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# NEW NATIONAL GRADING SYLLABUS AND GUIDELINES

**A TRAINING PRIMER**

- Estimated duration: 2 hours**
- Ask your questions using the Chat of zoom**
- Last 15min for Q & A (or email before the end of December)**
- Targeted to:**
  - Members of PGCs and TGCs**
  - Members of JC Board of Directors**
  - Members of Provincial and Territorial Associations**
  - Dojo-shus and club Technical Directors**
- Topics are cross-referenced to National Grading Syllabus**

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# **MODULE 1**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**RIGOR – TRANSPARENCY – UNIFORMITY**

# Why a new National Grading Syllabus?



- **Need to adapt to a changing judo context:**
  - Introduction of annual Cadet, Junior, Senior World championships
  - Enhanced IJF competition circuit including Kata, VI, Veterans
  - IJF, PJC governance and standards
- **Bring more transparency and consistency to Yudansha grading across Canada**
- **Create a more relevant grading approach for judokas in the new competitive and technical streams**

# What was the approach?



– **In summer 2019, a small team under the direction of Daniel De Angelis was tasked by Judo Canada CEO and President to:**

- Review the existing National Grading Syllabus and guidelines
- Survey and interview Judo Canada members
- Gather and analyze best international grading practices from several countries
- Develop a refreshed and modernized Syllabus and guidelines

– **Outputs:**

- Produced more than a dozen working drafts as versions were updated
- Validated content and gathered feedback from selected thought leaders
- New National Grading Syllabus and guidelines launch (Jan 2021)



– **Reporting to the CEO, the NGC is aligned to Judo Canada's mission:**

- To support Canadian judokas' preparation to win medals at World Championships and Olympic / Paralympic Games.
- To guide and engage in initiatives to increase Judo participation in Canada.

– **Principles of judo:**

- Seiryoku Zenyo (maximum efficiency with minimum effort)
- Jita Kyoei (mutual welfare and benefit)

– **Three grading periods:**

- "Tai" (the body) period during which one could assess the student by results in competition.
- "Ghi" (the survey, work) that is valued by the student's technical knowledge.
- "Shin" (the mind), the most difficult to value, that materializes by commitment towards others and Judo, the influence as a role model.

# **MODULE 2**

## **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**



# National Grading Committee (NGC) (1.1)



- The role of the National Grading Committee (NGC) is to facilitate, coordinate and provide leadership in the Dan grading process in Canada and to promote and standardize Kata. In addition, the NGC monitors all Dan grades to ensure consistency and accuracy across the country.
- The mandate given to the NGC by Judo Canada is to:
  - Ensure adherence to all rules set forth in the national grading syllabus
  - Establish, implement and enforce minimum standards for dan ranks in Canada
  - Ensure dan promotions made by provincial and territorial grading committees (PGC/TGC) are in accordance with the powers delegated to the PGC/tgcs
  - Be responsible for standardization of kata across Canada
  - Provide for the training and certification of kata judges in Canada
  - Develop criteria/processes for the selection of kata judges for national and international events. The NGC shall establish the minimum criteria of eligibility for provincial and national (A, B, C) kata judges' certification
  - Organize high dan grading (rokudan and up) and support pgcs/tgcs for grading exams, as requested
  - The NGC reserves the right to adjudicate any irregularities and/or unforeseen circumstances in the dan grading process, on a case-by-case basis
- The NGC, in collaboration with PGCs/TGCs, reserves the right to review the status of any judoka (Head Sensei, athlete, coach, etc.) who is a member in good standing of Judo Canada for possible promotion, on a case-by-case basis.

# **Provincial/Territorial Grading Committees (NGCs) (2.1)**



- **The Provincial/Territorial Grading Committees (PGCs/TGCs) shall conduct grading examinations in their respective province or territory, and shall promote candidates, in accordance with this syllabus**
- **PGCs/TGCs, operating up to their authority level, shall recommend all standard promotions to the NGC for ratification, and all promotions without examination to the NGC for consideration**
- **PGCs/TGCs shall organize Kata and Nage-waza and Katame-waza clinics for their membership**
- **PGCs/TGCs must request approval from NGC to run non-formal examinations**
- **PGCs/TGCs must ensure the truthfulness and accuracy of the information entered in the candidate's on-line form on Judo Canada's website**
- **PGCs/TGCs must verify the information entered by the candidate on the on-line form submitted to Judo Canada and inform Judo Canada's office of any inaccuracies. The Head Sensei of the candidate must inform Judo Canada's office if the candidate is not recommended.**

