

Ninjutsu History of the Nine Schools

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Ninjutsu History of the Nine Schools Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu is based upon the nine ryu (traditions or schools).

- Gyokko-ryu Kosshijutsu Happon Biken was founded in the mid 1100's by Tozawa Hakuunsai; the oldest Ryu in Masaaki Hatsumi's Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu system. It is famous for the Kihon Happon, Sanshin no kata, and Muto Taihenjutsu which are considered as the basics in the Bujinkan system.

- Kukishin-ryu Taijutsu Happon Biken was founded in the mid 1300 by Izumo Kanja Yoshitero and is legendary in Bujinkan for the many different weapon techniques.

- Shindenfudo-ryu Dakentaijutsu Happon Biken was founded in the beginning of 1100 by Izumo Kaja Yoshitero. It is renowned in Bujinkan for the rough Dakentaijutsu techniques. This school was the theme of 1998 and was taught at the Italian, Sweden, US and Japan Taikai.

- Gyokushin-ryu Ninpo Happon Biken was founded in the mid 1500 by Sasaki Goemon Teruyoshi. Very little of this school has been taught to the western world. It is believed that this school was more into information gathering and planning than actual combat.

- Koto-ryu Koppojutsu Happon Biken was founded in the mid 1500 by Sakagami Taro Kunishige. Its fame in Bujinkan is for the Koppojutsu (bone breaking techniques), and unusual Biken (sword) style of fighting.

- Togakure-ryu Ninpo Happon Biken was founded in the late 1100's by Daisuke Nishina; the second oldest Ryu in Masaaki Hatsumi's Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu system. This school is most famous in Bujinkan for the different Ninjutsu weapons as the Shuko, Shinodake, Shuriken, etc.

- Gikan-ryu Koppo Taijutsu Happon Biken was founded in the mid 1500 by Uryu Hangan Gikanbo. The school is eminent in Bujinkan for the difficult and odd Kamae in it's Taijutsu. This school is also specialized in Koppojutsu.

- Takagi-yoshin-ryu Jutaijutsu Happon Biken was founded in the beginning of 1600 by Takagi Oriemon Shigenobu. It is notorious in Bujinkan as a "Bodyguard School" employing fast and effective Jujitsu techniques, and Daishosabaki (Jujitsu while wearing both swords in the belt).

- Kumogakure-ryu Ninpo Happon Biken was founded in the mid 1500 by Iga Heinaizaemon No Jo Ienaga. This school was prominent in Bujinkan for the Kamayari, and its jumping techniques.