



## **British Kendo Association Jodo Grading Policy**

The following requirements apply to all BKA Jodo gradings from May 2018. They are intended to provide clarity to members, streamline administration and ensure fair treatment of all grading candidates.

All applications must be made using the BKA online system. Dojo leaders are asked to arrange appropriate support for members who may not have online access, or ask them to email the grading officer for assistance.

All grading applications must be received at least one week prior to the grading. The online application system will close on this date and no further applications will be accepted.

Completed answers to grading questions must also be received one week prior to the grading. Candidates who submit answers after this deadline will not be allowed to grade and the grading application fee will not be refunded.

Candidates who have applied for a grading but subsequently find that they are unable to attend will be allowed to defer their application, provided that the grading officer is notified at least 24 hours prior to the grading and a legitimate explanation is offered (i.e. illness, injury or unforeseen family or work commitments). The application may be deferred once only to any UK grading within the following 12 months. The candidate should inform the grading officer by email at least two weeks prior to the selected grading – please do not submit a further online application. No refund of the application fee will be given if a candidate cannot attend a grading and does not wish to defer. Dojo leaders are asked to make sure that all members intending to grade are aware of these requirements.

The Jodobu  
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## Elegibility to grade

Grade	Minimum Delay
1st Kyu	6th months of BKA membership (either 6 months full or 3 months temporary followed by 3 months full)
1st Dan	3 months or more after 1st Kyu
2nd Dan	1 year or more after 1st Dan
3rd Dan	2 years or more after 2nd Dan
4th Dan	3 years or more after 3rd Dan
5th Dan	4 years or more after 4th Dan
6th Dan	5 years or more after 5th Dan
7th Dan	6 years or more after 7th Dan
8th Dan	10 years or more after 7th Dan

## Examiners qualifications

Dan Examined	Number of examiners	Criteria
1st Kyu	3 @ 3rd Dan & above	Consent of min. 2 examiners
1st Dan	5 @ 4th Dan & above	Consent of min. 3 examiners
2nd Dan	5 @ 5th Dan & above	Consent of min. 3 examiners
3rd Dan	5 @ 5th Dan & above	Consent of min. 3 examiners
4th Dan	6 @ 6th Dan & above	Consent of min. 4 examiners
5th Dan	6 @ 7th Dan & above	Consent of min. 4 examiners
6th Dan	6 @ 7th Dan & above	Consent of min. 4 examiners
7th Dan	6 @ 7th Dan & above	Consent of min. 4 examiners

## Grading fees

Grade	Application	Registration (Menjo)
1st Kyu	£10	£20
1st Dan	£15	£20
2nd Dan	£20	£35
3rd Dan	£25	£45
4th Dan	£30	£55
5th Dan	£35	£65