

NANKA JUDO YUDANSHA KAI
PROMOTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
2007 Revision

1. AUTHORITIES AND POLICIES

A. USJF Rank Requirements and Procedures

(Ref. www.USJF.Com under National Office documents and forms)

B. USJF Board of Examiners – Authorizes NANKA to promote members up to the rank of Godan (5th Dan). Higher rank promotions passed by Nanka are forwarded to the USJF Board for approval.

C. NANKA BYLAWS

Article VII – Judo Ranks

- a. By Dojo Head Instructor for promotions up to Shodan and
- b. By the Junior Board of Examiners for promotions from Shodan through Sandan and
- c. By the Senior Board of Examiners from Yodan and Higher ranks.

Article IX, Section 9.13 Promotion Committees

a. Junior and Senior Boards

1. The Boards of Examiners shall consist of a Junior Board of Examiners and a Senior Board of Examiners. Both Boards of Examiners shall elect its Chairperson and Secretary from among The members of its respective Board each year.
2. Both Boards of Examiners shall establish the rules, procedures, regulations, and Qualifications regarding the promotion of judo rank within the jurisdiction of NANKA subject to the Board of Directors' approval.
3. Both Boards of Examiners shall meet at least once a year to review and approve promotions.

b. Senior Board of Examiners

The Senior Board of Examiners shall consist of yudansha with the rank of Rokudan (6th Dan) or higher, who are Regular Members in good standing with NANKA. The Senior Board of Examiners shall promote individual Members to; the rank of yodan (4th Dan) and higher. The Senior Board will have a quorum of ten (10) percent of the eligible Members with not more than two (2) Members from a single Member Dojo.

c. Junior Board of Examiners

The Junior Board of Examiners shall consist of one Member each from all the Member Dojos with a rank of Sandan (3rd Dan) or higher. This person has to be a Member of NANKA for at least two (2) years and appointed by the Head Instructor of each dojo. The Head Instructor of a Member Dojo shall be empowered to appoint,

remove, or replace its Member to the Junior Board of Examiners from among the Dojo Members including themselves. The Junior Board of Examiners shall promote individual members through the rank of Sandan. The Junior Board will have a quorum of ten (10) percent of the eligible members with not more than two (2) Members from a single Member Dojo.

- d. **NANKA's policy** is to follow the USJF's requirement and procedures except for Nanka's modifications in areas such as fees, kata, refereeing and techniques.

2. PROMOTION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- a. **Time in Grade (TIG)** for competitors and non-competitors including types of service contributions allowing a reduction of TIG. See the following attachments.
 “Minimum Time in Grade and Age Requirements”
 “Reductions of Time in Grade by Contribution”
- b. **Technical Knowledge & Proficiency**
1. IJF Rules – Attending refereeing clinics and assisting in tournaments, (i.e., refereeing, scoring, timekeeping, medical).
 2. Kata – Understanding basic techniques through the Randori Katas (Nage-no-Kata and Katame-no-Kata).
 3. Techniques – Demonstrating knowledge in a wide variety of techniques.
 4. Competition – Covered under competitor's TIG.
- c. **Kata Proficiency**
1. Ikyu to Shodan – Kata proficiency requirement may be satisfied by at least one of the following:
 - Nage no Kata Certificate of Merit (“C” level certification in Nage no Kata)
 - Nage no Kata clinic Certificate of Participation plus \$100 fee
 - Proof of Kata Tournament Participation (Nage no Kata)
 - Perform 15 different Nage Waza (See Kata Requirements for Shodan Promotion document)
 2. Shodan to Nidan – Same as Ikkyu to Shodan.
 3. Nidan to Sandan – Kata proficiency requirement may be satisfied by at least one of the following:
 - Katame no Kata Certificate of Merit (“C” level certification in Katame no Kata)
 - Katame no Kata clinic Certificate of Participation plus \$100 fee
 - Proof of Kata Tournament Participation (Katame no Kata)
 - Perform 15 different Katame Waza (See Kata Requirements for Sandan Promotion document)

For Yodan and above certificate is not required

4. Sandan to Yodan – Nage no Kata and Katame no Kata plus one additional Kata
 5. Yodan to Godan – Nage no Kata and Katame no Kata plus two additional Kata
 6. Godan to Rokudan – Nage no Kata and Katame no Kata plus three additional Kata
 7. Rokudan to Shichidan – Nage no Kata and Katame no Kata plus four additional Kata
 8. Shichidan to Hachidan – All seven Kodokan Judo Kata
- d. **Refereeing-** Black Belt applicants must attend a referee clinic within the previous year and must perform duties as a referee or other tournament staff function.
- e. **Technical Proficiency**
Applicants for Brown and Black Belt rank must demonstrate their knowledge of judo techniques as they progress through the ranks. Attached is a list of USJF's technique requirements that can be used as an examination check list. At each rank level the applicant is required to demonstrate their knowledge covering techniques for the new rank and previous ranks. Normally, testing will be the responsibility of the Head Instructor, who may substitute other techniques including counters and combinations. The Board of Examiners reserves the right to conduct tests.
- f. **Background Check**
All applicants for shodan and above must undergo the USJF background/screening program per USJF documented procedure. Failure to complete this process will terminate the applicant's promotion process.

