite	K29	14-15 yr olds Boys Advanced Kata	Kata
S30	14-15 yr olds Girls Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K30	14-15 yr olds Girls Beg/Nov Kata	Kata
S31	14-15 yr olds Girls Int Kumite	Kumite	K31	14-15 yr olds Girls Int Kata	Kata
S32	14-15 yr olds Girls Adv Kumite	Kumite	K32	14-15 yr olds Girls Advanced Kata	Kata
S33	16-17 yr olds Boys Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K33	16-17 yr olds Boys Beg/Nov Kata	Kata
S34	16-17 yr olds Boys Int Kumite	Kumite	K34	16-17 yr olds Boys Int Kata	Kata
S35	16-17 yr olds Boys Adv Kumite	Kumite	K35	16-17 yr olds Boys Advanced Kata	Kata
S36	16-17 yr olds Girls Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K36	16-17 yr olds Girls Beg/Nov Kata	Kata
S37	16-17 yr olds Girls Int Kumite	Kumite	K37	16-17 yr olds Girls Int Kata	Kata
S38	16-17 yr olds Girls Adv Kumite	Kumite	K38	16-17 yr olds Girls Advanced Kata	Kata

ADULT DIVISIONS

S39	Mens Beg/Novice Kumite	Kumite	K39	Men's Beg/Novice Kata	Kata
S40	Mens Intermediate Kumite	Kumite	K40	Men's Intermediate Kata	Kata
S41	Mens Adv Kumite	Kumite	K41	Men's Advanced Kata	Kata
S42	Womens Beg/Novice Kumite	Kumite	K42	Women's Beg/Novice Kata	Kata
S43	Womens Intermediate Kumite	Kumite	K43	Women's Intermediate Kata	Kata
S44	Womens Adv Kumite	Kumite	K44	Women's Advanced Kata	Kata
S50	35+ Mens Beginner/Novice Kumite	Kumite	K50	35+ Men's Beginner/Novice Kata	Kata
S51	35+ Womens Beg/Nov Kumite	Kumite	K51	35+ Men's Intermediate/Adv Kata	Kata
S52	35+ Mens Intermediate/Adv Kumite	Kumite	K52	35+ Women's Beginner/Novice Kata	Kata
S53	35+ Womens Int/Adv Kumite	Kumite	K53	35+ Women's Intermediate/Adv Kata	Kata

PARA KARATE DIVISIONS

PK1	U12	Intellectually Impaired	Kata
PK2	12-17	Intellectually Impaired	Kata
PK3	18+	Intellectually Impaired	Kata

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WEAPONS DIVISIONS

LW1	9 yrs & under Beg/Nov Long Weapons	Kobudo L. Kata	SW1	9 yrs & under Beg/Nov Short Weapons	Kobudo S. Kata
LW2	9 yrs & under Int/Adv Long Weapon	Kobudo L. Kata	SW2	9 yrs & under Int/Adv Short Weapon	Kobudo S. Kata
LW3	10-13 yr olds Beg/Nov Long Weapons	Kobudo L. Kata	SW3	10-13 yr olds Beg/Nov Short Weapons	Kobudo S. Kata
LW4	10-13 yr olds Int/Adv Long Weapons	Kobudo L. Kata	SW4	10-13 yr olds Int/Adv Short Weapons	Kobudo S. Kata
LW5	14-17 yr olds Beg/Nov Long Weapons	Kobudo L. Kata	SW5	14-17 yr olds Beg/Nov Short Weapons	Kobudo S. Kata
LW6	14-17 yr olds Int/Adv Long Weapons	Kobudo L. Kata	SW6	14-17 yr olds Int/Adv Short Weapons	Kobudo S. Kata
LW7	Men's Beginner/Nov LongWeapons	Kobudo L. Kata	SW7	Men's Beginner/Nov Short Weapons	Kobudo S. Kata
LW8	Men's Intermediate/Adv Long Weapons	Kobudo L. Kata	SW8	Men's Intermediate/Adv Short Weapons	Kobudo S. Kata
LW9	35+ Men's Long Weapons	Kobudo L. Kata	SW9	35+ Men's Short Weapons	Kobudo S. Kata
LW10	Women's Beginner/Nov Long Weapons	Kobudo L. Kata	SW10	Women's Beginner/Nov Short Weapons	Kobudo S. Kata
LW11	Women's Intermediate/Adv Long Weapons	Kobudo L. Kata	SW11	Women's Intermediate/Adv Short Weapons	Kobudo S. Kata
LW12	35+ Women's Long Weapons	Kobudo L. Kata	SW12	35+ Women's Short Weapons	Kobudo S. Kata