# **MODULE 3**

## **APPLICATION AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURES**

# Admission Requirements for Examination (3.1)



– **To be eligible for examination, a candidate must:**

- Meet all criteria for the recommended rank as specified in the national grading syllabus.
- Be an active, registered, practicing member of judo canada through a provincial/territorial association and must have a judo canada passport.
- Have his/her application validated by the respective pgc/tgc and the head sensei of the dojo through which he or she is registered for a period of at least six (6) months, or be invited by the pgc/tgc to apply for promotion.
- Be a canadian citizen or a permanent resident. A candidate who is neither a canadian citizen nor a permanent resident of canada, but has been a member of a provincial/territorial association and judo canada for one (1) year, must receive permission for admission to a grading examination in canada from the federation to which he or she was previously registered. This permission, and all relevant foreign grading records, must be submitted with the candidate's application for grading, and be approved by the NGC. If the candidate is unable to produce any documentation, then upon the recommendation of the head sensei of the dojo, the PGC/TGC must evaluate each candidate on their rank and carry out the examination as per the national grading syllabus.

## **Admission Requirements for Examination (3.1)**

- In the Syllabus, all references to age pertain to the age at time of grading.**
- A candidate may only apply to the PGC/TGC in the province/territory in which he or she is registered for the current Judo season.**
- A candidate is authorized to do a Dan grading exam in a different province or territory, other than where he or she is registered, only upon approval from both the province or territory he or she is registered in, and from the examining province.**
- A candidate, formerly affiliated with another province/territory or national association recognized by the IJF, must be a member of his or her new provincial/territorial Judo association and Judo Canada for a minimum period of six (6) months in order to apply for a Dan examination.**



## **Application Guidelines and Approval (3.2)**



- The candidate must complete the on-line form on Judo Canada’s website at least 45 days prior to the PGC/TGC examination date.**
- Judo Canada will review the completed form to determine if the candidate initially meets the National Grading Syllabus requirements and is eligible for a grading examination, and will inform the candidate if any criteria are not met.**
- The completed form then will be sent to the PGC/TGC to validate the truthfulness of the information.**
- A copy of the form will be sent to the candidate’s Head Sensei or Head Coach to comment on matters affecting the recommendation required under section 3.1.1, including but not limited to: the candidate’s personality; acquirement of Judo spirit; extent of the understanding of Judo and mastery of technique; practical application of Judo in everyday life; and contribution to Judo.**

# **Application Guidelines and Approval (3.2)**



- The Dan grading on-line form must be submitted to Judo Canada prior to the examination date specified by the PGC/TGC, and must be accompanied by:
  - 1. Properly completed Judo Canada forms, and**
  - 2. Appropriate fees.****
- All examinations from 1st to 5th Dan are processed within Provincial/Territorial jurisdictions, and upon conclusion, the grading documents must be signed by the PGC/TGC Chair and then submitted to Judo Canada’s office for NGC Chair signature. Procedures for all promotions for Rokudan and higher can be found under 4.3.1.**
- In cases where information provided in the application is inaccurate or incomplete, Judo Canada will return the application to the candidate to rectify the situation and will inform the respective PGC/TGC. All inaccuracies and administrative errors are subject to correction and must be approved by the NGC. In such cases, the NGC will require proof of the candidate’s information and, if satisfied with that proof, may allow the candidate to attend the NGC Dan grading examination.**

## Special Recognitions – Batsugun (3.3)



- **To be exempted from a technical evaluation and to be considered for Batsugun a judoka must fulfill all of the following criteria:**
  - Meet the age, time in grade, and points criteria for the relevant promotion;
  - For U-18 and U-21 judoka a minimum of 300 points must come from senior national championships (Elite or Open), Canada Cup junior and/or international tournaments identified in the National Team handbook.
  - Senior judoka must have a minimum of 300 points coming from senior IJF recognized events identified in the National Team handbook.
  - Senior World or Olympic medalists, regardless of time in grade, age and Shiai point total, may be considered by the NGC for Batsugun promotion. In this case, a minimum of 12 months is needed since their last promotion.
  - Judoka must complete the online specific application process directly with Judo Canada for consideration by the NGC.





### – Honourary Black Belt

- The PGC/TGC may award, at their discretion, an honorary black belt to individuals who have contributed to, and supported, Judo in a significant manner.
- This recognition is reserved for **non-judoka**. The PGC/TGC must keep track of such promotions and inform Judo Canada's office and the NGC.

### – Koseki promotion

- In special cases, the PGC/TGC can request a Dan promotion for a candidate with a permanent situation limiting his or her capacity to attend a formal exam (e.g. judoka with physical or mental disabilities, or posthumously).
- A letter from the PGC/TGC explaining the situation and a medical certificate (if applicable) should be sent to the NGC. This promotion is considered as a Koseki (**last grading**). In addition, the promotion of a candidate 65 years old or older who for Rokudan under section 4.3 is considered as a Koseki (**last grading**).

