

# MON 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 Mon 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 2:** The minimum age for the Mon Grading scheme is 8. There are interim instructions and notes for coaches with current junior judoka under the age of 8, on pages 3 and 5.

**Page 4:** Advice has been added to assist the coach on the grading assessment and formal presentation of promotion to the successful judoka.

**Page 5:** Information on the JudoKids development programme for 5-7 year olds (Sho Award Scheme), including interim instructions for judoka aged 6 and 7, wishing to stay with the Mon syllabus.

**Page 5:** Greater clarification on how to convert a Mon grade to Kyu grade.

**Page 5/6:** 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 16<sup>th</sup> Mon changing to Kyu grade can now convert direct to 1<sup>st</sup> Kyu instead of 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu.

**Page 7:** Greater clarification of Fast Track Policy and administrative instructions.

**Page 7:** Gratings for Disabled Players: Following additional consultation with Inclusion Commission, revised grading instructions and administration, allowing greater flexibility and discretion in technique application, for the coach/judoka.