

International Karate Alliance Dan Grading Information

Attention: All Black Belts Considering a Dan Testing at Gasshuku 2011

As you are all aware, there are Dan Grading Guidelines in place for the International Karate Alliance for the following progressions, as well as an Honorary Dan Ranking.

- Shodan - Nidan
- Nidan - Sandan
- Sandan - Yodan
- Yodan - Godan
- Godan - Rokudan
- Rokudan - Shichidan

There are two venues that a person can be tested at during the year; Shugyo and Gasshuku. For each testing, there is a requirement that a minimum number of Technical Committee Members be present, at the time of the grading. As well, there is a minimum number of the Technical Committee Members required to be present during any re-testing, if required.

Shodan:

- 3 Technical Committee members and the Technical Director at initial test
- 1 required for re-testing, if required

Nidan:

- 3 Technical Committee members and the Technical Director at initial test
- 2 required for re-testing, if required

Sandan:

- 4 Technical Committee members and the Technical Director at initial test
- 2 required for re-testing, if required

Yodan:

- 4 Technical Committee members and the Technical Director at initial test
- 3 Committee members and the Technical Director for re-testing, if required

Godan:

- Full Technical Committee at initial test
- 4 Committee Members and the Technical Director for re-testing, if required

Rokudan & Shichidan:

- Policy currently under review

Over that past 7 years of testing under these guide lines it has been highly recommended to all Black belts that they start preparing for any Dan Testing a minimum of 10 months prior to the Testing date. The Technical Committee has suggested that the Candidate's intention should be known to them at least 10 months prior to the Testing. There is still a requirement for a Letter of Intent (Dan Grading Form) to be signed by your immediate instructor, 10 to 8 months prior to the Testing . This will be reviewed by the Technical Committee and any questions or concerns could be reviewed, prior to the actual grading.

For Canada, there are 2 Technical Committee members available to be contacted for any questions regarding the Dan Testing process, as well as the Chief Technical Director, Sensei Ron Fagan. If any person is intending to request a test at the up coming Gasshuku training camp, will need to submit a letter of intent and organize a meeting with the 2 Canadian Technical Committee members and the Chief Technical Director, by the end of May 2011, to be considered for any Dan Ranking during the 2011 Gasshuku training camp.

In the future, we will strictly adhere to our guidelines so that all Candidates wishing to be reviewed for Dan testing will be required to submit a letter of intent a minimum of 10 months prior to the grading date, and schedule a physical meeting with the required Technical Committee members and Technical Director a minimum of 8 months prior to the testing date. The best opportunity to do so, is at Shugyo or Gasshuku, as all the required Technical Committee members and Technical Director would be present.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

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Technical Committee

Note: All Dan Grading Guidelines are reviewed regularly, and the requirements should be reviewed on a regular basis by any candidates wishing to take a Dan grading. Please contact me, if you require the Dan Grading Guidelines.