

Okinawa Karate Association Judgment Regulations

Purpose

First: These regulations are based on the Okinawa Karate Association rules. The seventeenth article provided the license, title, and grade of the people who train Karate in this association.

Qualification

Second

- 1) Anyone who wishes to take promotion exam must be a member of this association (as stated in the Sixth Article).
- 2) Anyone taking the promotion exam must meet the requirements (see attached table#1) for getting a license.

Grade, Title, License

Third: Grade, Title, License determine as follows.

- (1) The promotion exam is held based on this regulation, and qualified grade is given to anyone who passes the promotion exam. However, for ranks below Jyun Syodan (associate 1st Dan), each dojo is able to hold promotion exam and a qualified grade is given to the person who passes the promotion exam.
- (2) Based on this regulation, this Association may give the following titles to the individual who performs the required skills for each level of dan title.
 - ア Renshi : 6th Dan
 - イ Kyoshi : 7th Dan and 8th Dan
 - ウ Hanshi : 9th Dan and 10th Dan
- (3) The Association may give an instructor license to individuals above the 5th Dan level who have been approved to possess enough quality of skills to teach.
- (4) Association may give an Associate Instructor license to the 4th dan person who has been approved to possess enough qualification to teach.
- (5) Association may give an Associate Instructor license to the ShoDan, 2nd Dan, and 3rd Dan person who has been approved to possess enough qualification to teach.

Examination process

Forth: The person who takes promotion examination must submit the following forms.

- (1) Anyone who wishes to take a promotion examination above the Jyun Syodan

(associate 1st Dan) level needs to submit the official form to the leader of one's Dojo or the chief of a branch. Judgment fee follows each Dojo's rule.

- (2) Anyone who wishes to take from Syodan to 5th Dan promotion exam must fill out the attached sheet #1. From 6th Dan or above they will need to fill out the attached sheet #2 and apply with instructor's signature plus judgment fee, registration fee and working expenses of Kensyu Kaikan.
- (3) Anyone who wishes to receive Renshi permission must fill out Official Forms #3, then apply with judgment fee, registration fee and your instructor's signature and stamp on your form #3. However, the people who take promotion exam above 5th Dan at the same time discharge their judgment fee.
- (4) Except for Okinawa main island, other Dojo permit to have promotion judgment up to 2nd Dan. Moreover, except Okinawa prefecture, other domestic dojo are permitted to have promotion judgment up to 4th Dan. However, judges must include at least one rank higher than the person who takes promotion exam.
- (5) For overseas promotion exam, each dojo is permitted to hold exams, but anyone who takes an exam has to be below the rank of the highest rank judge.
- (6) For 7th Dan or above, promotion exam have to be in the Headquarters in principle. Unless there is special permission by board of directors.
- (7) Either outside Okinawa or overseas, if a judging committee is invited from the Headquarters, the limit of exam rank would be a rank below the invited judge committee.
- (8) Anyone who belongs outside Headquarters and passes the exam needs to register to Headquarters and pay a registration fee.

Examination Location

Promotion Exam location is determined as follows.

- (1) Below Jyunsyodan, each dojo is able to hold promotion exam.
- (2) Above Syodan, promotion exams have to be held at the Headquarters. However, exceptional cases are outlined above. (Fourth 4, 5, 7)
- (3) For the instructor's license examination, outside Okinawa (such as mainland Japan or overseas) it can be held at an officially permitted Dojo.

Examination Day

Examination day is determined as follows.

- (1) Examination day for below Jyunsyodan is held on an odd number month.
- (2) For above Syodan exams are determined as follows.
 - ア Promotion exams are held regularly twice a year, May and November.

- ↵ Special case promotion exams are held at any time of the year whenever the board of directors approved it.
- (3) Special case promotion exams are held for individuals who are located overseas or not in Okinawa. However, individuals who belong to Dojos in Okinawa may have the same opportunity to others.

