



BRITISH WADOKAI KARATE

The British Wadokai Dan Grading.

All Dan grade examinations will be monitored by qualified **British Wadokai** Yudansha who possess Examiners/Instructors certificates/qualifications required for Panel Judges.

Level 4a may grade up to Shodan, 4b up to Nidan, 4c up to Sandan.

Level 5; is reserved for the BWK President/Chief Instructor.

Before conducting a practical grading it is important that the written examination has been completed.

When the applicant has handed over his BWK Licence ensure to check to see if it up to date.

During assessment always take medical, age, mental & physical aspects into consideration at all times. For example if someone suffers from dyslexia he may find problems with coordination. He may find problems with, or incapable of, reciting the Dojo-kun.



Remember, a fully-able person 'should' know his stuff! If he does not, then mark him accordingly. You may need to refer to the applicant's regular instructor for verification of ability/disability.

Each applicant will be marked as 8.5 for each segment if the standards achieved reflect the grade. For example, in the event an applicant is attempting Shodan, the kihon-waza demonstrated should be that of Shodan standard. If it is better than that of Shodan then mark higher, if not, mark lower, etc.

A minimum 'pass' would be a total accumulated figure of 82%. However, if the applicant is a junior, and his score is below that of 82%, he may pass as a Jido-Dan if he has achieved 72% or above in both written and practical aspects of the grading.

Example (below) of the 10-Section Grade Sheet, which must equate to a minimum of 82% for full Yudan pass in both the Written and Practical Tests.

NB: As you may notice Attendance and Loyalty makes up 20% of the total marking, emphasising the importance of Dedication.

		British Wadokai Karate-do Federation													
Examiner:							Ex. Lev:							Date:	
Name & Grade attempting	Kihon Waza	Renraku Waza	Sanbon Gumite	Ohyo Gumite	Kihon Gumite	Kata	Gyo	Jiyu Gumite	Club Training Record	Loyalty & Dedication	Practical Result	Written Result			

A BWK Yudan Assessment Panel (YAP) is available to all Members. All Yudan Shinsa:

- (a) Will be charged per student prior to grading. See Charges.
- (b) Will be charged for Registration. See Charges.
- (c) Yudan Gradings will be conducted privately. Only people involved, or have been previously invited by the BWK President, may attend.
- (d) All applicants for Gradings must hold an up to date Licence.
- (e) All applicants for Gradings of Sandan must be registered (and insured) as an Instructor/Assistant Instructor of a regular Dojo.
- (f) All applicants for Gradings of Yodan, and above, must be registered (and insured) as a Main Instructor of a regular Dojo.
- (g) All Yudansha will be judged & marked for a pass as: 82% (and above) Practical. 82% (and above) Written.
- (h) All Junior Yudansha: If the applicant is classified as a junior (11 to 17) he may be awarded a senior level if the senior scores are reached (see subsection (g) above). However if a 'senior' score has not been achieved a 'Junior Yudansha' (Jido-Dan/Jido-Shodan) pass will be accepted if scored for a pass of: 72% (and above) Practical. 72% (and above) Written. **This only applies to 1st Dan level (Jido-shodan).***

*NB: Junior Yudansha will **not be** granted grading or instructional powers or advancement until reassessment to full Shodan has first been achieved.

NB: Yudansha Applicants: The student's MAIN INSTRUCTOR will issue, *to the eligible member*, a 'Yudan Shinsa Application Form'.

Official intervals/minimum training requirements for Yudan applicants:

- ❑ SHODAN; 52 BWK DOJO TRAINING SESSIONS = 78 Training Hours. From 1st Kyu to 1st Dan. (1st Kyu to 1st Dan = 9 months). 1 of each (consecutive) Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 Standardisation Course. Minimum age 11 (unless for exceptional circumstances).
- ❑ NIDAN; 208 BWK DOJO TRAINING SESSIONS = 312 Training Hours. From 1st Dan to 2nd Dan. (1st Dan to 2nd Dan = 18 months). 2 of each (consecutive) Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 Standardisation Course. Minimum age 16 (unless for exceptional circumstances). There are no junior facilities for 2nd Dan.
- ❑ SANDAN; 312 BWK DOJO TRAINING SESSIONS = 468 Training Hours. From 2nd Dan to 3rd Dan. (2nd Dan to 3rd Dan = 3 years). 3 of each (consecutive) Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 Standardisation Course. Minimum age 20 (unless in the event of exceptional circumstances).
- ❑ YODAN: From 3rd Dan to 4th Dan = 4 years. 4 of each (consecutive) Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 BWK Standardisation Course. Minimum age 25 (unless in the event of exceptional circumstances).
- ❑ GODAN: From 4th Dan to 5th Dan = 5 years. 5 of each (consecutive) Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 BWK Standardisation Course.
- ❑ ROKUDAN: From 5th Dan to 6th Dan = 6 years. 6 of each (consecutive) Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 BWK Standardisation Course.
- ❑ SHICHIDAN: From 6th Dan to 7th Dan = 7 years. 7 of each (consecutive) Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 BWK Standardisation Course.

NB: All BWK members wishing to pursue Yudan Shinsa must have attended the minimum BWK Standardisation/Advancement Courses (please refer to Yudan Shinsa Application Form). In respect to 'Dojo Training Sessions' this DOES NOT include 'Dojo Teaching Hours'.

BWK Dan Grade application:

- (a) It is the member's own responsibility to send the application at least ONE month prior to the grading date. See Date Section for details.
- (b) All aspects of the application form must be filled correctly and signed, including the correct remittance. Incomplete applications will be returned.
- (c) The applicant must grade on the applied grade date, or forfeit the grading fee.

NB: For applicants up to and including 3rd Dan the BWK will only accept individuals for grading who have been recommended by their MAIN INSTRUCTOR to grade. Applications for Yudan grades may be refused/rejected without reason. Grading applications from 3rd Dan & above must be from individuals who teach or run their own Club/s.

There are no gradings above 3rd Dan within BWK for 'full' BWK Members who have trained and graded through the full British Wadokai grade structure. All applications for promotion up-to and including 7th Dan must be presented through the normal channels (i.e. BWK President). For applicants who have not trained & graded through the BWK process must grade for all Yudan levels up to and including 7th Dan.

BWK Yudan Assessment Panel (YAP):

The BWK Black-Belt Grading/Assessment Panel will consist of:

- ❑ The BWK President/Chief Instructor.
- ❑ Invited BWK Examiners (5th Dan & above).
- ❑ Invited Guests.

Although both grades & titles can be applied for (through normal examination and/or written paper procedures), it must be noted that they can also be awarded by the BWK President through 'time honoured' dedicated research and contribution to the BWK. ONLY the BWK President, taking into consideration loyal and dedicated contribution to BWK etc, can 'award' Yudan grades.

All BWK Yudan Gradings in the UK are held twice a year, and are listed in the BWK Date Section.

Recommendations for students who have failed various gradings.

Grade Failure.

It is a general rule that the following recommendations are observed.

Failure of Dan Gradings.

Upon any Dan grade being failed (irrespective of written, practical or both) the student must produce a minimum training record, *FROM FAILURE DATE*, of 52 training sessions AND 6 months before the retake can be honoured by the Yudan Assessment Panel. However, students will only be required to retake the element/s they have failed on. (If the student has only failed the practical he does not need to retake the written, and/or vice-versa). The part/element re-take facility will only be valid for 12 months from the original failure date, after this time both elements will have to be retaken.

To clarify: In the event of a 'retake', due to a failure, illness or non-attendance, the applicant may reapply for a second attempt after 6-months from the failure date (application must be submitted in the usual way at least one month prior to the actual grading date (see Date Section for details)).

In the event of a failure, all previous training history/accumulation, on and prior to the failure date, would have to be re-accumulated. In the event of 6-months this would still be a minimum of 52 BWK TRAINING SESSIONS = 78 Training Hours PROCEEDING the failure date/day.

All applicants MUST reapply using the official Yudan Shinsa Application Form, available from your instructor, British Wadokai Administration Department, or British Wadokai Website.