



The British Wadokai Yūdan Shinsa

BWK OFFICIAL YŪDAN SHINSA ORGANISATION OF BRITISH WADOKAI

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Grades of Yodan & above are through the BWK's honorary system and can only be achieved through dedication, loyalty, contribution and/or through a dedicated time-honoured process.

YŪDAN SHINSA

Yūdan Shinsa.

There are regular BWK Yūdan Shinsa (Black-belt Gradings) held each year and available in various regions. See BWK Date Section for full details.

The BWK Dan 段 Grading.

All Dan grade examinations will be monitored by qualified **BWK** Yūdansha who possess Examiners/Instructors certificates/qualifications required for Panel Judges.

Level 4a may grade up to Shodan, 4b up to Nidan, 4c up to Sandan, etc.

Level 5; is reserved for the BWK President/Chief Instructor. Please also see Section 12.

Only BWK licenced members, who are directly involved, would be invited or permitted to attend an official BWK Yūdan Shinsa. The applicant's main instructor may also be required to attend.

Before conducting a practical grading it is important that the 90-minute written examination has been completed.

When the applicant has handed over his BWK Licence ensure to check to see if it up to date. If it is seen to be invalid, reject applicant immediately.

During assessment always take medical, age, mental & physical aspects & implications into consideration at all times. For example if someone suffers from dyslexia he may find problems with coordination. He may find problems with, or incapable of, reciting the Dojo-kun. Remember, a fully-able person 'should' know his stuff! If he does not, then mark him accordingly. You may need to refer to the applicant's regular instructor for verification of ability/disability.

All applicants are judged as **adults**, irrespective of age. The Grade Scoring Process will determine whether a 'junior' applicant receives a 'junior' or 'senior' pass for his grade (this applies only to 1st and 2nd Dan levels). Each applicant will be marked as 8.5 for each segment if the standards achieved reflect the grade attempting. For example, in the event an applicant is attempting Shodan, the kihon-waza demonstrated should be that of



Shodan standard. If it is better than that expected of Shodan then mark higher, if not, mark average (8.5) or lower, etc.

A minimum 'pass' would be a total accumulated figure of 82%. However, if the applicant is a junior, and his score is below that of 82%, he may pass as a Shodan-ho/Nidan-ho if he has achieved 72% or above in both written and practical aspects of the grading. *There are no junior-pass marks for Sandan.*




Example (below) of the 10-Section Grade Sheet, which must equate to a minimum of 82% for full Yūdan pass in both the Written and Practical Tests.

NB: As you may notice *Attendance, Dedication and Loyalty* makes up 20% of the total marking, emphasising the importance of these aspects.

Dan Grade Examiner's Sheet Pattern.

 British Wadokai Karate-do Federation Assessment Sheet for 1st to 3rd Dan		Examiner:		Ex. Lev:		Date:							
		Name & Grade Attempting	Kihon Waza	Renraku Waza	Sanbon Gumite	Ohyo Gumite	Kihon Gumite			Kata Choice	Kata Syllabus	Jiyu Gumite	Dedicated Training

Grade Sheet Sections & Score Interpretations.

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Section 1 to 8: Kihon Waza to Jiyu-Gumite: A score of 10 would be considered **faultless**. Above Average; 8.5-9.9. Average for grade 8.5. Poor, but 'passable', 8.2. Below 8.2; failed that section
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Section 9. Dedicated Training. A score of 7.5 reflects 75% attendance (reflected score for just usual dedicated Dojo training only). If Standardisation Courses are included this score would rise to 8.5%. Exceptional attendances at ALL [or most] available 'official BWK' Open and/or Advancement Courses would also affect *additional scoring* up to 10%. *To pass in this section would require a score of 8.2 or above. Normal Dojo training attendances would NOT represent a pass in this section.*
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Section 10. Attitude & Loyalty. Reflects on a student's attitude in the Dojo and respect to his instructors and others around him. He must be 100% committed to Wado karate, the Dojo and Sensei to achieve a mark of 10.

A BWK Yūdan Assessment Panel (YAP) is available to all members.

