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JSKA Technical Standards

Article 1

It is strictly forbidden to JSKA instructors / examiners to deliver to JSKA students Dan certificates not issued by the JSKA Headquarters / JSKA Chief Instructor and/or for themselves to take Dan examinations outside of the JSKA.

Article 2

All examinations for Dan / Kyu given to members of the Japan Shotokan Karate Association are carried out under these rules except when specified separately by the JSKA Chief Instructor.

Article 3

Dan/Kyu shall be awarded to those who have arrived at a certain level of technique as the result of much endeavour in training themselves both in body and in mind as Karate-ka.

Article 4

Kyu are awarded to those who have not yet obtained any Dan.

Kyu are divided in 10 levels, beginning with the 10th Kyu and rising to 1st Kyu. Tenth kyu is awarded to those who have learned the most basic techniques of karate, while first kyu is awarded to those whose level is closest to Shodan, or 1st Dan. It is possible to award only a temporary (kari) kyu before awarding a full kyu



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when the student's level does not permit awarding a full kyu, but his/her work eventually deserves some recognition.

Article 5

Technical Standards for Dan grades

Given below are the technical standards for each of the ten Dan grades.

- Sho Dan (1st grade): those who have learned the basic techniques of Karate and can apply them.
- Ni Dan (2nd grade): those who have mastered the basic techniques of Karate and can apply them fully.
- San Dan (3rd grade): those who have mastered karate techniques in general and can apply them fully.
- Yon Dan (4th grade): those who have mastered all karate techniques and can understand their principles, can apply them fully and have the ability to give general instruction.
- Go Dan (5th grade): those who have attained a high level of Karate technique, and displayed originality in their Karate.
- Roku Dan (6th grade): those who have attained a high level of Karate both in technique and mind after devoting themselves to training. Those applying for Rokudan must be a minimum of 40 years of age. Those applying for the 6th Dan grade examination must know all Shotokan Katas without exception and be able to perform them on immediate demand.



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- Nana Dan (7th grade): those who attained a fully mature level of Karate both in technique and mind after devoting themselves to training.
- Hachi Dan (8th grade): those who have attained an acutely refined level of Karate after devoting themselves to training.
- Kyu Dan(9th grade): those who have mastered completely, the essence of Karate.
- Ju Dan (10th grade): those who mastered completely the essence of Karate, entering a transcendental level.

Article 6

Requirements for taking a Dan examination

- 1st Dan: those who have finished an apprenticeship of more than two years and have obtained first Kyu.
- 2nd Dan: those who have finished an apprenticeship of 1 year after obtaining 1st Dan.
- 3rd Dan: those who have finished an apprenticeship of 2 years after obtaining 2nd Dan.
- 4th Dan: those who have finished an apprenticeship of 3 years after obtaining 3rd Dan.
- 5th Dan: those who have finished an apprenticeship of 4 years after obtaining 4th Dan.

- 6th Dan: those who have held 5th Dan for over 5 years, are minimum 40 years old, and are able to perform any of the 26 Shotokan Kata on immediate demand.
- 7th Dan: those who have held 6th Dan for over 7 years.
- 8th Dan: those who have held 7th Dan for over 8 years.

Article 7

Official technical qualification is classified into the 3 categories below and each qualification into four classes:

- 1) Instructor qualification (A, B, C, and D)
- 2) Judge qualification (A, B, C, and D)
- 3) Examiner qualification (A, B, C, and D)

Article 8

Standard of Examiner Qualification:

1. The required standards to obtain official qualification and the rights they afford are as follows.

- D class: Those who have 3rd Dan with D class examiner qualification are allowed to give up to 1st kyu.
- C class: Those who have 4th Dan with C class examiner qualification are allowed to give examinations up to 1st Dan.
- B class: Those who have 5th Dan with B class examiner qualification are allowed to give examinations up to 2nd Dan.



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- A class: Those who have 6th Dan with A class examiner qualification are allowed to give examination up to 3rd Dan.
- 2. Those who wish to take a Technical Qualification examination should receive permission from an accredited JSKA representative, as principle a representative of the country where he/she trains.
- 3. Examiner qualification may be awarded only to those who hold instructor and judge/referee qualifications in the same grade, that is A, B, C or D.
- 4. Examiners should conduct a JSKA examination regularly, possibly annually during JSKA seminars and championships where such examinations are held. It is then compulsory for examiners to register Dan grades with the JSKA headquarters.
- 5. Those who hold Technical Qualifications are required to take course and examination and renew their qualifications every three years.

Article 9

Those wishing to take a Kyu, Dan or technical qualification examination should fill in the required document before the deadline and submit it with the required fees to the appointed office.

Article 10

Important:



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Those who wish to transfer his/her Dan grade from another style or organisation should forward a colour copy or scan of their original Dan grade certificate to the JSKA headquarters in Japan. Only the JSKA Chief Instructor may allow the transfer of grade. Transfer of grades is compulsory for those wanting to affiliate to JSKA Japan. Please note that regarding the issue of JSKA Dan certificates transferred from a different style and or karate organisation, the registration fees indicated in the JSKA Requirements document apply without any exception.

Article 11

Only official Dan and qualification certificates issued by the JSKA headquarters are recognized by the JSKA.

Article 12

Affiliates are expected and strictly requested to comply fully with the JSKA rules.

NOTE

Affiliates are kindly requested to inform JSKA Japan of any change of address, telephone/fax number or email address at mail@jska.jp.

If anything unclear, please feel free to forward any question to

mail@jska.jp