

# GUIDE TO KATA FOR GRADING PURPOSES



## CLARIFICATION: CERTIFICATES FOR PARTICIPATION AT REGISTERED BJA COACH EDUCATION LICENCED KATA COURSES

**It is a BJA requirement that in order to provide a true reflection of retained knowledge and understanding that candidates wishing to take a Kata examination must have attended a Kata Coaching Course at least 1 month prior to the exam, or have carried out an equivalent amount of training.**

Judoka that take part on the mat, may be issued with an attendance/participation certificate.

**Judoka of 5<sup>th</sup> Dan and above** can add the certificates to their portfolio for promotion, as proof of Kata knowledge. However, Nage-no-Kata and Katame-no-Kata must have examination certificates NOT attendance certificates. Attendance certificates are acceptable for Kime-No-Kata, Ju-no-Kata, Kodokan Goshinjutsu, Koshiki-no-Kata and Itsutsu-no-Kata. By virtue of earlier examinations, Senior Examiners, Senior Kata Examiners and Kata Examiners, do not have to provide proof of knowledge for Nage-no-Kata and Katame-no-Kata.

### Competitive Dan Grade promotion

The attendance certificate does not exempt competitive Dan grades from the Kata element of the Competitive Skills Examination, which was previously called 'Theory'. However, holders of a Level 1 Kata certificate and above are exempted.

### Technical Dan Grade promotion

The attendance certificate does not exempt Technical Dan grades from the Kata element of the Technical Dan grade examination. However, holders of a Level 1 (or above) Nage-no-Kata certificate are exempt from the Technical Dan Grade examination, Section 7. In a similar manner, holders of a Level 1 (or above) Katame-no-Kata certificate are exempt from the Technical Dan Grade Examination, Section 8.

Holders of a Level 1 (or above) Gonosen-no-Kata certificate are exempt from the Technical Dan Grade examination, Section 9. Alternatively, this requirement can be substituted by either an attendance certificate, or a Level 1 (or above) certificate, in any one of Kime-No-Kata, Ju-no-Kata, Kodokan Goshinjutsu, Koshiki-no-Kata or Itsutsu-no-Kata gained at a recognised BJA Kata Coaching Course.

**Note.** Judoka preparing for a Technical Dan Grade examination may request an assessment to take place during a recognised BJA Kata Coaching Course to establish if their Kata is of a sufficient standard for promotion. This request should be made to the course presenter in advance of the course to enable there to be a qualified assessor present (**Senior Examiner of one grade higher than the Judoka, or a Senior Kata Examiner/Kata Examiner of any grade**). If successful, the assessor will record a pass in the candidate's Technical Dan Grade record card and register the results at BJA Head Office using the correct documentation.