- All Yūdan Shinsa:
- (a) Will be charged per student prior to grading. See Charges (Constitution/Application Form).
 - (b) Will be charged for Registration (included in grade fee).
 - (c) Yūdan Gradings will be conducted privately. Only BWK members must be involved, or have been previously invited, by the BWK President may attend. There will be no recording devices or photography allowed during the performance of an official BWK Yūdan Shinsa.
 - (d) BWK Examiners of any level may be in attendance for personal examination training purposes.

- (e) All those present, including applicants, assistants and examiners involved must hold an up to date BWK Licence.
- (f) All pre-registrations for Yūdan Gradings must be applied for **AT LEAST TWO MONTHS** before intended grading date.
- (g) All applicants for Gradings of Sandan must be registered (and insured) as an Instructor of a regular Dojo prior to application; Sandan and above are officially 'Sensei' grades.
- (h) All applicants for the physical Gradings of Yodan, and above, must be registered (and insured) as a Main Instructor of a regular Dojo.
- (i) All Yūdansha will be judged & marked for a pass as: 82% (and above) Practical. 82% (and above) Written.
- (j) All Junior Yūdansha: If the applicant is classified as a junior (10 to 17) he may be awarded a senior level if the senior scores are reached (see subsection (g) above). However if a 'senior' score has not been achieved a 'Junior Yūdansha' (Jido-Dan/Shodan-ho/Nidan-ho, Kohai, etc.) pass will be accepted if scored for a pass of: 72% (and above) Practical. 72% (and above) Written. **This only applies to 1st & 2nd Dan level. ***
- (k) All BWK Yūdan gradings will be headed by the BWK President, Gary E Swift Hanshi, or (*in extreme extenuating circumstances*) a fully qualified individual elected by and operating on behalf of the BWK Chief Instructor/Examiner.
- (l) All Examiners, intending to be part of the BWK Yūdan Assessment Panel, must wear the appropriate Judges & Examiners attire (blazer, tie, etc.) or traditional Wado Karate-gi.
- (m) A Regional YAP Committee Meeting may be organised and convened, at any time, for the discussion, if necessary, for the registration-acceptance of new members joining from outside organisations already graded from Shodan.

* NB: **Shodan-ho/Nidan-ho (Jidodan)**. Although not technically considered a point of *failure*, but rather a deficit of adult status/achievement, junior Yūdansha will **not be** granted grading powers or further advancement until reassessment to full Yūdansha has first been achieved. Reassessment from 'junior' Yūdan to 'senior' Yūdan may be conducted after 6-months from the original Shodan-ho/Nidan-ho grade date, by the BWK Chief Instructor/Examiner or Regional Senior Examiner by arrangement.

NB: Yūdansha Applicants: The student's MAIN INSTRUCTOR will issue, *to the eligible member*, an up-to-date 'Yūdan Shinsa Application Form'.

See Section 18, Grading & Advancement, for prerequisite application requirements: Official intervals/minimum training requirements/guidelines for Yūdan applicants.

Originally, once 3rd Dan was achieved, there was no 'official' time period between black-belt ranks with honorary grades from 4th Dan upwards. However, BWK has introduced the grading structure that has been adopted by the Japanese Karate Federation Wadokai (JKF-Wadokai). Please note the following time-lapses for Yūdan levels.

Due to inheritance, these include certain elements of the Suzuki-ryu and JKF-Wadokai guidelines adopted by BWK

PRACTICAL DAN	MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS	EXAM. FEE	REG. FEE
1 DAN	1 Kyū for 9 Months (age 10+)	£75	£75
2 DAN	1 Dan for 18 Months (age 12+)	£75	£75
3 DAN	2 Dan for 3 Years (age 18+)	£75	£75
4 DAN	3 Dan for 4 Years	£75	£75
5 DAN	4 Dan for 5 Years	£75	£75
6 DAN	5 Dan for 3 Years (age 35+)	£75	£75
7 DAN	6 Dan for 5 Years (age 40+)	£75	£75
8 DAN	7 Dan for 7 Years (age 50+)	£75	£75
9 DAN	8 Dan for 8 Years (age 60+)	£75	£75
Transfer to Regular from Junior Through Reassessment.			
1 DAN	Age 14+	Nil	Nil
2 DAN	Age 16+	Nil	Nil
Transfer to Wado Through Reassessment (transferring style, etc.).			

