

AGM 2018

Iaido Grading officers report for 2017/18

Since the report at the 2017 AGM there have 5 five BKA Iaido grading seminars;

Summer seminar 2017 @ Birmingham

Darlington seminar- November 2017

Spring seminar March 2018 @ Cambridge

Glasgow seminar- April 2018

West Mids seminar- May 2018.

The pass rates for all grades from these seminars is as follows:

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| Ikkyu | 100% | (26 graded.....all passed) | |
| Shodan | 100% | (24 gradedall passed) | |
| Nidan | 90% | (18 graded.....16 passed) | of which 2 passes were non BKA candidates. |
| Sandan | 66% | (18 graded.....12 passed) | |
| Yondan | 60% | (25 graded.....15 passed) | of which 2 passes were non BKA candidates. |
| Godan | 66% | (18 graded.....12 passed) | of which 3 passes were non BKA candidates. |

It is interesting to note that of the 129 candidates who have taken a grading with the BKA since the last AGM, there was almost 50 years age difference between the youngest and oldest candidates.....both being successful.

I would again like to thank all those members who have assisted me in ensuring the smooth running of the grading process over the last 12 months.

Having now completed three years in post, I am standing down at the AGM. I have enjoyed the role and will ensure I provide a smooth handover and support to the incoming grading officer, whoever that may be.

I would also like to reiterate one point for potential grading candidates.

1. When submitting the grading paper please include any permanent or long term health issues you have which may impact on your grading performance (particularly if this means you cannot do seated kata) **Temporary injuries will not be taken into account.**

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