Objects for examination

- 1 List of judgment subjects for promotion test determined as follows
 - (1) Sanchin
 - (2) Hojyo Undo
 - (3) Shitei Kata (Designated Kata)
 - (4) Kata Bunkai
 - (5) Yakusoku Kumite
 - (6) Kote Kitae
 - (7) Oral Examination (First Dan Only)
 - (8) Jiyu Kumite
- 2 Regulation of Designated Kata determined as follows.
 - (1) 3 Kyu or below : Kanshiwa
 - (2) 2 Kyu : Kansyu
 - (3) 1 Kyu : Seichin
 - (4) Shyodan : Seisan
 - (5) 2 Dan : Seiryu
 - (6) 3 Dan : Kanchin
 - (7) 4 Dan : Sunseiryu
 - (8) 5 Dan : Sunseiryu
- 3 Regulation of Kata Bunkai determined as follows.
 - (1) For Kyu level is Kanchiwa Bunkai
 - (2) From Shyodan to 3rd Dan Seisan Bunkai
 - (3) From 4th Dan to 5th Dan Sunseiryu Bunkai
- 4 Regulation of Yakusoku Kumite is determined as follows.
 - (1) For Kyu level, each dojo can make a decision of the number of Yakusoku kumite.
 - (2) For Dan level, Yakusoku Kumite is decided by Headquarters.
- 5 A jury makes the decision on the contents of the Oral Examination.
- 6 Between Renshi 6th Dan to Kyoshi 8th Dan, their assigned Kata is Sanchin, Seisan, and Sunseiryu
- 7 For Hanshi 9th Dan or above, the board of directors approves as an honorable

member, so their exam is to serve only as a model demonstration.

The way of judgment

- 1) The method of judgment of promotion exams is described in article #1. Judges scores the candidate's performance.
- 2) There must be at least two Promotion exam judges.

Qualified Level

Eighth: Successful qualifying level to pass the promotion exam is determined as follows.

- (1) For below 5th Dan, a passing grade is shown in attached file #1.
- (2) For Renshi 6th Dan holder or above, the successful qualifying level to pass the promotion exam is shown in attached file #2.
- (3) To obtain Renshi 6th Dan or above, one's personality, education, knowledge, skill and service the association are also examined carefully.
- (4) There are exceptions for those who possess excellent talent and have special circumstances; Association might give the special rank for a individual.

Black belt categorize

Ninth: Dan rank holder must wear Black belt; wearing the Black belt without Dan rank is prohibited.

Dan rank holders must indicate these marks on their belt.

- (1) Renshi 6th Dan is indicated by one gold line in the black belt.
- (2) Kyoshi 7th Dan is indicated by two gold lines in the black belt.
- (3) Ktoshi 8th Dan is indicated by three gold lines in the black belt.
- (4) Hanshi 9th Dan is indicated by four gold lines in the black belt.
- (5) Hanshi 10th Dan is indicated by 5 gold lines in the black belt.

Transfer

Eleventh: Those who transfer from other schools are treated as follows.

- (1) For those who possess 5th Dan or below, he/she will given one Dan lower than present rank of Dan. Then at least a year after transfer, the person acquires the permission to take the promotion exam.
- (2) For a person who possess 6th Dan or above and wishes to transfer from another school, the boards of directors make the final decision.

Judgment fee, Registration fee

Twelfth

- (1) The attached table #4 shows the rules of Judgment fees, registration fees, and working expenditures for Kensyu Kaikan. (these three are classified as Judgment fees below)
- (2) If a candidate fails the promotion exam, he or she may take the next

promotion exam free of charge.

- (3) Candidate, who fail the promotion exam and come from location distant from the Okinawa Headquarters, must take supplementary lessons for a certain amount of time. After all supplementary lessons are done the association may give permission to retake the promotion exam.

Special case action

Thirteenth: If there are matters that not in these regulation, the board of directors makes the decision.

Regulation change

Fourteenth: Changing these regulations needs to be discussed by the board of directors.