

British Judo Association

BJA KATA EXAMINERS GUIDANCE NOTES Updated 1st September 2019



Authorisation:

BJA Kata Examiners are authorised to examine and certificate **Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata and Gonosen-no-Kata** at Level 1 Level 2 and Level 3.

BJA Senior Kata Examiners are authorised to examine and certificate not only Nage-no-Kata, Katame-no-Kata and Gonosen-No-Kata, but also Kime-No-Kata, Ju-no-Kata, Kodokan Goshinjutsu, Koshiki-no-Kata and Itsutsu-no-Kata at Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.

All Level 4 certifications are at the remit of the National Promotions Commission, following an appropriate recommendation from the "BJA Kata Sub-Group.

Responsibility:

As a BJA Senior Kata Examiner or BJA Kata Examiner you have a responsibility to promote Kata, examine to the correct standard and be actively involved with Kata within the BJA.

BJA Kata Standards:

The BJA Kata standard required for the Kodokan kata is as per the Kodokan standard shown on their Kata DVDs and described in the Kodokan Kata Textbooks at <http://kodokanjudo.org/en/waza/forms/textbook/>.

For Gonosen-no-Kata, candidates are expected to show i) good judo principles, ii) effective "taking of the initiative" and iii) efficiency of throwing throughout their performance.

BJA Kata Award Levels:

This instruction is effective as of 1st June 2019 and supersedes all previous published instructions on BJA Kata Awards.

BJA Kata Awards have been re-designated in competence level format as follows:

- Level 1 – (Previously Club Level)
- Level 2 – (Previously County Level)
- Level 3 – (Previously Area Level)
- Level 4 – (Previously National Level)

Candidates undertaking examinations for BJA Kata Awards **must only be examined for one level at time** commencing at the first level.

Candidates may present themselves to be examined to the next level every **six (6) calendar months**.

Fast Tracking in terms of time at a level, or jumping a level, will not normally be permitted. However, in exceptional circumstances, an application for consideration may be made to the "BJA Kata Sub-Group, who will then make an appropriate recommendation to the BJA Promotion Commission for ultimate approval.

BJA Kata Examination Forms:

The marking guidelines for Kata examination forms and the pass marks and percentages are shown in the following table.

BJA Kata Marks & Percentages:

KATA	LEVEL 1 Normal Basic Kata Skills		LEVEL 2 Normal Good Demonstration		LEVEL 3 Rare Very Good Demonstration		LEVEL 4 Exceptional Kata Skills	
	PASS MARK	%	PASS MARK	%	PASS MARK	%	PASS MARK	%
Nage-no-Kata	111	65%	119	70%	128	75%	136	80%
Katame-no-Kata	111	65%	119	70%	128	75%	136	80%
Ju-no-Kata	111	65%	119	70%	128	75%	136	80%
Kime-no-Kata	143	65%	154	70%	165	75%	176	80%
KDK Goshinjutsu	149	65%	161	70%	173	75%	184	80%
Koshiki-no-Kata	149	65%	161	70%	173	75%	184	80%
Itsutsu-no-Kata	52	65%	56	70%	60	75%	64	80%
Gonosen-no- Kata	91	65%	98	70%	105	75%	112	80%

Note: Level 4 can only be awarded by the BJA Promotions Commission

BJA Kata Examination Forms:

Forms can be obtained via Email message to: dave.hortonjones@britishjudo.org.uk and on the BJA website.

Examiner Guidance Notes:

- It is requested that wherever possible the Kata Examiner is not the Tutor who delivered the course.
- It is important that Kata Examination forms are completed properly and in a legible fashion ensuring that all details are correct.
- If any candidate is unable to fully demonstrate any of the Kata techniques (due to age or infirmity) they can be assessed on their reduced ability.
- There is a Fee for the issue of each Kata Certificate of £10 (Ten Pounds) per certificate and Cheques for payment should be made payable to: **"British Judo Association"**.
- Completed Kata Examination forms and the associated cheque(s) should be forwarded to the:
Kata Registrar, BJA, Kudhail House, 238 Birmingham Road, Great Barr, Birmingham B43 7AH
- The BJA office will ratify the award accordingly and issue the appropriate BJA Kata Certificate directly to the candidate.
- The BJA Promotions Commission will audit and review the Kata examination process and control the issue of BJA Kata Certificates.

Revalidation:

- Revalidation of the BJA Senior Kata Examiner and BJA Kata Examiner Award is every two years.
- Under special circumstances, the BJA Promotions Commission can, following an appropriate recommendation from the BJA Kata Sub-Group, recommend and authorise revalidation under the BJA Promotions Commission 'Referral Scheme'.