

THE REGULATIONS OF



THE PLYMOUTH SCHOOLS OF WADORYU KARATE

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CHIEF INSTRUCTOR
GARY SWIFT HANSHI

The Plymouth Schools of Wadoryu Karate is a Full Member of
British Wadokai and the
Alliance of International Wadoryu (AIWa)

NAME

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The name of the Organisation will be the Plymouth Schools of Wadoryu Karate, from here on known as PWK. The name and symbol of PWK may only be used by the PWK Committee. Members using the Name and/or Symbol/s of the PWK for any reason, unless for Club/Administration (letterheads etc.)/Advertising purposes, without written consent will be vested by the Yudansha no Iinkai. See Section 1 in the Bylaws. *Written applications to be sent to the PWK President.*

Membership Categories:

- a. **Direct/Full Member:** Directly controlled by the BWK-Honbu & Regulations (including all Syllabus, Grades, Licence Control, Insurance etc.), and Chief Instructor. Direct Members will also be registered, and have access, with all BWK Affiliations. Direct Members must not be in membership to any other Affiliation other than that of Plymouth Schools of Wadoryu Karate lineage. *

NB: Member Groups/Associations may change their membership status at any time.

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- PWK is in Full Membership of British Wadokai and the International Wado Federation.
- Members may NOT be part of any National Governing Body that is outside of the BWK.

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THE SYMBOL/BADGE OF THE PWK & MEMBER CLUBS



Symbol of the Plymouth Schools of Wadoryu Karate (PWK).

Badges & Insignia.

- a. All recommended PWK/British Wadokai, Club/Group Badges are to be worn on the left breast or arm.

- b. There will be no other badge, other than Plymouth Schools of Wadoryu Karate and Club, worn on the Karate-gi. Merit badges will *NOT BE PERMITTED* for use within the traditional Plymouth Schools of Wadoryu Karate Dojo.
- c. In the event of International Representation. All Flag/Country badges are to be worn on the right arm. *Flag/Country badges may only to be worn in the event that the individual has/is representing his country abroad (competition, training, etc.), and these are ONLY available from the BWK Chief Instructor and/or BWK Competition Committee.*

AIMS

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The aims of PWK:

- a. Foster and develop the art of the Wado-ryu system founded and developed by Ohtsuka-Hironori (10th Dan) Meijin under the strict direction of Gary Swift Hanshi.
- b. Supply members' registration, licensing, insurance, certification of grades passed.
- c. Allow access to regular training facilities, top class Wado tuition, regular courses, competitions, tournaments, and gradings, etc.
- d. Practise the Wado syllabus as laid down by Ohtsuka-Hironori (10th Dan) Meijin. No other form of Wado or Karate (or any other martial-art) may be practised within a BWK Dojo.
- e. Host regular official BWK 'Standardisation Courses' to promote & maintain correct Wado Karate to all members.
- f. Test all PWK Examiners at regular intervals to ensure that top quality BWK Examiners are always available and qualified to grade.
- g. Discourage malpractice and abuse of Wadoryu.
- h. Do all such other things that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the aims of BWK.

THE PWK CHIEF INSTRUCTOR

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The PWK Chief Instructor will be Gary Swift Hanshi.

- a. Has overall control of the PWK and BWK direct membership.
- b. Has the power to grade up-to-and-including his own grade.

In the event of an emergency the BWK Vice President/Assistant Chief Instructor shall assume complete control of all the affairs of PWK, whether temporary or permanent.

BWK REGIONAL INSTRUCTORS

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Powers of Regional Instructors.

- a. Will hold the power to grade up to and including their designated Examiner Level. See BWK Examiner Levels.

- b. Has responsibility of the affiliated regional membership under their control.
- c. Must abide to BWK Regulations.

Regions under the direct control of the BWK Chief Instructor and the BWK-Honbu are:

- Plymouth Schools of Wadoryu Karate (Wadokai Southwest):
- Wadokai South & Southeast.