DAN LEVEL	MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS	EXAM. FEE	REG. FEE
ALL DAN	Pre-existing Dan Level	N/a	Nil
RECOMMENDED DAN*	MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS	EXAM. FEE	REG. FEE
1 DAN	Practical Karate for 5 Years	Nil	£75
2 DAN	1 Dan for 2 Years	Nil	£75
3 DAN	2 Dan for 3 Years	Nil	£75
4 DAN	3 Dan for 4 Years	Nil	Nil
5 DAN	4 Dan for 5 Years, Age 40+	Nil	Nil
6 DAN	5 Dan for 5 Years, Age 45+	Nil	Nil
7 DAN	6 Dan for 5 Years, Age 50+	Nil	Nil
8 DAN	7 Dan for 8 Years	Nil	Nil
9 Dan	8 Dan for 9 Years	Nil	Nil
TITLE	MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS	EXAM. FEE	REG. FEE
Tashi	3 Dan for 2 years, Age 25+	Nil	Nil
Renshi	4 Dan for 2 Years, Age 35+	Nil	Nil
Kyoshi	Renshi for 5 Years, 6 Dan, Age 45+	Nil	Nil
Hanshi	Kyoshi for 10 Years, 8 Dan, Age 55+	Nil	Nil

*Recommended Dan refers to Grades Awarded as honorary. Only the Chief Instructor (or assigned/designated officer) of BWK has the power to award/promote any individual, at any time, through honorary 1st Dan to 9th Dan inclusive, *irrelevant of time-served criteria*.

Promotion is **NOT** guaranteed, even through time-dedicated service. Each candidate is individually assessed & reviewed, over time, for his attitude, dedication and loyalty to BWK. Please refer to the 'time-served' periods for 'Practical Dan', for the 'normal' period between honorary grade promotion.

**Examination fee includes; Chief Examiner travelling expenses, Dojo rent, Obi (if applicable), signed & frame BWK certificate, all administration.

***Unless the individual resigns this is a 'life-time registration', which means upon the BWK/BWF moving to another National, International or World Governing Body the grades will be automatically transferred & registered FOC to the new affiliation. **Any new affiliated black-belt certificate will also be sent to the registered Yūdansa FOC.**

NB: All BWK members wishing to pursue Yūdan Shinsa must have attended the minimum BWK Standardisation/Advancement Courses (please refer to Yūdan Shinsa Application Form). In respect to 'Dojo Training Sessions', this *DOES NOT* include 'Dojo Teaching Hours'. However, if in exceptional circumstances such as impractical distance of location/venue, etc., *discretion may be made for certain deficits*.

BWK Dan Grade Application (1st Dan to 3rd Dan):

- For applicants up to and including 3rd Dan the BWK will only accept individuals for grading who have been recommended by their MAIN INSTRUCTOR to grade.
- Applications to *grade* from 3rd Dan must be from individuals who already teach within an established BWK Club or run their own BWK Club/s.
- Applications for Yūdan grades may be refused/rejected without reason.
- It is the member's own responsibility to send the application **AT LEAST TWO MONTHS** prior to the grading date. See Date Section for details. *All late applications will be rejected & returned.*
- All aspects of the application form must be filled correctly and signed, including the correct remittance. *Incomplete applications will be rejected & returned.*
- The applicant must grade on the applied grade date, or forfeit the grading fee (with the exception of extenuating circumstances, such as ill-health, etc.).
- Applications for physical gradings can be accepted for all Yūdan levels up to & including 5th Dan.

BWK Dan Grade Progression (4th Dan to 8th Dan):

- There are no *physical gradings* for 4th Dan & above, within BWK, for 'full' BWK Members who have trained with a provable unbroken membership and graded through the full BWK grade structure.

- b) Individuals for *promotion* of 4th Dan, and up-to and including 8th Dan, must be through 'recommendation' (i.e. from the relevant senior instructor to the BWK President, or by the BWK President himself). Individuals may **NOT** recommend themselves for promotion. *In these instances all 'promotions' will be issued free of charge.*
- c) Applicants who have not trained & graded through the BWK process, or who have a broken membership history during any Yūdan period, *may* be required to grade for their future Yūdan level/s. *Please refer to charges.*

BWK Yūdan Shinsa Administration.

