

Mon and Kyu Grading Fast-track Policy and Application Process

The British Judo Association (BJA) recognise that all judoka have varying levels of capacity for learning, depending on a vast range of factors including age, ability, experience and frequency of judo instruction. In order to provide a credible and fair grading scheme, individuals authorised to conduct grading examinations for Mon and Kyu grades in accordance with the syllabus instructions may, under exceptional circumstances, apply to deviate from the syllabus time requirements or frequency of promotions in order to promote a candidate. They are to follow the process as detailed below:

- The individual proposing to conduct the promotion examination must seek prior approval from BJA Promotions Commission by contacting the National Director of Examiners (NDE) by e-mail or by letter.
- They must provide a detailed explanation of the extenuating circumstances and candidate's age and grading history by way of grades achieved and date awarded.
- Application must also confirm that the candidate has, in their opinion, the necessary skills to complete the syllabus requirements for the grade which is being recommended. All applications will be subject to random verification on a sampling basis by a commission appointed official in order to maintain an audit trail.
- The NDE will make a decision set by earlier precedents or will seek approval from the Promotions Commission Chairman.
- The NDE will inform the individual proposing to conduct the promotion examination of the final decision which will be copied to BJA Head office.
- On receipt of approval, the individual proposing to conduct the promotion examination official may then conduct the examination and then submit grade registration sheet together with written commission authorisation.
- In addition to the grading fee, an additional administration charge of £5.00 per candidate must be submitted with grade registration sheet.

Note: The BJA are committed to ensure that all judoka are of the correct grade in accordance with their ability and it is considered poor practice for judoka to be held back in a lower grade in order to obtain an advantage in certain levels of competition.

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