

Application For Promotion to 6th Dan Guidance Notes



The following notes have been compiled in order to assist BJA 5th Dan judoka in their application for 6th Dan and should be read in conjunction with the published application form. These promotions are awarded by the British Judo Association Board of Directors (BJA BOD) in accordance with the information detailed on the IJF grading documentation, BJA Dan Grade Syllabus and on the recommendation of the BJA Promotions Commission.

1. Applicant should complete the application form and digitally sign the application.
2. Applicant may also wish to supply an additional Curriculum Vitae (CV) with extra information.
3. The category claimed (A, B C or D) is the highest level that the judoka has obtained during their career, this activity must have been consistent over a period of time.
4. The promotions commission recommendation will largely be based on activity since last promotion. However a judoka's complete judo career is taken into account.
5. Applicant must ensure they are of the correct age and time in grade in accordance with detail below. They must hold a minimum competitive grade of 3rd Dan, but in exceptional circumstance a non-competitive or Technical 3rd Dan may be accepted. Proof of minimum BJA level I Kata in Nage No Kata and Katame No Kata must be supplied.

6 th Dan Awarded By BJA	Minimum Age	BJA Board Consideration	Min Time In Grade	BJA Career History	Kata Requirements
A	30 Years	YES	6 Years	YES	2 Kata see note 5
B	35 Years	YES	8 Years	YES	2 Kata see note 5
C	40 Years	YES	10 Years	YES	2 Kata see note 5
D	50 Years	YES	12 Years	YES	2 Kata see note 5

Categories	Competitors	Referees	Officials	Coaches
A	Medallist at Olympic Games or World Championships,	IJF Events	International	Judoka Category A
B	Senior GB National Team, European/Grand Slam medallist	EJU Events	International	Judoka Category B
C	Senior National Squad	National	National	Judoka Category C
D	Significant Area or Exceptional Club activity			

The completed application form should be saved in the same format (not converted to PDF) as there may be additional information. Application form should then be sent by e mail to Dave Horton-Jones, National Promotions and Grading Manager at:- dave.hortonjones@britishjudo.org.uk.

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Receipt of 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 BJA Promotions Commission Grade review panel for recommendation to BJA BOD. On BJA BOD approval, the applicant will be informed of the promotion in writing and also if appropriate and timely, a suitable presentation will be made.

Should the application be rejected, the NPGM will inform the applicant and provide feedback on reasons for rejection.