



JSKA EXAMINATION RULES

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Article 1- General Provisions

1. The kyu examinations, dan examinations and licenses examinations of the association shall be conducted in a fair and strict manner and in accordance with these rules.
2. Examination session shall be held with at least two weeks' notice before the date of examination.
3. The examiner must not disclose the content of the examination in advance. Examiners must not disclose the results of the examination prior to the official announcement.
4. All candidates must pay the examination fee and successful candidates must pay the registration fee. The examination fee and the registration fee shall not be refunded under any circumstances.

Article 2-Composition of the Board of Examiners

The examination panel shall consist of the following examiners

1. Kyu 1 or more examiners of D rank or above
2. 1st dan: At least 2 examiners of D rank or 1 examiner of C rank or above
3. 2nd dan: At least one examiner with C rank or above
4. 3rd dan: At least one examiner with C rank or above
5. 4th dan: At least one examiner of B rank or above.
6. 5th dan: A rank examiners including at least one Shihankai member.
7. 6th dan to 8th dan: The Chief instructor or his deligated Shihankai member
8. 9th dan-10th dan: Not specified.
9. Technical License: The Chief instructor and at least one shihankai member.

Article 3 - Requirements for kyu examination

1. Those who wishes to take a kyu examination must apply to the organiser of the examination with a completed examination application form attached with the examination fee.
2. Candidates must present their membership card at the examination venue.
3. Candidates who do not have a clear history of all previous kyu levels are not eligible to sit for the examination. The examiners will not allow them to sit for the examination.
4. The examination is basically conducted in accordance with the examination guidelines established by the Shihan Kai. However, the Chief Examiner may add additional items for judging at his discretion.

5. In principle, a student may take the kyu test one kyu higher than the current kyu. However, the Chief Examiner may, at his discretion, allow a competitor who has practiced at a higher kyu level to take the examination. Transfers from other organisations are governed by Article 6 of these rules.
6. A kari-kyu(provisional kyu)may be awarded to a candidate who has not failed the examination but is considered to have failed the examination. A candidate with a kari-kyu will be required to take the current kyu again at the next assessment session.
7. The results of the examination must be reported to the Continental Headquarters and the General Headquarters in 2 weeks on the designated form.

Article 4 - Guidelines for Dan examination

1. A person who wishes to take the Dan examination shall apply to the organizer of the examination by submitting the designated examination form with the necessary information.
2. Candidates must present their JSKA passport at the examination venue.
3. A person who does not have a clear record of all kyu and dan registrations prior to the dan he/she is taking the examination for is not eligible to take the examination. The examiners must not allow them to take the test.
4. The examination will be conducted in accordance with JSKA rules. However, the Chief Examiner may add additional items for examination at his discretion.
5. Examination results are classified as follows
 1. Pass: For those satisfies the criteria in accordance with the technical regulations by the association.
 2. Re-examined: For those who can be expected to passed the examination if partial improvement, Chief examiner can give re-examine within 3 months only for the partial technics which are pointed. In this case, the date of registration shall be the same as the date of the successful re-examination.
 3. Failed: For those failes to meet the criteria in accordance with the technical regulations by the association. A person who failed the test shall be required to take the same rank again at the next examination.
6. Dan levels start from Shodan and go up one level at a time. However, if a dan is transferred from another organization, it must be in accordance with Article 6 of these rules.
7. The results of each Dan examination must be reported to the continental headquarters and the general headquarters on the designated form as soon as possible after each examination. Based on the results, the head office will issue a dan certificate.

8. The results of the examination will be published on the web.

Article 5 - Qualification Licensing Examination Guidelines

1. A person who wishes to take the qualification licensing examination must apply by submitting a completed examination form to the Head Quarters in Japan.
2. Candidates must present their membership card at the examination venue.
3. The outline of the examination will be specified separately.
4. The result of the examination will be announced and published on the web.

Article 6 -Transfer of Dan grade from other organizations

Regarding the enrollment of a person who has a kyu, dan or technical licenses certified by another organization, in principle, it will be certified in light of the technical standards of the Association after reexamination.

Article 7 Certification and issuance of certificates

The kyu, dan and technical licences of members as authorised by the president, chief instructor and Examiner shall be issued with a certificate and shall be registered in the Head Office database and published on the web.

Article 8 - Operation of these rules

1. The strict examination and management of Kyu/Dan is a matter of the utmost importance to the association, and the holder of a technical license must be aware of his/her responsibilities.
2. The Chief Instructor may impose punishments such as demotion, dismissal, suspension or deprivation of qualification on the relevant examiners or officers if they are found to have deviated from these rules.

Chapter 8 - Amendments to the rules

Amendments to these rules shall be made by the Chief Instructor.

Effective from 1 April 2022.