BWK INSTRUCTORS/EXAMINERS

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All Instructors MUST:

- a. Hold an up to date BWK Licence.
- b. Hold an up to date Instructor's Licence/Insurance.
- c. Have responsibility of at least one club in order to qualify as 'Instructor Status'.
- d. Be of at least 18 years of age.
- e. Hold the rank of at least Shodan.
- f. Hold a current 1st aid Certificate.
- g. Hold an 'activity specific' CRB.
- h. Attend the regular 'BWK Standardisation Courses' and 'BWK Examiners Courses' held regularly throughout the year.

All Assistant Instructors MUST:

- a. Hold an up to date BWK Licence.
- b. Hold an up to date Instructor's Licence/Insurance.
- c. Be under the guidance and direction of a BWK Club Instructor.
- d. Be of at least 18 years of age.
- e. Hold the rank of at least Shodan.
- f. Hold a current 1st aid Certificate.
- g. Hold an 'activity specific' CRB.
- h. Attend the regular BWK 'Standardisation Courses' and 'Examiners Courses' held regularly throughout the year.

All Examiners MUST:

- a. Hold an up to date BWK Licence.
- b. Hold an up to date BWK 'Examiner's Certificate'.
- c. Attend the regular BWK 'Standardisation Courses' and 'Examiners Courses' held regularly throughout the year. Failure to attend will jeopardise individual 'Examiner Qualifications'.
- d. Attend any periodical BWK Grading Courses.
- e. Use a BWK Examiner's Stamp to officiate a graded student's Licence.
- f. Send in all Examination Grade Sheets, or copies, to the BWK Licence Office for registration.

NB: 'Instructor' status and 'Examiner' status are separate qualifications/titles and must be achieved independently.

Examiner Grade Levels

All Yūdan level grades will be conducted under the direction of the Chief Instructor. All Examiner Qualifications and Levels are standardised by the BWK Chief Instructor and Yudansha-No-Iinkai. BWK Grade Examiners Levels are issued at the BWK Examiner Courses, and are categorised as follows:

Examination Levels:

- a. Level 1: May grade up to 6th Kyu
- b. Level 2: May grade up to 3rd Kyu
- c. Level 3: May grade up to 1st Kyu
- d. Level 4: May grade up to & including, 5th Dan *
- e. Level 5: Chief Examiner/Assessor

** Level 4 Examiners may only assess Yudan Level grades as part of the BWK Yūdan Assessment Panel, headed by the BWK Chief Instructor. Qualified BWK 3rd Dan Examiners **may** be invited to the Yudan Assessment Panel for 1st Dan Examinations. Qualified BWK 4th Dan Examiners **may** be invited to the Yudan Assessment Panel for 1st/2nd Dan Examinations. Being 3rd or 4th Dan does not 'automatically' make a Panel Judge (this would be through invitation only).*

MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP

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Direct Membership.

- a. All individual members will be registered as Full Members with the BWK.
- b. Members must hold an up to date BWK Licence/Grade Record Book and proof of National Insurance cover within two weeks of starting and PRIOR to regular training.
- c. All PWK Licenced Members have the right to train and grade at any BWK Dojo he/she so wishes, so long as the initial etiquettes have been followed.
- d. Upon acceptance, members must hold an up to date BWK Licence AT ALL TIMES.
- e. Upon acceptance, members must abide by the rules of the PWK and follow the BWK Regulations.
- f. All members who violate the Regulations will be vested in section 1 of the Bylaws.
- g. All PWK Yūdansha will automatically be entitled to become Sub-Council Members.
- h. There will be no Annual Affiliation Fee.

NB: All BWK-UK Licences include National & 'Provisional' International Insurance Cover.

Full Membership.

- a. All individual members will be registered as Full Members within the BWK.

- b. Members must hold an up to date BWK recognised Licence/Grade Record Book and proof of National Insurance cover within two weeks of starting and PRIOR to regular training.
- c. All PWK Members have the right to train and grade at any BWK Dojo he/she so wishes, so long as the initial etiquettes have been followed.
- d. Upon acceptance, members must hold an up to date BWK Licence AT ALL TIMES.
- e. Upon acceptance, members must abide by the rules of the PWK and follow the BWK REGULATIONS.
- f. All members who violate the Regulations will be vested in section 1 of the Bylaws.
- g. All PWK Yūdansa will automatically be entitled to become Sub-Council Members.
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BWK RANKING SYSTEM



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Kyū Grade Ranks. (See Section-8 below 'Gradings').

