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DAN GRADING EXAMINATIONS

to

All EKF-Members
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copy to - IKF;
- ZNKR.

Dear Friends,

During the year, most inquiries for information received from our members are about Grading Examinations. It appears that this part of the rules still isn't clear yet, especially now that the rules have been changed whereas exam intervals and examination pannels are concerned. On the other hand, we propose you to keep applying the same suggested inscription and registration amounts, and the Registration Procedure hasn't been altered either. For your convenience the ideal procedure regarding organisation and registration of examinations for Kendo, Iaido, Jodo and related disciplines is explained hereafter.

1. Before an examination

1.1 The examination is to be **announced** to the EKF at least two months in advance, in order to allow for publishing in the European Calendar; this method gives everyone in Europe the possibility to participate, at least everyone who possesses a written authorisation by his own country federation's President; for practical reasons it is strongly advised to use the model of inscription form included herein; it contains all required data and the sign of the President is an equivalent for the required written permission;

1.2 This letter to the EKF includes also the following **information:**

1.2.1. the *number of expected shodan participants* (and of those who, for some reason, are not in the possession of a Dan Registration card); the necessary number of 'yellow cards' will be sent immediately in order to be signed by the examination jury's President if the applicant is successful; every first Dan applicant is to be informed that a picture will be necessary after succeeding the exam;

- Models of inscription & Dan registration forms.

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- 1.2.2. the number of expected participants, so that the necessary (green) Dan Registration File forms can be sent if needed;
- 1.2.3. the composition of the jury, keeping in mind the rules of the IKF, as mentioned under 2.1.;
- 1.2.4. the possible grades to be obtained;
- 1.2.5. the amount of the application fee (see also 3.2.2).

2. During the examination

2.1 The **examination jury** is to be composed according to the revised Standard Rules for Dan/Kyu Examination, as implemented and published by the IKF after the revision of March 26, 1997; Article 5 explains about the examiner's qualifications, the number of examiners required and the minimal approval quorum:

| Dan examined: Examiner: | | Number: | Criteria: |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------|------------------|
| 1 Dan | 4 Dan and over | 5 | Consent of min 3 |
| 2 Dan | 5 Dan and over | 5 | Consent of min 3 |
| 3 Dan | 5 Dan and over | 5 | Consent of min 3 |
| 4 Dan | 6 Dan and over | 7 | Consent of min 5 |
| 5 Dan | 7 Dan and over | 7 | Consent of min 5 |
| 6 Dan | 7 Dan and over | 7 | Consent of min 5 |
| 7 Dan | 7 Dan and over | 7 | Consent of min 5 |

2.2 The **applicant's qualifications** shall abide by Article 2 of these IKF-rules, which states that all of them shall be registered members in their country and have at least the following practice periods and age:

| Dan/Kyu: | Shortest practice period: | Minimal age: |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Ikkyu | - | 12 |
| Shodan | 3 months after the Ikkyu exam | 14 |
| Nidan | 1 year after the Shodan exam | |
| Sandan | 2 years after the Nidan exam | |
| Yondan | 3 years after the Sandan exam | |
| Godan | 4 years after the Yondan exam | |
| Rokudan | 5 years after the Godan exam | |
| Shichidan | 6 years after the Rokudan exam | |