

Taido Hon'in Grading Regulations

Chapter 1 Purpose

- Article 1. The purposes of these regulations are to maintain the authority and formality of Taido Dan/Kyu degrees, and to regulate the Dan/Kyu system by granting appropriate Dan or Kyu degrees to the person who through a *shinsa* (hereinafter grading) or deliberation has proven to master a certain level of understanding and skills in the techniques and philosophy of Taido, handed down from Taido Hon'in (Nihon Bugei Taido Soke).

Chapter 2 Dan and Kyu Degrees

- Article 2. The highest Dan degree of Taido is 10 Dan, and the lowest is 1 Dan.
- Article 3. The highest Kyu degree of Taido is 1 Kyu, and the lowest is 6 Kyu.
- Article 4. Special Kyu degrees are applicable to children up to an age of 15 years. These are divided into three¹ (High, Middle and Low) levels, where the highest Kyu degree is 1 Kyu and the lowest is 5 Kyu.
- Article 5. <Deleted>
- Article 6. A temporary Dan or Kyu degree can be given to a person who does not fulfill the proper standards for a certain degree at time of grading.

Chapter 3 Composition of Grading

- Article 7. A Dan/Kyu Grading is to be held by a licensed examiner approved by the Taido Hon'in Dan/Kyu Grading Committee.
- Article 8. The highest Dan/Kyu degrees a, by the Taido Hon'in Dan/Kyu Grading Committee approved, licensed examiner can hold grading to are as follows:
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| 1. Saiko Shihan | All Dan/Kyu and Titles (Hanshi, Kyoshi, Renshi). |
| 2. Hanshi | All Dan/Kyu and Titles (Hanshi, Kyoshi, Renshi). |
| 3. Kyoshi | 3 Dan |

Chapter 4 Grading Implementation

- Article 9. Grading is to be held by the National Dan/Kyu Grading Committee on commission from Taido Hon'in Soke.
- Article 10. Grading is to be held on the approval by Taido Hon'in Soke after the application from an affiliated organization has been approved by the National Dan/Kyu Grading Committee.
- Article 11. Application for grading has to be sent to the Taido Hon'in Dan/Kyu Grading Committee without delay, according to the procedures regulated by the National Dan/Kyu Grading Committee.
- Article 12. Grading for Hanshi, Kyoshi, and Renshi titles are regulated separately.

Chapter 5 Qualifications for undergoing a Grading

- Article 13. The person who would like to take a grading must be a member of a

¹ This system is based on the Japanese Elementary School system of nine (9) years, divided into three (3) three-year periods.

National Taido Association affiliated to the Taido Hon'in.

- Article 14. The person who would like to take a grading need to fulfill the minimum time of practice required for the applied degree. (See separate form.)

Chapter 6 Grading Subjects

- Article 15. The subjects for grading are regulated separately.
- Article 16. For 4 Dan and higher degree grading, studies, social, management, and organizational activities can be considered, besides technical skills.
- Article 17. Oral examination might be replaced with a written test for Kyu grading, and written examination with a thesis submission for Dan grading.

Chapter 7 Criteria for Promotion

- Article 18. The level of scores necessary for promotion is regulated separately.

Chapter 8 Determination of Dan/Kyu

- Article 19. The determination for promotion to a higher Dan/Kyu degrees might take into consideration the examinee's organizational activities, technical skills, and creativity.
- Article 20. The determination for promotion to a higher Dan or Kyu degree is made by the Grading Committee based on the result of the grading.
- Article 21. When the determination for promotion to a higher Dan/Kyu degree is sent to Taido Hon'in the examinee will be registered and sent a certificate.

Chapter 9 Grading Commission

- Article 22. According to Chapter 3 Article 6 in this regulation grading can be carried out by an examiner on commission from Taido Hon'in Soke through the Taido Hon'in Dan/Kyu Grading Committee.

Chapter 10 Grading Fees

- Article 23. Dan/Kyu Grading fees, diploma fees, and handling charges are regulated separately.

Chapter 11 Colors for Dan/Kyu Degrees

- Article 24. Taido Dan/Kyu degrees are differentiated through the color of the obi (belt), which is regulated separately.

Chapter 12 Deprivation of Dan/Kyu Degrees

- Article 25. Ignorance of the authority and social roles related to the Dan/Kyu system of Taido, and imprudent behavior can lead to the deprivation of received Dan/Kyu degrees.

Supplementary Regulation

1. These regulations take effect from October 1, 2002.
2. Revised regulations take effect from October 1, 2003.

Contents of Grading for Dan and Kyū degrees

As regulated in "Taido Hon'in Grading Regulations" Chapter 6 Article 15.