- a. Mu Kyu = White belt (beginner).
- b. 9th Kyu = Red belt.
- c. 8th Kyu = Yellow belt.
- d. 7th Kyu = Orange belt.
- e. 6th Kyu = Green belt.
- f. 5th Kyu = Blue belt.
- g. 4th Kyu = Purple belt.
- h. 3rd Kyu = Brown belt.
- i. 2nd Kyu = Brown belt, with one white stripe.
- j. 1st Kyu = Brown belt, with one black stripe.

Official BWK Kyū grade rank colours.

1.  White Belt: Mukyū (beginner)
2.  Red Belt: 9th Kyū
3.  Yellow Belt: 8th Kyū
4.  Orange Belt: 7th Kyū
5.  Green Belt: 6th Kyū
6.  Blue Belt: 5th Kyū
7.  Purple Belt: 4th Kyū
8.  Brown Belt: 3rd Kyū



9.  Brown Belt: 2nd Kyū (with relevant Kyū stripe).
10.  Brown Belt: 1st Kyū (with relevant Kyū stripe).

Dan Grade Ranks.

- a. Shodan = Black belt, normally awarded to qualified members 10 years and above.
- b. Nidan = Black belt, normally awarded to qualified members 14 years and above seniors.
- c. Sandan = Black belt, normally awarded to qualified members 18 years and above.

Promotions will only be considered between 1st and up to 3rd Dan ranks once the applicant has been assessed and passed as a within the present grade.

Official BWK Dan grade rank colours.

1.  Yūdansha = Black Belt (10 years and upwards).
2.  Shodan/Nidan-ho = Black & Red Belt (awarded to those with a junior level pass [72-81.9%]).
There will be no 'stripes' or discrimination between Yūdansha grade ranks displayed on the Obi.

Black-Belt Ranks:

- a. Shodan = N/A, Senpai (Sensei if teaching).
- b. Nidan = N/A, Senpai (Sensei if teaching).
- c. Sandan & above = Sensei & Privilege titles start here.

For further clarification, see BWK Rules & Regulations.

GRADINGS

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All Full Member grades are to be registered with the BWK.

- a. The relevant Grading Examiner must retain all Kyū Grade Sheets, a copy may be sent to the BWK Licence Officer, when completed.
- b. All PWK Yūdan gradings will be conducted by the BWK Chief Instructor.

Intervals/minimum training guidelines for Kyū Grades.

- a. Beginner to 9th Kyū = Minimum 8 Weeks training duration. Minimum age 8 years old.
- b. Kyū grade duration between each rank from 9th Kyū to 1st Kyū = Minimum 3 Months duration.

A BWK Yūdan Assessment Panel (YAP) is available to all eligible members (see age restrictions). All Yūdan Shinsa:

- a. Will be charged per student prior to grading. See Charges.
- b. Will be charged for Registration. See Charges.

- c. Yudan Gradings will be conducted privately. Only BWK licenced members involved, or have been previously invited by the BWK Chief Instructor, may attend.
- d. All applicants for Gradings must hold an up to date BWK Licence.
- e. All applicants for Gradings of Sandan must also be registered (and insured) as an Instructor/Assistant Instructor of a regular Dojo.
- f. All applicants for Gradings of Yodan, and above, must also be registered (and insured) as a Main Instructor of a regular Dojo.
- g. All Yudansha will be judged & marked for a pass as: 82% (and above) Practical. 82% (and above) Written. This is considered a 1st Class Pass.

NB: Yudansha Applicants: The student's MAIN INSTRUCTOR will issue, to the eligible member, a 'Yudan Shinsa Application Form'.

