

Shorin Ryu Shorinkan

Opening & Closing Etiquette

<i>Shorin Ryu Shorinkan Opening Ritual</i> <i>(group standing)</i>	
<i>Command</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
Line up	Fall into one row, facing Shomen [front side of the dojo] highest rank right, lowest rank left, and dress right
REI	Bow to shomen, towards the front where the flags hang
SENSEI REI	Bow to shomen to appreciate sensei's teaching

<i>Shorin Ryu Shorinkan Closing Ritual</i> <i>(group sitting in Seiza [kneeling])</i>	
<i>Command</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
LINE UP	Fall into one row, facing Shomen [front side of the dojo] highest rank right, lowest rank left, and dress right
MOKUTO	Breathe, focus and reflect on what you learned
MOKUTO OWATE	Cease reflecting
REI	Bow to shomen, towards the front where the flags hang
SENSEI REI	Bow to shomen to thank sensei for teaching
ARIGATO GOZAIMASU	While bowing all articulate "deepest thank you" using the Japanese term left, to respect the tradition and lineage of sensei