

DAN GRADE SYLLABUS AMENDMENTS

(MAY 2016)



INTRODUCTION

All grading scheme documents are reviewed by the Promotions Commission and technical staff on an annual basis. However following discussion at the 2014 BJA AGM, it was agreed that the grading scheme would be reviewed, based on open consultation with the membership. In 2015 a survey and consultation was carried out on the three syllabuses, Mon Kyu and Dan, where members could provide feedback on any or all of the grading schemes. The Dan Grade syllabus change recommendations made by the Promotions Commission were approved by the BOD early in 2016.

These recommendations were also discussed at a meeting of all Area Director of Examiners and were unanimously approved. The revised syllabus is available on the BJA website. The majority of these changes are administrative in order to make the grading scheme as accessible as possible to all. There is now greater clarification and more detailed instructions for the coach and judoka. To assist the reader of the revised syllabus, the main changes are listed as follows.

CHANGES

Front Page: Revision date is now 1st May 2016.

Page 3: Explanation on Promotions Policy for promotion to 6th Dan and above. Promotion to 6th Dan now also requires evidence of knowledge of 2 kata.

Page 3: Clarification that the category requirement is largely based on activity since their last promotion.

Page 3: Clarification that the category requirement for promotion to 7th Dan and above, is exclusively based on activity since last promotion.

Page 6: Greater clarification on line up process for competitive Dan gradings.

Page 9: Greater clarification on Dan Grading Guidelines for Visually Impaired Judoka.

Page 9: A revised procedure for the transfer of Mon to Kyu grades that allows a “one-off” fast track promotion during the conversion, in order to facilitate the change of grade without any change in belt colour, e.g. a 16th Mon changing to Kyu grade can now convert direct to 1st Kyu instead of 2nd Kyu.

Page 10: A 4th Option has been added to the Heavyweight/Lightweight Grading pathway, enabling a judoka to provide competition results as a means of achieving promotion.

Pages 10/11: Technical Examination for Disabled Players: Following additional consultation with Inclusion Commission, revised grading instructions and administration.

Pages 12/13: Greater clarification on the Guidelines for Examiners of the Dan Grading syllabus.

Page 14: Important changes to the Time in Grade rule, enabling competitive Dan Grades to take their 1st Technical Dan Grade in less than 5 years.

Page 15: Reclassification of Categories A/B/C/D more in line with IJF requirements.