

## Criteria for taking a Tsubaki KC Open Grading.

Candidates **MUST** be over 9 years old.

Candidates 17 years and below, **MUST** submit the **Grading Consent Form** at registration on the day, signed by a parent and dojo/club leader as required by the BKA.

All candidates must be in hakama and kendo-gi. (Candidates not dressed appropriately will **NOT** be tested).

Candidates (except for 6th kyu) **MUST** be wearing full armour.

Candidates **MUST** have their own shinai and bokuto on the day.

Candidates **MUST** be put forward by their dojo/club leader(s) and their desired grade given by email to the Grading Officer. Email – kendo.grading@kendo.org.uk

**NO Open Grading applications on the day will be accepted.**

Candidates with a **current kyu grade** who do not meet the desired grade criteria, will remain at their current grade.

Candidates **without a current kyu grade** who do not meet the desired grade criteria, will be given the grade where they do meet the criteria, 6th kyu being the minimum.

### **FOR DOJO/CLUB LEADERS**

**Applications MUST be made by the DOJO/CLUB leaders (NOT by individuals) by email – kendo.grading@kendo.org.uk**

To take the Open Grading, dojo/club leaders must supply:

All candidates name(s), BKA number(s), age(s) (9+), current grade, grade desired in the Open Grading, dojo/club name and sign the **Grading Consent Form** if applicable.

### **CLOSING DATE FOR OPEN GRADING APPLICATIONS: 17TH SEPTEMBER 2016.**

ALL candidates must –

- be able to enter the shinsa-jo correctly and perform sonkyo (injuries that may affect performance need to be communicated before the grading).
- be able to wear their clothing and armour correctly.
- have knowledge of the first 3 kata as appropriate for the kyu grade they are taking.
- show good ashi-sabaki, kamae, sonkyo and kiai.
- must show footwork and shinai control appropriate for the kyu grade they are taking.

### **Open Grading:**

All candidates will be asked to perform set items – *Men (M), Kote (K), Dou (D), Kote-men (KM)*

(1) **Uchi-komi** (M, K, D for 6th to 5th Kyu) x 2 of each; (M, K, D + KM for 4th) x 2 of each; (M, K, D + KM, plus hiki-waza for 3rd and 2nd Kyu) x 2 of each;

(2) **Kiri-kaeshi** as kakari-te (6th kyu) and motodachi (5th to 2nd); and

(3) **ji-geiko** for 3rd Kyu and 2nd kyu.

(4) **Kendo no kata** as appropriate for grade.

For full details see below:

### **CRITERIA FOR OPEN GRADING:**

#### **6th Kyu**

Non-armour candidates will be tested in front of a panel on the following:

- Entering shinsa-jo, sonkyo...
- **Kiri-kaeshi** as kakari-te (motodachi will be supplied) x 2
- **Uchi-komi geiko** – Big men, big kote and big dou x 2 each

**All candidates from 5th kyu MUST be wearing armour including men before the grading takes place.**

#### **5th Kyu**

Candidates in armour will be tested in front of a panel on the following:

- Entering shinsa-jo, sonkyo...
- **Kiri-kaeshi** x 2
- **Uchi-komi geiko** – Big men, big kote, big dou x 2 each
- **Kendo no Kata:** Ippon-me

#### **4th Kyu**

Candidates in armour will be tested in front of a panel on the following:

- Entering shinsa-jo, sonkyo...
- **Kiri-kaeshi** x 2
- **Uchi-komi geiko** – M, K, D and K/M x 2 each
- **Kendo no Kata:** Ippon-me and nihon-me

#### **3rd Kyu**

Candidates in armour will be tested in front of a panel on the following:

- Entering shinsa-jo, sonkyo...
- **Kiri-kaeshi** x 2
- **Uchi-komi geiko** – M, K, D and K/M, and K/M-hiki-waza (hiki-men) x 2 each
- **Ji-geiko** (40 seconds)
- **Kendo no Kata:** Ippon-me and nihon-me

#### **2nd Kyu**

Candidates in armour will be tested in front of a panel on the following:

- Entering shinsa-jo, sonkyo...
- **Kiri-kaeshi** x 2
- **Uchi-komi geiko** – M, K, D and K/M x 2 each, and K/M-hiki-waza (hiki-men x 2, and hiki-dou x 2)
- Demonstrate one waza – suriage-men **or** harai-men x 2 each
- **Ji-geiko** (60 seconds)
- **Kendo no Kata** to ikkyu standard: Ippon-me, nihon-me and sanbon-me