The Taido Hon'in Grading Committee

Adults

Current	Applied	Sex	Hōkei	Sōtai (Kōbō)	Written Exam	Minimum Requirement
Mukyū (0 Kyū)	6.5 Kyū	M/F	SEN tai/in	N-1+Jōdan	5 out of 1-10	More than 3 Months of Practice
6 Kyū	5.4 Kyū	M/F	UN tai/in	U-2+Chūdan	5 out of 11-20	
5 Kyū	4.3 Kyū	M/F				
4 Kyū	3.2 Kyū	M/F	HEN tai/in	C-4+Gedan	5 out of 21-30	
3 Kyū	2.1Kyū	M/F				
2 Kyū	1 Kyū	M/F	NEN tai/in	M-1+Gedan	5 out of 31-40	
1 Kyū	1 Dan	M/F		Free Sōtai	5 out of 41-50	
1 Dan	2 Dan	M/F	5 out of 51-60		More than 1 year	
2 Dan	3 Dan	M/F	Thesis on Taido*			

* More than one A4 page (double space).

Applicants over 40 yrs are allowed to choose the following:

Current	Applied	Sex	Hōkei	Sōtai	Written Exam	Minimum Requirement
Mukyū	6.5 Kyū	M/F	Seimei	Unsoku Happō	5 out of 1-10	More than 3 Months of Practice
6 Kyū	5.4 Kyū	M/F			5 out of 11-20	
5 Kyū	4.3 Kyū	M/F			5 out of 21-30	
4 Kyū	3.2 Kyū	M/F			5 out of 31-40	
3 Kyū	2.1Kyū	M/F			5 out of 41-50	
2 Kyū	1 Kyū	M/F	Katsume or -sei		5 out of 51-60	More than 1 year
1 Kyū	1 Dan	M/F	Enmei or -sei		Thesis on Taido*	
1 Dan	2 Dan	M/F				
2 Dan	3 Dan	M/F				

* More than one A4 page (double space).

Notes

- Grading for 4 Dan and above are regulated separately.
- The above is valid from October 1, 2003

Contents of Grading for Kyū degrees (children)

As regulated in "Taido Hon'in Grading Regulations" Chapter 6 Article 15.

The Taido Hon'in Grading Committee

Low (up to 9 years)

SEN (up to 5 years)							
Current	Applied	Sex	Hōkei	Sōtai (Kōbō)	Written Exam	Minimum Requirement	Moving up to Middle
Mu kyū	5 Kyū	M/F	SEN tai/in	Unsoku Happō	No requirement	More than 3 Months of Practice	Mu kyū
5 Kyū	4 Kyū	M/F					Mu kyū
4 Kyū	3 Kyū	M/F					5 Kyū
3 Kyū	2 Kyū	M/F					4 Kyū
2 Kyū	1Kyū	M/F	UN tai/in	Ka-soku + Jōdan			3 Kyū
1 Kyū	Middle 1 Kyū	M/F					2 Kyū

Middle (10 to 12 years)

Current	Applied	Sex	Hōkei	Sōtai (Kōbō)	Written Exam	Minimum Requirement	Moving up to High
Mu kyū	5 Kyū	M/F	SEN tai/in	Unsoku Happō	No requirement	More than 3 Months of Practice	Mu kyū
5 Kyū	4 Kyū	M/F					Mu kyū
4 Kyū	3 Kyū	M/F					5 Kyū
3 Kyū	2 Kyū	M/F	UN tai/in	Ka-soku + Jōdan	(1-5)		4 Kyū
2 Kyū	1Kyū	M/F		Ka-soku + Chūdan	(6-10)		3 Kyū
1 Kyū	High 1 Kyū	M/F			(11-15)		2 Kyū

High (13 to 15 years)

Current	Applied	Sex	Hōkei	Sōtai (Kōbō)	Written Exam	Minimum Requirement	Moving up to Adult
Mu kyū	5 Kyū	M/F	SEN tai/in	Unsoku Happō	(1-5)	More than 3 Months of Practice	Mu kyū
5 Kyū	4 Kyū	M/F			(6-10)		Mu kyū
4 Kyū	3 Kyū	M/F	UN tai/in	Ka-soku + Jōdan	(11-15)		6 Kyū
3 Kyū	2 Kyū	M/F		Ka-soku + Chūdan	(16-20)		5 Kyū
2 Kyū	1 Kyū	M/F		Ka-soku + Gedan	5 out of 21-30		4 Kyū
1 Kyū	Adult 3 Kyū	M/F	HEN tai/in	C-4 + Gedan	5 out of 21-30 (Adult)		4 Kyū

Notes:

- Where else not mentioned, Written Exam refers to the "Children" part.
- The above is valid from October 1, 2003.