

GUIDE TO KATA FOR GRADING PURPOSES

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JUDO



CLARIFICATION: CERTIFICATES FOR PARTICIPATION AT REGISTERED BJA COACH EDUCATION LICENCED KATA COURSES

The Kata Commission's policy is that Kata Examinations may be undertaken on the day of a Kata Course or on a separate occasion. It is a BJA requirement that in order to provide a true reflection of retained knowledge and understanding candidates must have attended a relevant Kata Course at least 1 month prior to the exam or have carried out an equivalent amount of practice and preparation.

Judoka that take part on the mat in a Kata Course, may be issued with an attendance/participation certificate.

Judoka of 5th Dan and above can add the certificates to their portfolio for promotion, as proof of Kata knowledge. However, Nage-no-Kata and Katame-no-Kata must have examination certificates NOT attendance certificates. Attendance certificates are acceptable for Kime-no-Kata, Kodokan Goshin-Jutsu, Koshiki-no-kata and Ju-no-kata. By virtue of earlier examinations, Senior Examiners, and all level of Kata Examiners, do not have to provide proof of knowledge for Nage-no-Kata and Katame-no-Kata. Note that the International Judo Federation requirements for Dan grade promotion DOES NOT presently include Itsutsu-no-Kata nor recognise Gonosen-no-Kata.

Competitive Dan Grade promotion

The attendance certificate does not exempt Competitive Dan grades from the Kata part of the Competitive Skills Examination, which was previously called 'Theory'. However, holders of a Level 1 Kata certificate, and above, are exempted.

Technical Dan Grade promotion

The attendance certificate does not exempt Technical Dan grades from the Kata part of the Technical Dan grade examination. However, holders of a Level 1 and above Nage-no-Kata certificate are exempt from the Technical Dan Grade examination, section 7.

Similarly, holders of a Level 1 and above Katame-No-Kata certificate are exempt from the Technical Dan Grade Examination, section 8.

Section 9 Gonosen-no-Kata must be by examination or can be substituted by attendance, or performance certificates in Kime-no-Kata, Kodokan Goshin-Jutsu, Ju-no-Kata or Koshiki-no-Kata.

Note. Judoka preparing for a Technical Dan Grade examination may request an assessment to take place during a recognised BJA Kata course to establish if their Kata is of a sufficient standard for promotion. This request should be made to the course presenter in advance of the course to enable there to be a qualified assessor present (**Senior Examiner of one grade higher than the Judoka, or a Kata examiner of any grade**). If successful, the assessor will record a pass in the candidate's Technical Dan Grade record card and register the results at BJA Head Office using the correct documentation.

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