Intervals/minimum training guidelines for Yūdan applicants:

- a. SHODAN; 52 DOJO TRAINING SESSIONS = 1st Kyu to 1st Dan = 9 months). *Minimum age 10.*
- b. NIDAN; 208 DOJO TRAINING SESSIONS = 1st Dan to 2nd Dan = 24 months. *Minimum age 14.*
- c. SANDAN; 312 DOJO TRAINING SESSIONS = 2nd Dan to 3rd Dan = 36 months. *Minimum age 18.*

BWK Dan Grade application:

- a. 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.
- b. All aspects of the application form must be filled correctly and signed, including the correct remittance. Incomplete applications will be rejected & returned.
- c. The applicant must be technically ready grade prior to application, on the applied grade date, or forfeit the grading fee (unless due to extenuating circumstances). Applicants cannot simply cancel their grading due to not being prepared or ready to pass.

NB: 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 for Yudan grades may be refused/rejected without reason. Grading applications from 3rd Dan & above must be from individuals who teach at, or run, their own Club/s. There are no gradings above 3rd Dan within BWK.

BWK Yūdan Assessment Panel (YAP):

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

1. The BWK Chief Instructor/President
2. Invited BWK Qualified Examiners (5th Dan & above).
3. Invited BWK Licenced Guests.

See Section 16 for up to date YAP List.

Although grades and 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' or 'dedicated

research and contribution' to the BWK. ONLY the BWK President, taking into consideration loyal and dedicated contribution to BWK, etc., will 'award' Yūdan grades.

All BWK Yūdan Gradings in the UK are generally held at least twice a year, and are listed in the BWK Date Section.

AFFILIATIONS

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Clubs in PWK Membership:

- a. There shall only be Direct/Full membership to the BWK-Honbu. *NB: BWK (International) clubs may also need to affiliate to a National Body.*
- b. All PWK clubs must only train in the traditional Wadoryu as taught within the BWK (see BWK Rules & Regulations).
- c. All PWK Clubs will run individually under the 'registered' Instructor for that Club but must be teaching and promoting the official BWK Grade Syllabus and Technical Standards. There will be no interference from any other Instructor/Examiner (PWK or other), *unless by invitation of/or as a result of Technical or Legal violations or requirements.*
- d. Must have Insured BWK Instructor/s in the running and control of all Club affairs.
- e. Must have at least a Secretary or Organiser, if not a formal Control Committee.
- f. Must have an up-to-date & active Club Constitution.
- g. Must have Insured and recognised BWK Licensed membership.

Clubs wishing to affiliate as Direct/Full Members:

- a. Must practise BWK, or intend to do so within 12 months of application acceptance.
- b. Must follow the official BWK Wado Syllabus upon acceptance, without deviation.
- c. May be of any size, but must meet regularly at proper premises.
- d. Must have at least a Secretary or Organiser, if not a formal Control Committee.
- e. May have either amateurs or professionals (*although not 'commercially' motivated individuals*) as membership.
- f. Applications for Club Affiliation must be sent to the BWK President.
- g. The BWK Executive Committee or Regional Chief Instructor will also consider all initial applications for regional membership.
- h. Shall, upon acceptance, abide by the 'spirit' and current rules of the BWK Regulations.
- i. A representative, prior to acceptance, *may* investigate Club/s.
- j. Must hold adequate Insurance cover through BWK licencing, or intend to do so, once accepted.
- k. Must be run by an Instructor of at least Shodan of at least 18 years of age.
- l. Must have an up-to-date & active Club Constitution.

NB: The running of the Club is the sole responsibility of the 'REGISTERED INSTRUCTOR'. See 'Clubs in Membership' section 'd'.

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Jiyu GUMITE (Direct/Full Members)

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The rules of Jiyu-gumite will be based on the fighting principles of Competition Sparring. The exceptions are that Jiyu-gumite allows the controlled use of knee and elbow application. All Dojo Jiyu-gumite MUST adhere to the correct methods of 'contact-control', stated within the listed Contest Rules.

