



Born and raised in Tokyo, Akio Minakami began his formal martial arts training at age 7 under the 9th Degree Kodokan Judo Black Belt, Takagi Sensei. Minakami moved to the United States in 1967. He won 5 Gold Medals at the 1974 All Japan Karate Championships.

In 1983 Minakami received his Shihan Certificate (6th Degree Black Belt) from the governing body for karate in Japan, the Japan Karate Federation (JKF - formally FAJKO). Shihan Minakami was the first individual ever to receive a unanimous passing grade, meaning all 11 Masters representing the 4 major styles on the examining board gave him their approval. He then repeated this remarkable achievement when he graded for 7th Dan. This is an amazing feat for which he will always be known.

Shihan Minakami is also a Black Belt in Judo, and a 3rd Degree Black Belt in Kendo.

He is regarded as one of the finest Karate instructors in the world and currently teaches many International Champions. He is fluent in English and able to communicate concepts and philosophies clearly. He is friendly, approachable and an inspiration to karate practitioners of every level and style.

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Course Timetable

Thursday 12th July 2012

Roundwood Park school, Roundwood Park, Harpenden AL5 3AE

1. 6pm - 7pm Tiny Tigers £10.00
2. 6pm - 7pm Coloured Belts £15.00
3. 7.15pm - 8.30pm Black & Brown Belts £15.00

Friday 13th July 2012

Biggleswade Karate Centre 142 Shortmead Street Biggleswade SG18 0BL

4. 5pm - 6pm Kids Kyu Grades £10.00
5. 6pm - 7pm Black Belt Kids £15.00
6. 7.30pm - 8.30pm Adults & Shodans £15.00
7. 8.30pm - 9.30pm Nidans & Above £15.00

Saturday 14th July 2012

Shenley Leisure Centre, Burchard Crescent Shenley Churchend MK5 6HF
(Gymnasium)

8. 10am - 11am Tiny Tigers £10.00 Weapons
9. 11am - 12 noon Tiny Tigers £10.00 Weapons
10. 12.30pm - 1.30pm All Grades £15.00
11. 1.30pm - 2.30pm All Grades £15.00
(Dance Studio)
12. 4pm - 5pm Nidans & Above £15.00

Sunday 15th July 2012

Biggleswade Karate Centre 142 Shortmead Street Biggleswade SG18 0BL

13. 10am - 11am Kids Kyu Grades £10.00
14. 11am - 12noon Black Belt Kids £15.00
15. 2pm - 3pm Adults & Shodans £15.00
16. 3pm - 4pm Nidans & Above £15.00

Sunday 15th July 2012

Harpers Leisure Centre. Leyton Road, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 2HU

17. 6pm - 7.15pm Tiny Tigers £10.00
- All Other Grades £15.00

Shihan Seminars Unlimited Training £60

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Name.....Grade.....

Classes Attending (e.g. 1,4,8).....

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