



## Dan Grade Examination Regulations

### Application:

- A fully paid up member (association) of the World Karate Confederation (WKC), can apply for an individual Dan grade on behalf of its member, an individual cannot apply directly.
- The application form and fee must be received by the secretary of WKC at least 30 days (in the case of 6<sup>th</sup> Dan and above, 90 days) before the examination date.
- The application will include a copy of the candidate's passport and authenticated photocopies of his/her previous Dan grade certificates issued by his/her federation(s).
- If a candidate arrives late for the examination he will forfeit the fee and have to wait until the following year.

### Age & Experience Requirements:

(For 1<sup>st</sup>Dan, a candidate must practice karate for 3yrs and hold a 1<sup>st</sup>Kyu grade for at least 1 year).

Grade	Age on examination date	Experience/Practising	Certified by Federation	Cost in Euro
1 <sup>st</sup> Dan	16	1 <sup>st</sup> Kyu for 1 year	Yes	100
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan	18	1 <sup>st</sup> Dan for 2 years	Yes	150
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan	21	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan for 3 years	Yes	200
4 <sup>th</sup> Dan	25	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan for 4 years	Yes	250
5 <sup>th</sup> Dan	30	4 <sup>th</sup> Dan for 5 years	Yes	300
6 <sup>th</sup> Dan	40	5 <sup>th</sup> Dan for 6 years	Yes	350
7 <sup>th</sup> Dan	60	6 <sup>th</sup> Dan for 7 years	Yes	400

### Frequency of Dan Grade Examinations:

WKC Dan grade examinations will only take place at WKC European and World Championships on the Friday, the day prior to the events. The time and venue will be specified and likely to be held whilst the Referee Seminar is taking place. A karate-gi must be worn at all examinations. Dan grade examinations will take place in private and a candidate's instructor will be allowed to be present.

The Grading Panel (minimum 3), shall be members of the WKC Technical Committee and shall be appointed by the WKC Executive Committee (WKC Excom.) who will also appoint a chairman. The members of the panel are to have no connection in any way with the candidate(s). The WKC Excom. will validate the result of the examination on the recommendations of the Technical Committee. The decision of the WKC Excom. is final.

### Records:

Successful candidates will have their results recorded on the WKC website.

### **The WKC Technical Committee shall:**

- a) Ensure and maintain the highest standards of the WKC Dan grade
- b) Examine candidates, recognise technical excellence and make recommends to the WKC Excom.
- c) Arrange the location, time and conduct of the examinations
- d) Comprise of members with at least a grade of 6<sup>th</sup> Dan
- e) Reflect the style of the grade being applied for and examine style-specific along with all round karate performance, ability and knowledge
- e) Members of the Technical Committee shall each have 1 vote, with the Chairman a casting vote

### **Candidates seeking a 6<sup>th</sup> Dan grade and above:**

#### *Essential*

- Must be able to evidence training 20yrs as a Dan grade and also hold the rank of 5<sup>th</sup> Dan for a period of 6 years (7<sup>th</sup> Dan, 7yrs).
- Must have a well proven track record in karate.
- In addition to lower grade examination requirements the candidate must be able to demonstrate a superior knowledge and understanding of all aspects of their karate style.
- Provide a 3000 word dissertation on a particular subject of karate (agreed with the WKC Excom. in advance).

#### *Non-Essential but desirable*

- Competition experience at a high level either as a competitor, referee or administrator
- Clear leadership qualities

### **Special Recognition and Honorary Dan Grades:**

The President has the right to grant a Dan grade at his discretion to anyone for:

- Exceptional service to WKC and karate
- Exceptional service to humanity, country and commerce
- Exceptional service to other sports and activities
- For any other reason he sees fit

The President will advise the current WKC Excom. in advance of his decision and the Excom. members will support the nomination.