- a. Prior to the start of the Jiyu-gumite, the Sensei/Senpai shall state any restrictions within the sparring match.
- b. Students must wear the correct BWK recommended Karate protection (Bogu), which must conform to either the white elasticised/velcro style or official (red/blue/white) equipment. *Hand-mitts and Shin & Instep pads MUST be worn at all times in sparring and competition.*
- c. It is recommended that students wear protective groin guards, breast protectors (female), and gum-shields. *Gum shields and groin guards MUST be worn at all times in sparring competition.*
- d. Students must be in good health, with no pre-existing illness or injuries.
- e. Contact is limited to NO MORE than; LIGHT contact to the face, MEDIUM contact to the body/trunk only.
- f. Considerations must always be made to the age and capabilities of each opponent. Take each opponent as an 'individual' who may need differing needs and conditions to others to gain the best benefit from each club sparring-match.
- g. There will no technique/s directed towards the throat, neck, groin, or knee.
- h. No excessive contact, DANGEROUS throws, or takedowns will be permitted. Deliberate violation of this rule will result in instant exclusion from Jiyu-gumite, leading to the possible expulsion of the club.
- i. The Sensei has the right to implement additional rules and restrictions that he sees fit, to promote safe and beneficial sparring within his Dojo.

Exceptions from sparring:

- a. Students who suffer from any kind of MEDICAL CONDITION where the practise could be detrimental to the health of the student.
- b. Females, students under the age of 16 and over the age of 40 will not be 'forced' into free-fighting of any kind.
- c. Students under the age of 8 years.

NB. For a more comprehensive list of sparring rules, please refer to the BWK Rules & Regulations.

LICENCES

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A Licence will include:

- a. Passport/Grade Book, as supplied by the BWK Licence Office.
- b. Membership to British Wadokai, the British Wado Federation (BWF) and the International Wado Federation (IWF).
- c. Insurance cover and 'Temporary International Cover'. *NB: International membership will need to possess a separate National Insurance Cover for their country.*

Licence/s (Direct/Full Membership):

- a. Are renewable annually. See Charges.
- b. Will be applied for via the Licence Officer.
- c. Application forms must be sent by post to the appropriate Licence Office. *NB: No responsibility will be taken for loss or damage if Licences are applied for via 'hand delivery' through the Club Instructor/Secretary.*
- d. Licences that expire or are out of date will be suspended.
- e. Members, with Licences that are out of date, will have their grade records cancelled. *NB: Yudan grades may be re-registered, upon application, from the BWK President. See section 7; 'Yudansha Reinstatement'.*
- f. BWK Licence Application will include:
 1. Passport style photographs (if new).
 2. Remittance.

NB: Previous Licence may also be required (where applicable).

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REGISTRATION (Direct/Full Members)

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All Kyu grades will be registered with the issuing examiner.

- a. The relevant Grading Examiner must retain all Grade Registration Sheets.

JUDGES AND REFEREE QUALIFICATIONS

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- a. BWK Judges and Referee Courses will be held as & when required (see Date Section).

ORGANISATION (Direct/Full Members)

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PWK will consist of a working committee, under the direction of the PWK Chief Instructor. These are the:

PWK Executive/Working Committee:

The Executive Committee will consist of members' selected/voted from PWK-UK membership to organise administration and events.

- a. Chief Instructor. Gary Swift Hanshi.
- b. Assistant Chief Instructor. Richard House 5th Dan.
- c. General Secretary. Steve Pritchard 1st Dan.
- d. Assistant Instructors. Harry Barton 3rd Dan, Nicholas Llewellyn 2nd Dan, Steve Mitchell 2nd Dan, Steve Pritchard 1st Dan.

NB: Meetings of both committees will be convened once a year, known as the PWK AGM. Time, date, and venue will be announced in the BWK Newsletter and/or Date Section.

GENERAL & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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General Information.

- a. BWK Annual General Meetings (AGM) will be held every year. The date will be issued by the BWK President and will be announced in the BWK Newsletter and Date Section.
- b. BWK Technical Committee Meetings and Emergency General Meetings (EGM) may be convened at any time by the BWK President, it is important that all Technical Committee, Sub-Committee & Sub-Council members attend.
- c. The financial year shall run from the 6th April each year.
- d. The President of BWK has the right to make Regulation Amendments WITHOUT prior notice.
- e. All Regulation Amendments will be announced in the BWK Newsletter.
- f. BWK Representatives may be generated from regional membership. They will operate within the parameters of the BWK Regulations.
- g. BWK representatives may be designated in various areas to assist the Regional Chief Instructor in expansion, and to act as a valuable source of communication between the BWK President, New Affiliations, and the Regional Chief-Instructor.