All expenses, venue, administration, Chief Examiner expenses, etc., will be taken from central BWK funds.

BWK Yūdan Assessment Panel (YAP).

Black-belt gradings are **not open to the public or others** outside of BWK. Only those of BWK membership involved with the grading, and those expressly invited by the Chief Examiner, may attend these events.

The BWK Black-Belt Grading/Assessment Panel will consist of:

- The BWK Chief Instructor.
- BWK Senior Examiners (5th Dan & Above).
- Invited BWK Examiners (3rd Dan & above, depending on level/s of examinees).
- Invited BWK Guests of the BWK Chief Instructor.

Although both grades & titles can be applied for (through normal examination and/or written paper procedures), it must be noted that they can also be awarded by the BWK President through 'time honoured' dedicated research and contribution to the BWK. **ONLY** the BWK President, taking into consideration loyal and dedicated contribution to BWK etc., can 'award' these Yūdan grades.

All BWK-Honbu Yūdan Gradings in the UK are held at least twice a year, and are listed in the BWK Date Section. BWK Yūdan Shinsa will be open and available to all qualifying BWK Members.

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The BWK Yūdan 有段 Grading

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INSTANT FAILURES

An applicant will instantly fail due to the following conditions:

- a. Does not take the grading seriously.
- b. Communicates to his partner, especially during pair-work.
- c. Talks through the grading.
- d. Has little or no knowledge of his requirements.
- e. Shows signs of bad attitude, disrespect or little regard for the proceedings. *Bad attitude will not be tolerated in any grading.*
- f. Insufficient score for passing.

Failure of Dan Gradings.

Upon any Dan grade being failed (irrespective of written, practical or both) the student must produce a minimum training record, *FROM FAILURE DATE*, of at least 52-training sessions AND 6-calendar months before the retake can be honoured by the Yūdan Assessment Panel. However, students will only be required to retake the element/s they have failed (for example, if the student has only failed the practical he does not need to retake the written, and/or vice-versa). The part/element re-take facility will only be valid for 12-months from the original failure date, after this time both elements will have to be retaken.

To clarify: In the event of a 'retake', due to a failure, illness or non-attendance/cancellation, the applicant may reapply for a second attempt after 6-months from the failure date (application must be submitted in the usual way at least 2-months prior to the actual grading date (see Date Section for details)).

All applicants **MUST** reapply using the official Yūdan Shinsa Application Form, available from your instructor, BWK Administration Department, or BWK Website.

Injuries.

Applicants for any grade (Dan or Kyū) must be in a personal peak condition to grade. If injured, temporarily or permanent, the applicant must not proceed with grading (or regular training, for that matter) until the injury has been 'cleared' by a trained physician. *Permanent injuries will require individual assessment prior to training/grading progression.*

BWK KYŪ SHINSA

The BWK Kyū 級 Grading

BWK operates an 'Open Grading Policy', whereby BWK Members/Students may attend and grade at any BWK 'Open Grading' held within a club of BWK. This policy was originally implemented (in 1965 by Suzuki Hanshi) so as members may be able to advance; even though their own instructor may not possess the adequate qualification to promote higher than his designated level (see BWK Grade Levels). Any BWK Member may grade at any of these 'BWK Open Gradings' for their relevant Kyū Grade advancement, as long as the Examiner present has the adequate qualifications to grade the level attempting to be attained, etc. The student's own main instructor (if not in possession of the correct grade qualifications) must be the first 'port-of-call' if a student wishes to participate in one of these 'open gradings'. The instructor may 'advise' a student, but should not disallow him completely from attending the grading; *unless for reasons of readiness, attitude, inadequate training or time-served requirement deficits, etc.* Remember, this facility is for students whose own instructor is unable to grade those wishing to persevere advancement. ***NB: Only BWK Examiners may grade/assess BWK Licenced Members.***

All grades are to be registered within BWK.

- (a) The relevant Grading Examiner must retain all Kyū Grade Sheets; a copy (or list) must be sent to the BWK Licence Officer, when completed, for registration.
- (b) All BWK Yūdan Shinsa will be conducted & headed by the BWK President, Gary E Swift Hanshi.

