

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FOR PROMOTION TO 7TH DAN AND ABOVE

The following notes have been compiled in order to assist judoka of 6th Dan and above in their application for 7th Dan and above and should be read in conjunction with the notes on the 'IJF Information on Dan Grade Applications' document. There are two documents: one is the actual application form and the other includes the criteria and instructions. These promotions are awarded by the European Judo Union (EJU) in conjunction with the International Judo Federation (IJF) in accordance with the information detailed on the IJF application form and on the recommendation of the BJA Chair.

1. The applicant should first read the introductory pages of the 'IJF Information on Dan Grade Applications' document.
2. The applicant should then complete the application pages, add their photo and digitally sign the application.
3. The category claimed (A, B C or D) is detailed in the introductory pages and there must be continuous Judo activity since the last promotion.
4. All information that you supply is useful, but only the application form will be sent to the EJU and the BJA recommendation will largely be based on activity since your last promotion. Therefore, it is important that the information on recent activity is included on the application form with dates of that activity.
5. The applicant must ensure they are of the correct age in accordance with the details specified in the introductory pages.
6. Any further information that you may feel is relevant can be supplied on a separate document or CV for use by the BJA only.
7. The kata criteria as stated on the IJF form are 'knowledge of six Kodokan kata'. Proof of knowledge claimed must be supplied by providing six certificates of a minimum BJA Level 1, or that qualification must be recorded in member records.

The completed application form should be saved in the same format (not converted to PDF) as there will be additional information added by the BJA. The application form should then be sent by email to the National Dan Grading Manager - Dave Horton-Jones at dave.hortonjones@britishjudo.org.uk.

Receipt of the application will be confirmed and, after verification of the information supplied and that the criteria have been met, the application form will be passed to the National Promotions and Gradings Commission, and then, whether recommended or not, will be passed to the High Grades Panel (HGP) for review. Following the HGP recommendation and on approval by the BJA Chair, the application will be sent to the EJU, which would then refer it to the IJF. The BJA will pay all EJU/IJF fees.

Should an application be rejected by the BJA, EJU or IJF, the National Dan Gradings Manager will inform the applicant and provide feedback on the reason(s) for rejection.