



# **JSKA Technical Rules**

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## **Article 1 - General rules**

These Terms define the technical standards of this association. All of technical qualifications must be recognized under these Terms.

## **Article 2 - Examination**

1. All Dan/Kyu grades or technical qualifications established by this association are examined by a certified examiner. After confirming the procedures, the President and Chief Instructor will certify them. However, this does not apply if the Chief Instructor specifically approves.
2. Those who wish to take the examination must fill out the application form and submit it to the headquarters together with the examination fee. Those who pass the exam shall pay the prescribed registration fee. The examination fee will not be refunded for any reason.
3. The examinee must show their membership card at the time of examination.
4. Examination requirements are specified in the Examination Rules.

## **Article 3 - Dan Criteria**

### *1. Ability Dan*

There are 10 Dan starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> Dan and the technical level of each is as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dan : Those who can master the basic technique of karate and apply it.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan : Those who can master the basic technique of karate and fully apply it.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan : Those who can master the general technique of karate and fully apply it.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dan: Those who can master the general technique of karate and understand the principle.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dan: Those who have advanced karate skills and contribute with their original ideas.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dan: A person who devotes himself to karate training and has reached a high level of both mental and physical skills.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dan: A person who devotes himself to karate training and has reached the level of maturity in both mind and body.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dan: A person who devotes himself to karate training and has reached the level of delicacy in both mind and body.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dan: A person who has mastered the philosophy of karate.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dan: A person who has mastered the philosophy of karate and has reached an extraordinary level.

## *2. Recommendation Dan*

If it is found that the criteria set forth in the preceding paragraph is met by the recommendation or examination of the Shihankai, the Chief Instructor may certify the appropriate rank to them.

## *3. Honorary Dan*

For those who have made outstanding achievements in this association, the chief instructor recognizes them with an honorary dan and with approval of the board of directors or the Shihankai.

## **Article 4 - Kyu grade Criteria**

1. Kyu is given to those who have reached a certain level of skills before reaching the Dan qualification.
2. There are 10 grades from 1<sup>st</sup> kyu to 10<sup>th</sup> kyu. A provisional grade can be given to each.

## **Article 5 - Examination criteria for Dan**

Those who intend to take the Dan must meet the following examination criteria. However, this does not apply if the chief instructor specifically approves.

- 1st Dan: Those who have passed the training period of 2 year or more.
- 2nd Dan: Those who have passed the training period of 1 year or more after acquiring the 1st Dan.
- 3rd Dan: Those who have passed the training period of 3 years or more after acquiring the 2nd Dan.
- 4th Dan: Those who have passed the training period of 4 years or more after acquiring the 3rd Dan.
- 5th Dan: Those who have passed the training period of 5 years after acquiring the 4th Dan.
- 6th Dan: Those who have undergone a training period of 6 years or more after obtaining the 5th Dan and are recommended by the Shihankai
- 7th Dan: Those who have passed 7 years or more after getting 6th Dan and are recommended by the Shihankai.
- 8th Dan: Those who have passed 8 years or more after getting 7th Dan and are recommended by the Shihankai.
- 9th Dan: Those who are recommended by the Shihankai and the Board of Directors
- 10th Dan: Those who are recommended by the Shihankai and the Board of Directors

### **Article 6 - Examination of Dan**

1. The examination implementation guidelines will be determined separately.
2. The examinations for 6th and above will be conducted by the shihankai.
3. The Honorary Dan shall be recognized by the Chief Instructor and the President by a resolution of the Shihankai.

### **Article 7 - Transition of Dan**

Regarding the transferring of Dan from other karate style or organizations not affiliated with this association, the Chief Instructor must give the final decision ,after approval by the Shihankai.

### **Article 8 - Technical qualification**

The following technical qualification as below:

1. Instructor (A, B, C, D)
2. Referee (A, B, C, D)
3. Examiner (A, B, C, D)

### **Article 9 - Standards for technical qualifications**

#### **1. Instructor**

Class D : Qualify for the examination at 3rd Dan or higher.  
Can provide branch guidance.

Class C : Qualify for the examination at 4th Dan or higher. Can provide domestic guidance.

Class B : Qualify for the examination at 5th Dan or higher. Can provide continental guidance.

Class A : Qualify for the examination at 6th Dan or higher. Can provide international guidance.

#### **2. Referee**

As for the referee, those who have taken the prescribed training are eligible.

Class D : Can perform up to the assistant referee of domestic Competition.

Class C : Referee of domestic competition.

Class B : Referee of continental competition, assistant referee of world Competition.

Class A : Referee of the world competition.

### **3.Examiner**

- Class D : Qualify for the examination those who are 3rd Dan or higher and Class D Instructor or higher. Kyu examination can be conducted.
- Class C : Qualify for the examination those who are 4th Dan or higher and Class C Instructor or higher. Examinations of 2nd Dan or less can be conducted.
- Class B : Qualify for the examination those who are 5th Dan or higher and Class B Instructor or higher. Examinations of 3 Dan or less can be conducted.
- Class A : Qualify for the examination those who are 6th Dan or higher and Class A Instructor. Examinations of 5 Dan or less can be conducted.

### **Article 10 - Examination and Certification of technical licenses**

1. The technical licenses examination is certified by the Chief Instructor.
2. Technical licenses must be renewed every year by the end of the fiscal year after receiving the prescribed training seminar held by the chiefinstructors.

### **Article 11 - Demotion, suspension, and deletion of technical / licenses**

In the following cases, the Chief Instructor can order to demote, suspend or delete the technical qualification.

1. When membership is extinguished.
2. When the prescribed courses were not received or the renewal the qualification wasn't done.
3. When it is recognized that there was a clear violation of the rules.

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