COMPETITION RULES (Direct/Full Membership)

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The rules of Competition will be based on the Competition Rules as laid down by the BWK. There will be no deviation from the BWK Competition Rules. See BWK Rules & Regulations.

BYLAWS

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Disciplinary procedures:

Section 1.

- a. In the event that any person, or persons, may violate any section or sections in the BWK Regulations, Dojo-kun and/or any other rules and regulations implemented by BWK or its member club/s and/or groups under BWK control, disciplinary procedures may have to be implemented and enforced by the Technical Committee Sub-Council and Executive Committee. This will be the responsibility of the BWK Vice President.
- b. A Disciplinary Council (herewith known as the DC) shall be selected from the Executive Committee, and Technical Committee Sub-Council membership, and shall comprise of persons selected by the DC in their absolute discretion, whether or not such persons are members of BWK.
- c. Notice of the 'matter' to be considered by the DC shall be sent by the Secretary, or his deputy, to the party against whom the complaint has been made. Such notice shall state the facts upon which the matter is based, and date of the meeting of the DC to hear the complaint.
- d. The party, against the complaint has been made, shall, within 10 days of receipt of a request by an authorised member of the DC through the post, inform the DC whether it, or he, wishes to be represented, or to appear personally at the hearing, or give a written explanation of the 'matter' to be considered by the DC.
- e. The DC shall hear and determine the complaint referred to it. It shall produce a report and recommendation/s to the DC. The said report shall be sent to the party against whom the complaint has been made and he, or it, shall have the right to appeal to the DC in respect of the report or recommendation/s. All appeals shall be delivered in writing to the Secretary of the DC within 24 days. The appeal shall be heard by the DC (excluding those persons who constituted the Appeals Council (AC)), by way of a rehearing, and the appellant shall be entitled to the same notice and rights at the DC hearing, which it or he is entitled.
- f. The AC/DC may recommend the penalty to be imposed, and the DC may impose such penalty as way of fine, censure, suspension, expulsion, as it deems appropriate.
- g. Unless BWK instituted disciplinary proceedings in respect of a Full, Provisional, Associate, or Honorary Member, all representations to the Council, or it's DC, shall be made through the member concerned, to the BWK Vice President.

Section 2.

- a. The member concerned shall have the right to have access to all information relating to any of the Licence Holder/s who may in any way be involved in Disciplinary Proceedings.

Section 3.

- a. The Council's decision shall be final, accept on a point of law.

PWK EXAMINERS LIST (Direct/Full Members) for 2019

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- Level 5: Gary Swift Hanshi
Level 4: Richard House 5th Dan.
Level 3: Harry Barton 3rd Dan, Samuel Barton 3rd Dan.
Level 2: Nicholas Llewellyn 2nd Dan, Steve Mitchell 2nd Dan.
Level 1: Steve Pritchard 1st Dan.

CHARGES

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BWK Charges for 2019

- a. BWK Licence, Membership, Passport, Grade Record Book @£30.00 (1st licence), £25.00 (renewal) English Sterling. NB: Licences are renewable annually from the BWF Licensing Office.
- b. Kyū Level Gradings @£15.00 (*includes Registration, Certificate & Belt*).*
- c. BWK Yūdan Gradings for Members @£150 (*includes Registration, Certification and Belt (Belt for Shodan only)*).
- d. Recommended Training Session Fee @£5.00 per (1-hour) session.*
- e. Instruction from BWK Chief Instructor @£35.00 per hour (or part), for the first two hours (reduced to £15 per hour for consecutive training hours), plus expenses; travelling costs, and accommodation etc.

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- Charges may vary slightly from Club to Club.
- Certificates can be obtained from the BWK Chief Instructor.

CHARGES MAY CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE