

JOHAN BACKTEMAN – TAKETOMIKAI MASTERCLASS 2025

On May 25, 2025 the [Taketomikai - Mendrisio Martial Arts club](#) will have a special guest, Johan Backteman (8. dan, Sweden) an expert in karate, goshindō, iaidō, kobudō. All are invited to take part in his multidisciplinary masterclass to be held at the [Canavée School Center Gymnasium in Mendrisio](#).

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[Johan Backteman](#) is 8. dan hanshi of karate of the Kunibaryū school, is also an expert martialist in the disciplines of Kunibaryū goshindō, iaidō, kobudō and is the president of [Chikubukai Europe](#), an association that aims to disseminate the teachings of the Kunibaryū school, founded by master [Shōgō Kuniba](#), 10. dan. Kunibaryū is descended from Motobuha Shitōryū, a style originating in [Okinawa](#) that developed in Japan in the mid-20th century. Motobuha Shitōryū was founded by master [Kosei Kukuba](#), a student of the Okinawa king's grandson, [Chōki Motobu](#), and later of [Kenwa Mabuni](#). Adopted son and pupil of Kosei Kokuba, Shōgō Kuniba became head school (sōke) of the Motobuha Shitōryū and later developed his own system of karate, self-defense (goshindō), iaidō (Japanese sword drawing - katana), and kobudō (traditional Japanese weapons) that would take the name Kunibaryū.

PROGRAM

- May 25, 2025
- 09:30-10:00 Opening and registration of participants
- 10:00-12:00 Kunibaryu kobudō (rokushaku bo and tonfa) and Kunibaryu iaidō (brown and black belts only)
- 12:00-1:30 p.m. Lunch break
- 13:30-14:15 Kunibaryu karate-do and goshindō (open to all from age 6)
- 14:20-15:05 Kunibaryu karate-do and goshindō (open to all from age 11)
- 15:10-15:55 Kunibaryu karate-do and goshindō (open to all from age 15)
- 16:00-16:45 Kunibaryu kobudō (rokushaku bo and tonfa), Kunibaryu iaidō (brown and black belts only)

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Masterclass in karate, goshindō, iaidō, kobudō will be held at the [Canavée School Center gymnasium](#), 8 Giuseppe Buffi Street, Mendrisio, Switzerland. The gym is located near the Academy of Architecture and the Beata Vergine Hospital in Mendrisio.

Some parking spaces are available in front of the gymnasium. The Beata Vergine Hospital parking garage is also diponibile near the gym.

It is recommended to bring water or sports drinks from home and a packed lunch (for those staying for lunch). Take-out pizzerias-restaurants can be found nearby.

Tonfa, rokushaku bo (stick, length about 180 cm), iaito (training sword) and bokuto (wooden sword, length about 100 cm) are required for practice.

For more information: [Taketomikai website](#).

SUBSCRIPTIONS

For organizational reasons, you are required to announce your participation via e-mail: info@arti-marziali.net.

Prices:

- Taketomikai members: free of charge
- Ticinese Karate-do and Chikubukai Federation members: CHF/EUR 30.
- non-members: CHF/EUR 100.

HOTEL

[Hotel Milano](#)

[Garni Sport Mendrisio](#)

[Hotel Coronado](#)

[Hotel Morgana](#)

Contact the hotels directly for any reservations (the Mendrisio Martial Arts Club has no arrangements or agreements with the hotels).