WK1	9 yrs & under Beg/Nov Weapons	Kobudo Kumite	C1	9 yrs & under Beg/Nov Weapons	Chanbara
WK2	9 yrs & under Int/Adv Weapon	Kobudo Kumite	C2	9 yrs & under Int/Adv Weapon	Chanbara
WK3	10-13 yr olds Beg/Nov Weapons	Kobudo Kumite	C3	10-13 yr olds Beg/Nov Weapons	Chanbara
WK4	10-13 yr olds Int/Adv Weapons	Kobudo Kumite	C4	10-13 yr olds Int/Adv Weapons	Chanbara
WK5	14-17 yr olds Beg/Nov Weapons	Kobudo Kumite	C5	14-17 yr olds Beg/Nov Weapons	Chanbara
WK6	14-17 yr olds Int/Adv Weapons	Kobudo Kumite	C6	14-17 yr olds Int/Adv Weapons	Chanbara
WK7	Men's Beginner/Nov Weapons	Kobudo Kumite	C7	Men's Beginner/Nov Weapons	Chanbara
WK8	Men's Intermediate/Adv Weapons	Kobudo Kumite	C8	Men's Intermediate/Adv Weapons	Chanbara
WK9	35+ Men's Weapons	Kobudo Kumite	C9	35+ Men's Weapons	Chanbara
WK10	Women's Beginner/Nov Weapons	Kobudo Kumite	C10	Women's Beginner/Nov Weapons	Chanbara
WK11	Women's Intermediate/Adv Weapons	Kobudo Kumite	C11	Women's Intermediate/Adv Weapons	Chanbara
WK12	35+ Women's Weapons	Kobudo Kumite	C12	35+ Women's Weapons	Chanbara

KING OF THE RING DIVISIONS

KOR01	7 & under Boys & Girls	King of the Ring
KOR02	8 & 9 yrs Boys	King of the Ring
KOR03	8 & 9 yrs Girls	Queen of the Ring
KOR04	10-13 yr olds Boys	King of the Ring
KOR05	10-13 yr olds Girls	Queen of the Ring
KOR06	14-17 yr olds Boys	King of the Ring
KOR07	14-17 yr olds Girls	Queen of the Ring
KOR08	18+ Men	King of the Ring
KOR09	18+ Women	Queen of the Ring
KOR10	35+ Men	King of the Ring
KOR11	35+ Women	Queen of the Ring

ADDITIONAL SPECIALTY AWARDS

PARENT AWARDS:
DOUBLE DUTY PARENT
ZEN MASTER
MOST LOCKED IN PARENT
BEST DRESSED PARENT

COACHES AWARDS:
ALL PRESENT COACH
DOUBLE DUTY COACH
ZEN MASTER COACH
MOST LOCKED IN COACH
CALMEST COACH

COMPETITOR AWARDS:
BEST KIAI
MOST PREPARED COMPETITOR
BEST BELT KNOT
BEST BOW
ZEN MASTER
LIGHTENING BOLT
MOST LOCKED IN
FUTURE MASTER
TATAMI DANCER

DOJO TEAM AWARDS: :
BEST SPIRIT
BEST SPORTSMANSHIP
MOST REFEREES
MOST COMPETITORS
MOST MEDALS
MOST GOLDS