Official intervals/minimum training requirements for Kyū Grades

- Beginner to 9th Kyū = Minimum 6-weeks training duration, measured from **BWK Licence Registration Issue Date**.
- Kyū grade duration between each rank from 9th Kyū to 1st Kyū = Minimum 3 Months duration with a **minimum** of 12 Training Sessions at a **Fully Registered BWK Club**.
- Retake after failure = Minimum 3-months (no exceptions).

Kyū Grade Scoring

All Kyū grade examinations will be monitored by all qualified **BWK** Yūdانشa who possess Examiners/Instructors certificates/qualifications.

1. Level 1; allows the examiner to grade up to 6th Kyū
2. Level 2; allows the examiner to grade up to 3rd Kyū
3. Level 3; allows the examiner to grade up to 1st Kyū
4. Level 4; entitlements are split into segments: Level 4a up to Shodan, 4b up to Nidan, 4c up to Sandan. Level 5; is reserved for the BWK President/Chief Instructor.

Before conducting a Kyū grading ensure that the correct grade fee has been paid to the Examiner, Secretary, Treasurer, etc. Upon the applicant handing over his/her **BWK Licence and Club Attendance Record Card**, check to see if it up to date. Ensure that there are sufficient time-lapses and training sessions between grades by checking the student's **Club Attendance Record Card**.

During assessment always take medical, age, mental & physical aspects into consideration at all times. For example if someone suffers from dyslexia he may find problems with coordination. He may find problems with, or incapable of, reciting the Dojo-kun. Remember, a fully able-bodied person 'should' know his stuff! If he does not, then mark him accordingly. Applicants for any grade (Dan or Kyū) must be in a personal peak

condition to grade. If injured, temporarily or permanently, the applicant must not proceed with grading (or regular training, for that matter) until the injury has been 'cleared' by a physician. Permanent injuries will require individual assessment prior to training/grading progression.

There will be no recording devices or photography allowed during the performance of a BWK Shinsa.

INSTANT FAILURES

You must fail an applicant who; a. Does not take the grading seriously. b. Communicates to his partner, especially during pair-work. c. Talks through the grading. d. Has little or no knowledge of his requirements. e. Insufficient score on Grade Sheet for passing. f. Shows signs of bad attitude, disrespect or little regard for the proceedings. Bad attitude will not be tolerated in any grading.

Failure of Kyū Gradings.

Upon any Kyū grade being failed the student must produce a minimum training record, *FROM FAILURE DATE*, of at least a minimum of 12-training sessions AND 3-calendar months before the retake can be honoured.

Exceptional Students.

Although there is a minimal gap of 3-months between each Kyū grade, exceptional dedicated students, *those who have passed over & beyond the expectations of a 1st Class Pass*, may be offered the opportunity to take their next grade after a 6-week period.

NB. These facilities are in the event of extenuating circumstances, which are in place ONLY for those with EXCEPTIONAL skill and understanding.

Grade Scoring

Grade	3rd Class Pass	2nd Class Pass	1st Class Pass
9th Kyū	10+	20+	30+
8th Kyū	12+	25+	30+
7th Kyū	12+	25+	30+
6th Kyū	25+	30+	45+
5th Kyū	25+	40+	60+
4th Kyū	25+	45+	65+
3rd Kyū	40+	65+	85+
2nd Kyū	40+	65+	85+
1st Kyū	45+	70+	95+

Score	Symbol
Faultless;	○
Above Average; 3	◊
Average; 2	△
Below Average; 1	✕
Wrong; 0	X

Kyū Grade Examiner's Sheet Pattern.



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Kyu Grade Level:

Examiner:

Date:

Full Name	DK	Obi	Kihon-waza	Renraku-waza					Sanbon	Ohyo	Kihon	Kata	Jiyu	Pass

All Grade Sheets, or copies, are to be returned for registration to: British Wadokai Licence Office, 57 South Hill, Hooe, Plymouth, Devon, PL9 9PT. Scanned copies can be sent to garyswift@wadokai.co.uk



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Kyu Grade Level: 7th

Examiner: Dan Grade

Date: 18/3/13

Full Name	DK	Obi	Kihon-waza	Renraku-waza					Sanbon	Ohyo	Kihon	Kata	Jiyu	Class	
Joe Jutsu	○	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	2nd	28
Ken Jutsu	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	2nd	25
Sue Hari	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	2nd	24

Further Notes Regarding Kyū & Dan Gradings.

