

JSKA Registration & Examination Guidelines

Introduction

These Guidelines establish the standard procedures for membership registration, examinations, certificate issuance, and annual membership renewal within the Japan Shotokan Karate Association (JSKA).

All Branch Chiefs, Chief Examiners, and members are responsible for complying with these Guidelines.

Part 1. Membership Information

Every member is responsible for keeping their personal information accurate and up to date.

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All information registered in the system, including the member's name, nationality, date of birth, and other personal details, will be printed exactly as entered on all official JSKA certificates.

Members should carefully review all information before saving any changes.

If an official certificate must be corrected or reissued due to incorrect registration information, a reissue fee of **USD/EUR 30**, plus postage, will be charged.

Part 2. Annual Membership Renewal

The official membership renewal date is **March 31** each year.

The annual membership fee for the following year is automatically calculated at **USD 5 per registered member**, based on the number of active members recorded on March 31.

Before the renewal date, Branch Chiefs must review their membership list under:

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Members who have left the dojo must be marked as **Cancelled** before March 31.

Because the renewal process is fully automated:

- No separate membership list needs to be submitted.
- No adjustment or refund can be made after an invoice has been issued.
- Payment must be completed by **April 30**.

Branches with unpaid membership fees will be automatically suspended.

To restore a suspended branch, the following fees apply:

- Branch reinstatement: **USD/EUR 100**
- Re-registration of each Dan holder: **USD/EUR 30**

Part 3. New Member Registration

All new members must be registered through:

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Applicants who already hold a Dan grade or an IRE qualification must:

- Upload a copy of their current certificate.
- Pay the required transfer registration fee of **USD/EUR 30**.

These registrations will be processed as transfers from another organization.

Part 4. Kyu Registration

Registration of Kyu examinations is free of charge.

All Kyu examinations must be registered online.

Immediately after registration, an official JSKA Kyu Certificate may be printed using a local printer.

Detailed operating instructions are available in the JSKA User Manual.

All Kyu examination records are permanently stored in the member's Passport History.

Part 5. Dan Registration

All Dan examinations must be registered online by the Chief Examiner.

JSKA Headquarters cannot register Dan examinations on behalf of branches.

A registration fee of **USD/EUR 50**, including postage, is required for each Dan registration.

If the candidate's First Kyu registration cannot be found in the system, the First Kyu must be registered before the Dan application can be submitted.

The online registration system follows the JSKA Examination Regulations.

If registration is rejected, please verify the following:

- The correct 11-digit Membership ID is registered.
- The examiner holds the appropriate examiner qualification.
- The candidate satisfies all examination eligibility requirements.
- All previous Kyu, Dan, and qualification records have been correctly registered.

Part 6. Examination Scoring Standards

Examination results published on the Announcement page are listed in descending score order.

Each examination score is permanently recorded in the member's Passport History.

Standard Evaluation

- Maximum Score: **100**
- Standard Passing Score: **70**

A score of 70 indicates that the candidate has successfully demonstrated all required techniques.

Examiners evaluate each candidate based on the following criteria:

- Stance
- Power
- Kime
- Technical Understanding
- Technical Quality
- Accuracy
- Speed
- Spirit (Kiai)
- Breathing
- Etiquette
- Overall Performance

Under normal circumstances, **90** is considered the highest practical score.

Scores above 90 should be awarded only for truly exceptional performances.

A score of **50 or below** is regarded as a failure.

Part 7. Examinations for 6th Dan and Above / IRE Qualifications

Examinations for Sixth Dan and above, together with all IRE qualifications, are conducted exclusively by the Chief Instructor.

These examinations are held only during officially approved JSKA events, including:

- Official Championships
- Official Seminars

Private examinations during personal visits or by invitation are not permitted.

Candidates must pay the examination fee of **USD/EUR 40** in advance.

The examination fee is non-refundable regardless of the examination result.

Part 8. Issuance of Dan Certificates

Dan Certificates are issued through the following procedure:

Online Application → Approval → Payment of Registration Fee → Online Announcement → Certificate Printing → Shipment

Part 9. Transfer from Another Organization

Applicants transferring from another karate organization must first complete Membership Registration.

For Dan transfer registration:

- A transfer registration fee of **USD/EUR 30** is required.
- A copy of the applicant's current Dan Certificate must be uploaded.

A JSKA re-examination (Examination Fee: **USD/EUR 40**) is required in the following cases:

- No valid Dan Certificate is submitted.
- The submitted Dan Certificate is not accepted by JSKA.
- The applicant holds Fourth Dan or above.
- The applicant requests recognition of an IRE qualification (Instructor, Referee, or Examiner).

These Guidelines are issued by the Japan Shotokan Karate Association (JSKA). All members, Branch Chiefs, and examiners are expected to comply with these regulations.