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The Bellevue-Highline-Sno-king rental sets of armor (bogu) are stored at Highline Dojo (Steve Cox Memorial Park-King County Parks, 1321 sw 102nd Seattle). At current rental rate per quarter of \$40 it takes 10 qtrs to pay for a set of armor, you may rent a set for a few quarters but not a life time. We expect you to buy your own set.

IN ORDER TO GET A RENTAL SET YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

Make an appointment with Marsten sensei (he has keys to the building) to go check out a set.

Check out means get fitted and a set issued to you. This is after you have done the on-line registration through our website. He will get a list of those that have registered. Under non-Covid circumstances you must join BHS to rent our bogu. This is because joining BHS provides liability insurance in case you injure someone. If you only practice at the parks department your parks registration does this but you may not practice outside of your club.

What are the benefits of being a member?

Promotion examinations, kendo is not like other martial arts your rank is worldwide not just for the school as in Karate. There are 7 Kyu ranks and 8 Dan ranks 7-1Kyu and 1-4 Dan examinations are conducted by Pacific Northwest Kendo Federation. 5-7 Dan are conducted at the national level by All United States Kendo Federation. 8 Dan is conducted in Japan. All certificates of rank are issued by AUSKF and recognized worldwide by the World Kendo Federation. There are over 80 countries currently in the WKF and your rank is good in all of them.

PNKF membership provides the following:

seminars that are free to members and we have over 20 kendo clubs.

liability insurance so we can have open door practice which means membership in one club allows you to practice for free at most other clubs. (a few are not part of this) This is not in effect currently due to covid

Tournaments (Bellevue jr., Highline, UW, Tacoma, Kent, North American Women's, PNKF, Obukan and if you make the PNKF team the National Championships.

Promotional tests and ranks.

YOU DO NOT EVER HAVE TO JOIN OR RENT ARMOR. YOU CAN BUY YOUR OWN AND NEVER DO OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES JUST ATTEND YOU PARKS DEPARTMENT PROGRAM (Bellevue, Seattle or King County) CLUB MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT ABSOLVE YOU FROM PAYING THE PARKS DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE PART IN THEIR PROGRAMS. YOU MUST REGISTER EVERY QUARTER.

