

Period	Year	Point in Japanese History	Main Events in Budo History	Notes
Y A Y O I	B.C.3C~	Introduction of metal impliments		
	3C	Himiko's reign	Introduction of swords	
K O F U N	4-5C	Unification of the country under the Yamato Court		
	538	Introduction of Buddhism		
A S U K A	593	Shotoku Taishi	Formulation of mythological images with weapons	
	645	Taika Reforms		
N A R A	710	Heijo-kyo		
	712	"Kojiki"		
	720	"Nihon Shoki"		
	713	"Fudoki"	Descriptions of mythological images	
	733	Completion of "Izumo Fudoki"		
	794	Heian Capital		
	Latter 9C	Emergence of Bushi	The Emergence of the Japanese Sword	
H E I A N	935	Taira Masakado, Fujiwara Sumitomo Rebellions		
		Formation of large warrior groups or clans Heiji (Taira) Genji (Minamoto)		
	1156	Hogen Disturbance		
	1159	Heiji Disturbance ↓ Heiji hegemony		
	1180~	Genpei War	Three Forms of Mounted-Archery	
	1185	Destruction of Heiji at Dannoura		
K A M A K U R A		Kamakura Bakufu		
	1192	Minamoto Yoritomo Shogun		
	1274 · 81	Mongol fleets		
	1333	Fall of the Kamakura Bakufu		
N A M B O K U C H Ō		Northern Court, Ashikaga Takauji Southern Court, Emperor Go-Daigo		
	1384		Chujo Nagahide becomes kenjutsu instructor to Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu	
	1392	Northern and Southern Courts unified under Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu		
		Pirates	Formation of Ryūha (martial traditions or schools)	I I Z A S A C H Ō I S A I
M U R O M A C H I	1467~77	Onin War		A I S U I K Ō
	1487		Three Great Lineages of Kenjutsu	1 4 5 2 1 5 3 8
	1487		Aisu Iko forms the Kage-ryu	
	↓ Gekokujo			
S E N G Ō K U	1522		Tsukahara Bokuden forms the Shinto-ryu	T S U K A H A R A
	1529		Kamiizumi Ise no Kami Hidetsuna receives teachings of the Kage-ryu from Aisu Iko and creates the Shinkage-ryu	B O K U D E N
	1549		Tsukahara Bokuden teaches kenjutsu to Shogun Ashikaga Yoshiteru	1 4 8 9 1 5 7 1
	1564		Ashikaga Yoshiteru acclaims Kamiizumi Hidetsuna as the greatest swordsman in the land	K A M I I Z U M I I S E N O
A Z U C H I	1565		Yagyū Muneyoshi receives a licence from Kamiizumi Hidetsuna and starts the Shinkage Yagyū-ryu	K A M I
		Oda Nobunaga's quest for national hegemony		1 5 0 8 1 5 7 7
	1560	Battle of Okehazama against Imagawa Yoshimoto		
	1573	Ashikaga Yoshiaki is sent into exile		
	1575	Battle of Nagashino against Takeda Katsuyori		
	1576	Azuchi Castle is constructed	Ito Ittosai creates the Itto-ryu	
	1582	Honnoji Incident, Akechi Mitsuhide betrays Nobunaga		
	1582	Toyotomi Hideyoshi national hegemony 1		
	1582	Battle fo Yamazaki —Defeats Akechi Mitsuhide		
	1583	Builds Osaka Castle		
	1588	Toyotomi Hideyoshi "Sword hunt", and separation of warriors and farmers		
	M O M O Y A M A			Japanese discard firearms
1591			Ono Jirouemon Tadaaki inherits Itto-ryu teachings—Ono-ha Itto-ryu	M I Y A M O T O
1592		Invasions of Korea		
1594			Yagyū Muneyoshi, Munenori demonstrate Shinkage-ryu kenjutsu in front of Tokugawa Ieyasu	M U S A S H I
1597		Invasions of Korea		1 5 7 1 1 6 4 6
1598		Toyotomi Hideyoshi dies		
1600		Battle of Sekigahara		1 5 8 4 1 6 4 5
1603		Edo Bakufu Tokugawa Ieyasu Shogun		
1612			Miyamoto Musashi duels Sasaki Kojiro at Ganryujima	
1615		Osaka Summer Campaign (Toyotomi line ends)		
1632			"Fudochi Shimmyo-roku"	
1632			"Heiho Kadensho" (Yagyū Munenori)	
1639	National Isolation			
1641		"Heiho Sanjugo-kajo" (Miyamoto Musashi)		
1645		"Gorin-no-Sho" (Miyamoto Musashi)		
1711~1716		Archery contests at the Sanjūsangendō		
1716		Kenjutsu with Shinai Father and son Yamada Mitsunori and Naganuma Shirozaemon Kunisato of the Jikishin Kage-ryu develop full contact fencing with shinai (bamboo swords)		