Students Who Refuse to Fight!

Students who refuse to fight for gradings will be given the 'X' mark for their fighting contribution (wrong/inadequate).

A student must be prepared 100% to participate in gradings; or wait until he is fit enough to contribute and/or fully perform within his grade. A grading is a test of the all-round ability of the student, if he cannot [or is unable to] fight for his grade, then there is deficit in his ability to perform fully as a Wado-ka.

This also effects & includes juniors and females, whom may also refuse to fight for gradings.

Correct Protocols and Formalities for a BWK Kyū-Shinsa

Kyū Gradings are charged at the normal grading fee (for charges please see BWK Constitution; 'Charges'). Licences and Club Record Attendance Cards must be produced and handed together with grade registration payment to the Secretary/Examiner when asked. Upon the applicant handing over his/her BWK Licence and Club Attendance Record Card, check to see if they are up to date. Ensure that there are sufficient time-lapses and training sessions between grades by checking the student's Club Attendance Record Card.

There will be one Grade Sheet per grade level, so any additions can be easily added in the event of any late arrivals.

Examinees are individually 'numbered' from the lowest grade upwards, etc.

Formal Bowing On.

1. "Seiretsu." All stand in formal ranks in Kiotsuke (Students and Examiner/s line up in correct formal position).
2. Examiner/s, turning clockwise, faces 'Shomen'. Chief Examiner, "Shomen-ni-rei." All perform Standing bow to the front.

3. Examiner/s, turning clockwise, faces Examinees. Chief Examiner, "Shinpandan-ni-rei." Examinees bow to Examiner/s.
4. Chief Examiner takes one step back. "Otaga-ni-re." Chief Examiner, Examiners and Examinees bow to each other.

Procedures.

1. Examinees remain standing whilst Examiner/s sits at Examiners Table.
2. Examinees are informed of their numbers.
3. All Examinees are commanded to kneel before the Examiner/s Desk.
4. Dojo-Kun. **All Examinees**, for ALL Kyū-Shinsa (as well as Yūdan-Shinsa), will be commanded to recite Dojo-Kun, in both Japanese and English from lowest number upwards. NB. There are only two ways the Dojo Kun can be recited – *right or wrong*. If correct = O, if incorrect = X.
5. Hon-Musubi. **All Examinees** will be assessed and marked for their belt-tying. 9th & 8th Kyū will 'demonstrate' and be commanded to remove Obi and place in front 'folded' three times; then commanded to retie (whilst this is in process the Examiner will inspect the rest of the graded Examinees for correct Hon-Musubi). Examinees that do not require demonstration of Hon-Musubi tying will be marked accordingly for their 'presentation'. NB. There are only two ways the belt can be tied – *right or wrong*. If correct = O, if incorrect = X.

The Examination will be conducted in three parts/sections, which reflects the elements found in the Mon procedure.

- a. All Kihon and Renraku Waza will be conducted through all Examinees first, from Examinee 1, in grade sequence. For example; all applicants for 6th Kyū would go through kihon-waza & Renraku-waza, followed by those attempting 5th Kyū, then 4th Kyū, etc.
- b. Once all Kihon and Renraku Waza have been conducted then the process of the Uke-Waza, again from 1 through and upwards.
- c. Then will follow the Kata in the same way.
- d. The Jiyu-Kumite will be finally conducted in the same way, however, omitting those who have declined sparring as an option of choice (age, sex, injury, etc.). For omitted participants a score of 'wrong' must be given = X. It must be remembered, at these stages, to incorporate the Mon applicants through the elements they require along the way.

NB. For Dojo Jiyu-Gumite. Bogu; hand mitts, shin & instep padding (females must also wear chest-guards for their own protection). Gum-shields and groin-guards are *heavily* 'advised' (groin-guards are **strictly required** within competition). *There will be no 'additional' padding allowed, such as head-guards or external body-shields, etc.*

The Jiyu-Gumite will be 'overseen' and conducted by an Examiner and the Kumite match may last no more than 60 seconds.

Upon completion of the Shinsa Examinees will be commanded to wait (in a separate room, only if necessary) until the final scoring has been made.

