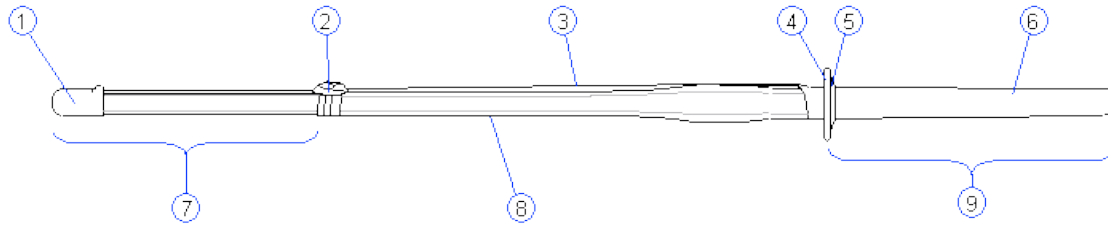


# Shinai Parts

## The Japanese names



- 1) Sakigawa - the leather cover on the tip of the shinai.
- 2) Nakayui - the knotted leather thong tied around the shinai.
- 3) Tsuru- the string along the back of the shinai, tied to the sakigawa and tsukagawa.
- 4) Tsuba - the guard.
- 5) Tsuba dome - the stopper that holds the tsuba in place.
- 6) Tsukagawa - the leather cover on the hilt of the shinai.
- 7) Monouchi - the "striking part" of the shinai. Only strikes with this portion of the shinai are considered valid during shiai.
- 8) Jinbu - the part of the shinai that represents the edge. It is directly opposite the tsuru.
- 9) Tsuka - the handle.