1716		"Honcho Bugei Shoden" (Hinatsu Shigetaka) "Hagakure" (Yamamoto Tsunetomo, Tashiro Tsuramoto)		
1727	Kyoho Reforms— Tokugawa Yoshimune	"Inaka Soshi" (Neko-no-Myojutsu) (Issai Chozan)		
1728		"Tengu Geijutsu-ron" (Issai Chozan)		
1745				
E D Ō	1754		Nakanishi-ha Itto-ryu—(shinai uchikomi keiko kenjutsu) is formed	
	1773		Kyokushin Meichi-ryu Shigakkan dojo is opened by Momono Hachirozaemon Naoyoshi	
	1787	Kansei Reforms Matsudaira Sadanobu		
	1793		"Menheicho-no-ki"	
1822		Hokushin Itto-ryu Gembukan dojo is established by Chiba Shusaku		
1826		Shinto Munen-ryu Rempeikan dojo is established by Saito Yakuro		
1832		New ryūha created, "Three Great Dojo of Edo		
1839		Oishi Susumu trains with a long shinai in Edo		
1841		"Heiho Michishirube" (Shirai Toru)		
1842	Tempo Reforms (Mizuno Tadakuni)	"Heiho Jikansho"	Y A M A O K A	
1843			T E S S H Ū	
1853	Commodore Perry comes to Japan			
1856		Creation of the Kōbusho	H O N D A	
M1/1868	Meiji Restoration	Abolition of bushi class	1 8 3 5 1 8 8 8	
M4/1871	Abolishment of wearing swords in public	The Budō Crisis		
M6/1873		Gekken Kōgyō—The Public Fencing Shows		
M10/1877	Boshin War	Keishicho Battotai combat exploits		
M13/1880		Yamaoka Tesshu founds the Muto-ryu		
M15/1882		The Creation of Kōdōkan Jūdō by Kanō Jigorō		
M22/1889	Japanese Constitution		1 8 3 6 1 9 1 7	
M27/1894	Sino-Japanese War			
M28/1895		The Dai-Nippon Butokukai is established		
M32/1899		Nitobe Inazo writes "Bushido: The Soul of Japan"	K A N Ō	
M37/1904	Russo-Japanese War		J I G O R Ō	
M38/1905		Martial Arts Instructor School is founded		
M39/1906		Dai-Nippon Butokukai Kenjutsu Kata is created	1 8 6 0 1 9 3 8	
M44/1911		Budo is accepted into middle school curriculums		
M45/1912		The Bujutsu Vocational School is founded		
T1/1912		Creation of Nippon Kendo Kata (Seven tachi and three kodachi kata)		
T3/1914				
T4/1915	WWI	"Kendo" by Takano Sasaburo		
T7/1918				
T8/1919		Nishikubo Hiromichi is appointed as principal of the Bujutsu Vocational School Bujutsu →Budo Bujutsu Vocational School →Budo Vocational School, jujutsu, kenjutsu, kyujutsu →judo, kendo, kyudo		
T12/1923	Great Kanto Earthquake			
S6/1931	Manchurian Incident			
S16/1941	Pacific War			
S20/1945		Post-war Budō – GHQ Prohibition		
S21/1946	Constitution of Japan	Dai-Nippon Butokukai dissolved Japan Sumo Federation inaugurated		
S23/1948		Aikikai established		
S24/1949		All Japan Judo Federation inaugurated Nippon Kyudo Federation inaugurated		
S25/1950		All Japan Shinai-kyogi Federation inaugurated		
S26/1951	SF Peace Treaty	International Judo Federation inaugurated		
S27/1952		All Japan Kendo Federation inaugurated		
S30/1955		All Japan Naginata Federation inaugurated		
S31/1956		All Japan Jukendo Federation inaugurated		
S32/1957		All Japan Shorinji Kempo Federation inaugurated		
S33/1958		"Kakugi" (combat sports) included in the School Curriculum Guidelines		
S39/1964	Tokyo Olympics	Judo becomes an Olympic sport All Japan Karatedo Federation inaugurated		
S43/1968		Japanese Academy of Budo is formed		
S45/1970		International Kendo Federation inaugurated; World Karate Federation inaugurated		
S50/1975		All Japan Kendo Federation creates the "Concept of Kendo " and the "Purpose for training"		
S52/1977		The Japanese Budo Association is established		
S62/1987		The Japanese Budo Association launches the "Budo Charter"		
S64/1989		"Kakugi" is officially changed to "Budo" in the School Curriculum Guidelines		
H4/1992		International Sumo Federation inaugurated; Shorinji Kempo Federation inaugurated		
H13/2001		"Judo Renaissance" commenced		