1. "Seiretsu" will be called from the Examiner and all are to line-up in correct grade/number order.
2. Faults may be highlighted and advice may be given upon further improvement for regarding or progression requirements.
3. Class Passes/Failures will be announced.
4. Shomeisho Reishiki. The formal awards of the grade/s. Each Examinee will collect, upon being called, their Menkyo (Licence), new Obi (Belt) and Shomeisho (Certificate); these must be offered and collected with two hands with a bow. When collected the Examinee will take one pace back and bow again before returning to his/her line.
5. Examinees will place on their new belts so as the Bow-Off can be conducted with the new rank.

Formal Bowing Off.

1. "Seiretsu." All stand in formal ranks in Kiritsu (Students and Examiner/s line up in correct formal position).
2. Examiner/s, turning clockwise, faces 'Shomen'. Chief Examiner, "Shomen-ni-rei." All perform Standing bow to the front.
3. Examiner/s, turning clockwise, faces Examinees. Chief Examiner, "Shinpan-dan-ni-rei." Examinees bow to Examiner/s.
4. Chief Examiner takes one step back. "Otaga-ni-re." Chief Examiner, Examiners and Examinees bow to each other.

Administration.



1. Certificates and Licences to be signed by Examiner/s and handed during Shomeisho Reishiki.
2. Grade Sheet copies must be sent to the BWK Licencing Officer, by either email attachment (scanned, etc.) or by post.
3. Club Instructors will be advised of Examiner's assessment and may be handed a copy of the original Grade Sheet for their records.
4. The Examiner may keep the original Grade Sheet for his/her records.

Faultless: Faultless is a '*non-grade-specific*' mark given to a student for a 'faultless' demonstration/performance of the required technique. For example, the equivalent to a technique that would be marked 10/10 during a Yūdan assessment. Very few (if any) would be considered/marked 'faultless' for any Kyū grade due to the level of perfection expected.

Above Average. A technique that you would expect to see demonstrated of higher standard, or of an advanced level, to the grade the applicant is attempting. 10/10 Kyū level. For example; someone attempting 6th Kyū who reflects the standard/s of someone attempting 3rd Kyū, etc.

Average: The expected performance related to the grade being attempted.

Below Average: Below average performance. A technique that hasn't shown many signs of improvement, as would be expected, since last assessment level. This mark would also be used in the event of physical impairment, etc.

Wrong: Incorrect performance. A technique that is incorrect, or has been performed with multiple errors.

NB: Kyū Grades start at 9th Kyū and must be followed through the ranking system correctly. There will be **NO 'double-gradings' or 'grade-jumping'** permitted within BWK. If a student is eligible & ready to grade for a 'specific' grade then he/she must attempt the grading as & when gradings are available and required. If a 'Kyū-ranked' student is joining from another organisation/style then he must follow the correct protocols for correct 'recognition & advancement'. Please also refer to Page 2 of the BWK Licence Application Form for clarification.

The Class Pass System.

The Grade Sheet Marks are also reflected into the 'Class Pass' indicated within the students licence by the examiner. For example:

1st Class Pass - Faultless.

Faultless is a '*non-grade specific*' mark given to a student for a 'faultless' demonstration/performance of the required techniques. For example, the equivalent to a student that would be marked 10/10 (100%) during a Yūdan assessment. Very few (if any) would be considered/marked 'faultless' for any Kyū grade due to the level of perfection expected. For example; someone attempting 6th Kyū who reflects the standard of a 'top performing' 3rd Dan.

2nd Class Pass - Above Average.

A pass where techniques you would expect to see demonstrated of a much higher standard, or someone of an advanced level, to the grade the applicant is attempting. 10/10 Kyū level. For example; someone attempts 6th Kyū who reflects the standard/s of someone attempting 3rd Kyū, etc.

3rd Class Pass - Average.

A 'normal' standard to the grade level.

The expected performance related to the grade being attempted.

4th Class Pass - Below Average.

Below average performance. This mark would also be used in the event of an applicant with physical/mental impairment or disability, but shows dedication and determination through the grading and challenges, etc.

Failure - Wrong.

