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Examination Regulations (Supplement)

国外審査規約補足

1. Dan Examination

- (1) A country can conduct Dan-examinations for Shodan, Nidan and Sandan.
- (2) The Examination for Rokudan (6th dan) shall be conducted by Sohonbu at the International Gasshuku and the World Championship Tournament Session as well as the Sohonbu Regular Dan Examination Sessions.
- (3) The Examination for Nanadan (7th dan) shall be conducted by Sohonbu at the International Gasshuku and the World Championship Tournament Session.
- (4) An exception for the rule (3): A country can conduct Rokudan (6th dan) Examination with a designated Sohonbu Instructor when the country applies for it and inviting the Sohonbu Instructor. The examinees are limited to the registered members in the country.
- (5) A Special Examination License holder can exercise his/her authority only in his/her country.
- (6) When conducting a Dan Examination, the country or the region must submit the official application form (download: http://www.jka.or.jp/english/news/dl_appli.html) to Sohonbu one month in advance. In case that the country or the region can not invite Sohonbu Instructor due to unavoidable circumstances, they can request to Sohonbu to conduct a Dan Examination with a Special Examination License holder from some neighboring country. The official request form must be submitted to Sohonbu two months in advance to obtain the approval.
- (7) The current condition for a country to conduct Dan Examination is to have either a designated Sohonbu Instructor or a Special Examination License holder, otherwise satisfying the requirement shown in the attached paper. Sohonbu is trying to integrate the international rules and conditions in three years.
- (8) The JKA members basically can take a Dan Examination in one's own country.



- (9) The JKA member who is applying for the Dan Examination in other country, including Sohonbu, must show one's JKA registration card to the examiners. In case of the failure, Sohonbu shall not admit the examination and the Dan rank.
- (10) The examination guideline and the requirements for the examinees are universal as they are in Japan.
- (11) When a person wishing to transfer one's Dan rank from other karate organizations to JKA;
- a) The person needs to take the JKA Dan Examination. The examinee can apply for his/her current holding Dan rank, but up to Sandan (3rd dan). The JKA examiner shall determine the examinee's JKA Dan Rank according to the JKA's guideline. The registration date of his/her Dan Rank shall be the date of the examination.

The successful examinee must pay the registration fee to Sohonbu. The amount of the registration fee is accumulated amount from Shodan added up to the Dan Rank that the examinee has obtained. For example: the examinee who has passed Sandan (3rd dan) test shall pay the registration fee for Shodan, Nidan and Sandan all together.

- b) In case of Yondan (4th dan) or up, the applicant must submit a report describing one's vision of life through Karate as well as a signature by the representative of the organization that the examinee currently belongs to.

Note:

1. A Dan Examinations is austere occasion at which the value of examinee's karate is determined. Therefore, examiners should conduct the examination in totally sincere mind and attitude strictly following the rules and regulations.
2. The country and the organization that conducted a Dan Examination must promptly report the result and register the successful examinees with the official registration form (download: http://www.jka.or.jp/english/news/dl_appli.html) and a copy of the Dan Examination Application to Sohonbu. The form must be processed by PC, and the number of the letters for NAME field is limited to 23 including spaces. Please be aware that incomplete reporting may result to a null of the examination or the registration.
3. The registration fee must be transferred to Sohonbu immediately after the examination.