



BRITISH WADOKAI KARATE

The British Wadokai Kyu Grading.

BWK operates an 'Open Grading Policy', whereby BWK Members/Students may attend and grade at any BWK 'Open Grading' held within a club of British Wadokai. This policy was originally implemented so as BWK Members may be able to advance; even though their own instructor may not possess the adequate qualification to promote higher than his designated level (see Section 11 of the BWK Rules & Regulations). Any BWK Member may grade at any of these 'Open Gradings' for their relevant Kyu Grade advancement, as long as the Examiner present has the adequate qualifications to grade the level attempting to be attained, etc. The student's own main instructor may 'advise' a student, in regard to his readiness, but would not be permitted to disallow him attending a grading, unless for reasons of inadequate training or time-served requirement deficits, etc.

All grades are to be registered within BWK.

- (a) The relevant Grading Examiner must retain all Kyu Grade Sheets; a copy must be sent to the BWK Licence Officer when completed.
- (b) All BWK Yudan gradings will be conducted by the BWK President, Gary E Swift (7th Dan) Kyoshi.

Official intervals/minimum training requirements for Kyu Grades.

- ❑ Beginner to 9th Kyu = Minimum 6 Weeks training duration. Minimum age 8 years old.
- ❑ Kyu grade duration between each rank from 9th Kyu to 1st Kyu = Minimum 3 Months duration with a minimum of 12 Training Sessions at a Fully Registered BWK Club.

Kyu Grade Scoring

All Kyu grade examinations will be monitored by qualified **British Wadokai** Yudansha who possess Examiners/Instructors certificates/qualifications.

1. Level 1; allows the examiner to grade up to 6th Kyu
2. Level 2; up to 3rd Kyu
3. Level 3; up to 1st Kyu
4. Level 4; entitlements are split into segments: Level 4a up to Shodan, 4b up to Nidan, 4c up to Sandan. Level 5; is reserved for the BWK President/Chief Instructor.






Before conducting a kyu grading ensure that the correct grade fee has been paid to the Examiner,

Secretary, Treasurer, etc. When the applicant has handed over his BWK Licence 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-bodied person 'should' know his stuff! If he does not, then mark him accordingly.

Grade Scoring

Grade	3rd Class Pass	2nd Class Pass	1st Class Pass
9th Kyu	10+	20+	30+
8th Kyu	12+	24+	36+
7th Kyu	12+	24+	36+
6th Kyu	25+	30+	45+
5th Kyu	25+	40+	60+
4th Kyu	25+	45+	65+
3rd Kyu	40+	65+	85+
2nd Kyu	40+	65+	85+
1st Kyu	45+	70+	95+

Score	Symbol
Good; 4	
Above Average; 3	
Average; 2	
Below Average; 1	
Wrong; 0	

Kyu Grade Examiner's Sheet Pattern (next page).

