

World Sports Karate Federation
(Recognized by the International Non-Olympic Committee)



Grade Regulation

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GRADE REGULATION

1. The Dan Grade System

- a) The Dan Grade system is based on recognition of personal development as practitioners, technicians, instructors and exponents of karate. For Grades higher than 7th Dan the rank is recognition of the person's contribution to karate beyond personal development.
- b) National Federations (NF) may only give, or certify, Dan Grades for members of their own National Federation.
- c) There are two categories of Dan Grades within the WSKF:
 - *Grades from 1st Dan up to 7th Dan given by a National Federation. Based on the National Federation application WSKF will issue the permission letter to NF to issue the certification.*
 - *Grades 8th Dan and above awarded by the WSKF based upon proposal of the members. Note: The 8th Dan and Above certification will issued only by the WSKF.*

2. Requirements

- The following age and time are eligible to apply Dan Grades:

Dan Grade	Age Level	Years of training
1st Dan (shodan)	Minimum 15 years of age	Minimum 3 years of training
2nd Dan (nidan)	Minimum 17 years of age	Minimum 2 years since 1st Dan
3rd Dan (sandan)	Minimum 20 years of age	Minimum 3 years since 2nd Dan
4th Dan (yondan)	Minimum 24 years of age	Minimum 4 years since 3rd Dan
5th Dan (godan)	Minimum 29 years of age	Minimum 5 years since 4th Dan
6th Dan (rokudan)	Minimum 35 years of age	Minimum 6 years since 5th Dan
7th Dan (nanadan)	Minimum 42 years of age n	Minimum 7 years since 6th Dan
8th Dan (hachidan)	Minimum 50 years of age	Minimum 8 years since 7th Dan
9th Dan (kyudan)	Awarded for exceptional lifetime achievement for karate	
10th Dan (judan)		

3. Application

The National Federation have a legal rights to conduct the Dan Grading but after completing the dan grading exam, NF must submit its application in official letterhead to the office of the WSKF President/General Secretary listing the candidates and stating the following information:

Name	
Nationality	
Date of Birth	
Grade Awarded	
Address	
National Certification No.	

4. The Referee Grading System

- a) The Referee Grading system is based on recognition of personal development as practitioners, technicians, instructors and exponents of karate.
- b) National Federations (NF) may only give, or certify, Referee Grades for members of their own National Federation.
- c) There are Three categories of Referee Grades within the WSKF:
 - *A / B / C Grade Referee certification given by a National Federation. Based on the National Federation application WSKF will issue the permission letter/certificate to NF.*

5. Application

The National Federation have a legal rights to conduct the Referee Grading Exam but after completing the referee grading exam, NF must submit its application in official letterhead to the office of the WSKF President/General Secretary listing the candidates and stating the following information:

Name	
Nationality	
Date of Birth	
Grade Awarded	
Address	
National Certification No.	