3. PROCEDURES

- a. **The Head Instructor** is responsible for submitting the application to the appropriate Board with the required fees. Also, the instructor is responsible to assure that the application is complete and the applicant has fulfilled the promotion requirements.
- b. **Brown Belt and Black Belt applications** are attached, including a fee schedule and instructions. The forms are on the Nanka web site and are in the Microsoft Word format so that it can be typed on the computer.
- c. **Applications for Shodan and Above** must include the USJF background/screening verification documentation per USJF documented procedure.
- d. **Paid up membership** is required prior to submission of the application, including make-up fees, as follows:
 1. Sankyu through Shodan – current year plus the previous year.

2. Nidan and higher – current year plus three)3_ prior years.
- e. **Dan rank awarded by other Judo organizations** will be acknowledged by USJF, however USJF ratification or certification of rank will require at least three (3) years of continuous USJF membership two (2) years in the case of promotion to Shodan immediately preceding application and following proof that all USJF rank requirements have been satisfied (Per USJF Handbook).

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MINIMUM TIME IN GRADE and AGE REQUIREMENTS

COMPETITOR CLASSIFICATIONS

- A** Team member Olympic, World, and/or Pan Am Games ,or place 1,2 or 3 at Class A Intl. Tourn.
- B** Place 1, 2, or 3 at U.S. Sr. Natl. and/or point International Tournament.
- C** Place 1, 2, or 3 at regional black belt divisions, Latter, National Collegiate, High School Nationals, and any non-point qualifying international competition.
- D** Place 1, 2, or 3 in U.S. Sr. National Kata Championships or at Masters at U.S. Sr. Nationals.
- E** Competes in any sanctioned tournament and earns points according to number of wins (Includes Masters competition) .

Grade	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E	Min. Age
Shodan	None	None	None	None	Pts. Earned	14 yrs.
Nidan	0.5 yr.	1.0 yr.	1.5 yr s.	2.5 yrs.	Pts. Earned	16 yrs.
Sandan	1.0 yr.	2.0 yrs.	2.5 yrs.	3.5 yrs.	Pts. Earned	18 yrs.
Yodan	1.5 yrs.	3.5 yrs.	4.0 yrs.	5.5 yrs.	Pts. Earned	21 yrs.
Godan	3.0 yrs.	5.0 yrs.	6.0 yrs.	8.0 yrs.	Pts. Earned	22 yrs.
Rokudan	5.0 yrs.	7.0 yrs.	9.0 yrs.	12.0 yrs.	Pts. Earned	27 yrs.

POINTS GAINED BY CLASS "E" COMPETETORS

For Promotion to the Rank of:		Non-Competitor	Competitor				Minimum Age
			5 Points	10 Points	15 Points	20 Points (Batsugun)	
Sankyū	3 rd Brown	9 months	6 months	3 months	---	---	---
Nikyū	2 nd Brown	1 year	9 months	6 months	3 months	---	---
Ikkyū	1 st Brown	2 years	1 year	9 months	6 months	3 months	---
Shodan	1 Dan	3 years	2 years	1 year	9 months	6 months	14 years
Nidan	2 Dan	4 years	3 years	2 years	1 ½ years	1 year	16 years
Sandan	3 Dan	6 years	4 years	3 years	2 ½ years	1 ½ years	18 years
Yondan	4 Dan	8 years	5 ½ years	4 years	3 years	2 years	21 years
Godan	5 Dan	10 years	6 ½ years	5 years	4 years	3 years	22 years
Rokudan	6 Dan	12 years	8 years	6 years	5 years	4 years	27 years
Shichidan	7 Dan	15 years	10 years	8 years	6 years	5 years	33 years

BATSUGUN Criteria

Brown Belt- Four (4) consecutive Ippon wins of same rank or higher.

Black Belt- Five (5) consecutive Ippon wins of same rank or higher.

Tournaments are normally promotional or kohaku to qualify for a Batsugun.

III. REDUCTIONS OF TIME IN GRADE BY CONTRIBUTION (FOR COMPETITORS AND NON- COMPETITORS)

Maximum Reduction of Time in Grade – 30%

1. USJF Charter Club Head Instructors - Must Be Teaching Entire Time in Grade Period

50 and more members	10%	10 to 19 members	3%
30 to 49 members	7%	1-9 members	1%
20 to 29 members	5%		

2. Assistant Instructors - Must Be Teaching Entire Time in Grade Period

50 and more members	5%	20 to 29 members	2%
30 to 49 members	4%	10 to 19 members	1%

3. Referee & Technical Staff

Work an Average of 6 or More Events Per Year During Entire Time in Grade Period			
Referee Class - A/B/C/N	6%	Technical Staff – National Events	6%
Referee Class - Regional/Local	4%	Technical Staff – Regional/Local Events	4%
Work an Average of 3 or More Events Per Year During Entire Time in Grade Period			
Referee Class - A/B/C/N	3%	Technical Staff – National Events	3%
Referee Class - Regional/Local	2%	Technical Staff – Regional/Local Events	2%

4. Kata Judge & Kata Technical Staff

Work an Average of 2 or More Events Per Year During Entire Time in Grade Period			
Kata Judge Class A	6%	Kata Technical Staff – National Events	6%
Kata Judge Regional/Local	4%	Kata Technical Staff – Regional/Local Events	4%

5. Kata Instructor Certification

7 Categories: Nage, Katame, Ju, Kime, Goshinjutsu, Itsutsu, Koshiki

Class A	1% per kata category
Class B	0.5% per kata category
Class C	0.25% per kata category

6. Teacher Certification and Coaching Certification

Class A	5%	Class D	2%
Class B	4%	Class E	1%
Class C	3%		

7. USJF Life Member 5%

8. Service as Yudanshakai Officer 10%

9. Service as USJF Officer 10%