Incorrect performance. Techniques that are incorrect or a grading that has been performed with multiple errors. There would be no entry recorded within the licence book, however, a previous grade-class may be upgraded, etc.

Diagram Below. '2nd Class Pass' on 9th Kyū - '3rd Class Pass' on 8th Kyū - Failure on 7th Kyū, but 8th Kyū level has been upgraded to '1st Class Pass'.

KYU GRADE RECORD				DAN GRADE RECORD			
GRADE	DATE	CLASS	EXAMINER	GRADE	DATE	HANKO	CHIEF EXAMINER
9 th Kyu	12/7 /21	2	M Tanaka	1 st Dan			
8 th Kyu	11/5 /22	3	M Tanaka	2 nd Dan			
7 th Kyu				3 rd Dan			
6 th KYU				4 th Dan			
5 th Kyu				5 th Dan			
4 th Kyu				6 th Dan			
3 rd Kyu				7 th Dan			
2 nd Kyu				8 th Dan			
1 st Kyu				9 th Dan			

USEFUL COMMANDS/PHRASES FOR EXAMINERS

Commands.

Seiretsu = Line up in formal ranks.

Shugo = Informal assembly.

Seiza = Kneel.

Kiritsu = Stand (*musubi-dachi*).

Kiotsuke = Formal attention position.

Yohi = Ready/prepare (*hachi-ji-dachi*).

Hadjime = Go/start.

Yamae = Stop (return to hachi-ji-dachi).

Naore = Come to kiritsu to 'prepare to bow'.

Rei = Bow.

Tachi-rei = Standing bow.

Hidari = Left.

Migi = Right.

Hidari-gamae-junzuki = Left straight-punch stance.

Mawatte = Turning hand (turn).

Mawatte-jodan-uke = Turn with head-block.

Mawatte-chudan-soto-uke = Turn with outer-body block.

Mawatte-chudan-uchi-uke = Turn with inner-body block.

Mawatte-gedan-barai = Turn with lower-body sweeping block.

Sonabade-ippou-toru-gyakuzuki = From the same position change-arms with reverse punch.

Hidari-hanmi-gamae = left fighting stance.

Hidari-shizentai = left natural position.

Soroeru = Perform straight-through (command for kata, blocks, etc.).

Shinpandan-ni-rei = Bow to referee.
Otaga-ni-rei = Fighters bow to each other.
Ban = Counting/command; ichi, ni, san, shi, goh = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Stances.

Junzuki-dachi.
Gyakuzuki-dachi.
Junzuki-tsukkomi-dachi.
Gyakuzuki-tsukkomi-dachi.

Postures/positions (these are *not* stances as they are considered positions of 'attitude').

Yohi (ready).
Yamae (stop).
Kamae (posture).
Hanmi-gamae (half-body posture, used in fighting position).
Shizentai (natural standing position).

EXTRA GRADING SERVICES

Private Kyū and Dan Gradings.

Private Kyū Gradings are available for students, who have either missed the official grading date/s or require the opportunity to attempt 'catch-up' gradings, etc.

Private Kyū Gradings at the BWK-Honbu (or available Dojo at the Plymouth Schools). Private Kyū gradings will be charged at £35 per student and will include; Hall Hire, Private Examiner, Certificate and Obi. Gradings can be available during the week or weekend, please contact the BWK Chief Instructor for details and availability.

Private Yūdan Gradings can also be arranged at the BWK-Honbu Dojo (or an available Dojo at the Plymouth Schools) at a charge of £250, which also includes the written and practical elements.

Private Gradings will be run simply for the 'grading', and will not include any pre-grading training. Just to reiterate: Private Gradings will be for 'grading assessment only' and will be conducted at the BWK Honbu (or other) by prior arrangement with the Chief Instructor. Applicants are responsible for their own Uke-Mi (training partner).

NB: All private gradings, to be conducted elsewhere (outside of the BWK-Honbu region), will incur a travelling charge of 40p per mile (round trip), plus any accommodation costs. Applicants will also need to arrange for themselves an 'adequate' venue for at least a 90-minute duration (if written is to be included 3-hours would be required).


NB: For up-to-date information reference Yūdan & Kyū Shinsa, please refer to the official [BWK Grading Protocols Policy](#), accessible from the BWK Websites and/or Chief Instructor.



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