

Iaido Grading Questions



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Shodan and Nidan

1. Detail the grading points for: Ushiro
2. Detail the grading points for: Nukiuchi
3. Describe the positions of the hands, sword and feet after assuming Chudan No Kamae.
4. List five safety checks one would normally perform before training in the dojo.
5. Using diagrams, illustrate the positions, relative to you, of the opponents in Seiteigata no.6, Morotezuki, and Seiteigata no.8, Ganmenate.
6. Choose two kinds of "Sabaki" in Iaido, and give a short description of what they mean.

Sandan and Yondan

1. Detail the grading points for: Tsukaate
2. Detail the grading points for: Soetezuki
3. Explain the position of the body and sword when assuming Hidari Jodan No Kamae.
4. List 8 general safety checks and procedures one should take before running a dojo training session.
5. Provide a sketch of a sword identifying three discrete areas of the blade length (not parts of the sword) and explain the function of each area when dealing with an attacking enemy.
6. Explain your understanding of the term "Kigurai".

References

- ZNKR Iaido Manual.
- The Regulations of Iaido Shiai and Shinpan.
- BKA Coaching Course Documents (Level 1 and 2).
- Examiner Mentoring Programme Stage 1 Briefing Document.
- Websites:
<http://iaidojodotraining.blogspot.com/2014/05/parts-of-sword.html>

Deadlines for Questions

17th October 2025