

INTERNATIONAL KENDO FEDERATION
STANDARD RULES FOR DAN/KYU EXAMINATION

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The Dan / Kyu examination of an affiliate organization (hereinafter called Organization) of International Kendo Federation (hereinafter called I.K.F.) shall be conducted in accordance with the rules set forth below :

(General Provision)

Article 1 : The Dan/Kyu shall comprise 11 grades from Ikkyu (1 Kyu) through 10 Dan (Jyu Dan), shall be granted by the representative of Organization according to the overall Kendo ability of a grantee, and shall be mutually recognized as being equivalent among Organizations.

(Applicant's Qualification)

Article 2 : (1) The applicant for an examination shall be a registered member of Organization.

(2) The applicant shall have the following periods of practice :

Dan/Kyu	Practice Periods	Lowest Ages
1 kyu (Ikkyu)	—	—
1 (Sho) Dan	Over three months after granting of 1 kkyu	14 years and over
2 (Ni) Dan	Over one year after granting of 1 Dan	
3 (San) Dan	Over one year after granting of 2 Dan	18 years and over
4 (Yon) Dan	Over two years after granting of 3 Dan	
5 (Go) Dan	Over three years after granting of 4 Dan	
6 (Roku) Dan	Over four years after granting of 5 Dan	
7 (Shichi) Dan	Over five years after granting of 6 Dan	
8 (Hachi) Dan	Over eight years after granting of 7 Dan	48 years and over
9 (Kyu) Dan	After granting of 8 Dan	
10 (Jyu) Dan	After granting of 9 Dan	

(Examination Method)

Article 3 : The examination shall be conducted by Organization; however, in case wherein the Organization lacks the examiners to meet the required number given below, other Organization(s) may provide examiners.

(Examination Subjects)

Article 4 : (1) Examination Subjects are as follows :

Kyu / Dan Applied For	Examination Subjects
1 Kyu	Matches and KENDO-KATA
1 Dan ~ 5 Dan	Matches, KENDO-KATA and Written Test
6 Dan ~ 7 Dan	Matches, KENDO-KATA, Written Test & Refereeing
8 Dan	Matches, KENDO-KATA, and a Thesis
9 Dan ~ 10 Dan	A special committee will handle.

(2) KENDO-KATA shall be examined as follows :

Kyu / Dan Applied for	Examination Subjects
1 Kyu	TACHI 1 ~ 3 BONME
1 Dan	TACHI 1 ~ 5 HONME
2 Dan	TACHI 1 ~ 7 HONME
3 Dan ~ 8 Dan	TACHI 7 HON & KODACHI 3 BON

Article 5 : Examiner's Qualification, Required Number of Examiner and Eligibility Criteria

Dan Examined	Examiner	Number	Criteria
1 Dan	3 Dan & over	5	Consent of min. 3 Judges
		3	Consent of min. 2 Judges
2 Dan	4 Dan & over	5	Consent of min. 3 Judges
		3	Consent of min. 2 Judges
3 Dan	5 Dan and over	5	Consent of min. 3 Judges
4 Dan	6 Dan and over	7	Consent of min. 5 Judges
		5	Consent of min. 4 Judges
5 Dan	7 Dan and over	7	Consent of min. 5 Judges
		5	Consent of min. 4 Judges
6 Dan	7 Dan and over	7	Consent of min. 5 Judges
7 Dan	7 Dan and over	7	Consent of min. 5 Judges

Article 6 : The examinations for Kyus and for 8-Dan and over shall be determined by each organization.

(Method to Appoint Examiners)

Article 7 : Examiners shall be appointed by a Committee which shall comprise Organization representative's nominees.

The Committee for examiners of applicants for 6 Dan and above shall be organized as follows :

- (1) The Committee shall comprise Organization representative's nominees.
- (2) There shall be 10 nominees as follows :
 - 1) Director-On-Board 3
 - 2) High Rank Instructors 4
 - 3) The Learned 3
- (3) The Committee's meeting shall be called by Organization representative at necessity and presided by him.

(Fees for Examination and Registration)

Article 8 : Fees for Examination and Registration shall be stipulated by Organization.

(Return or Deprivation of Kyu / Dan)

Article 9 : Organization representative may, in consultation with an Investigation Committee, order a Kyu / Dan Grantee of Organization to return his Kyu / Dan or deprive him of the same, in case wherein the grantee disgraced Kyu / Dan. The action shall be immediately reported to I.K.F. Headquarters.

(Recording)

Article 10 : Organization shall inform I.K.F. Hq. of Kyu / Dan granting for recording.

(Iaido and Jyodo)

Article 11 : Dan / Kyu Examination and Granting at Iaido and Jodo shall correspond to the preceeding Rules.

Appendix :

Article 1 : The Rules shall be put in force as of May 11, 1987.

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