## **Ranks Obtained Outside Canada (3.4)**



- Only ranks obtained outside of Canada while a member in good standing of a Foreign National Federation or Association, that is a member of the International Judo Federation, will be examined for equivalence.**
- The judoka must submit documented proof of such a promotion. The NGC will investigate the validity of the documents.**
- The NGC reserves the right to evaluate and accept or reject the validity of ranks obtained outside of Canada while the candidate has also been a member of Judo Canada.**
- The candidate will submit requests for such recognition to the NGC.**
- A candidate residing in Canada and going to another country for examination will not be recognized for a foreign rank recognition unless the examination is taken with prior approval by the NGC.**
- No diploma will be issued. The date indicating that the rank is recognized will be entered into the candidate's Judo Canada passport with the name of the federation that issued the rank and the date the rank was originally obtained. The NGC chairman will initial the passport to certify the recognition of the rank.**

## Guidelines for Examination (3.5)



- **In reviewing the application of a candidate, the relevant Grading Committee shall consider the following criteria:**
  - Overall record of tournament participation,
  - Length of time in grade as an active member,
  - Refereeing, kata judging, and technical clinic attendance,
  - Record as an instructor/ judo teacher, technical official (as defined in the tournament sanction policy) and services rendered to the promotion and development of judo.
- **Examination, to and within the Yudansha ranks, may be specified by the relevant Grading Committee in a variety of ways:**
  - Formal examination before a grading committee
  - Modified examination before a grading committee upon prior NGC approval
  - Participation in classes in a clinic format conducted by the PGC/TGC or NGC, in each case upon prior NGC approval.

## Guidelines for Examination (3.5)



- All technical requirements shall be required in traditional Judo terminology (Japanese).
- The candidate's Uke must be a current member in good standing of Judo Canada.
- Tori and Uke must attend the grading examination in a white judogi.
- Candidates must wear a clean judogi and maintain a high standard of personal hygiene (clean feet, fingernails and toenails cut short, etc.) for the examination.
- Hair must be secured back if it is long enough to impede the Uke and/or obstruct the view of the evaluators.

## **Confirmation of Promotion and Diplomas (3.6)**

- The PGC/TGC must, within thirty (30) days of the examination, forward a report with its promotions, recommendations for promotion and candidates' passports to the NGC.**
- The NGC shall approve the promotions awarded by the PGC/TGC unless requirements have not been met. In such cases, all forms will be returned to the Chairperson of the PGC/TGC with a covering letter of explanation.**
- For grading in Canada, the only officially recognized documents regarding Dan rank and date of promotion are the Judo Canada Dan Diploma and Passport.**
- The Judo Canada Dan Diploma will only be issued for promotions obtained in Canada and recognized by the NGC.**
- After the NGC recognizes a promotion, the signature on the diploma will be dated back to the time of the PGC/TGC evaluation.**



## Confirmation of Promotion and Diplomas (3.6)

- Kodokan diplomas are available upon request and they are rendered to Dan grade candidates as a service.
- Kodokan diplomas are subject to additional requirements and costs and it is the candidate's responsibility to fulfil any additional Kodokan requirements.
- IJF diplomas are also available upon request and all applications must be submitted to Judo Canada's office.
- Kodokan applications will only be processed after the candidate's Judo Canada promotion is completed. In addition, candidates may apply directly for PJC diplomas, once the Judo Canada promotion is completed, via the PJC website: <https://register.panamjudo.org/register/Certificate>
- **APPEALS**
  - Appeals of decisions must be made in accordance with Judo Canada's appeal policy as amended from time to time. The current version (as of the date of this Syllabus) is at: [https://www.judocanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Appeals\\_Policy\\_EN\\_Jan\\_12\\_2018.pdf](https://www.judocanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Appeals_Policy_EN_Jan_12_2018.pdf)

**MODULE 4**  
**GRADING ELIGIBILITY**  
**(SHODAN TO GODAN)**

## Point System Overview (4.0)



- The basic aim of the point system is to determine when a judoka is eligible for examination.
- Points are awarded to judokas according to the Syllabus.
- The point system is effective for all candidates seeking promotion for Shodan to Godan.
- Points accumulated in the present rank can only be used for promotion to the next rank.
- These points can only be accumulated while being a member of a provincial/territorial association and Judo Canada.
- Judoka must be at least 14 years old and at least Ikkyu in rank to earn points.



## Competitive Stream Overview (4.1)



- The competitive stream is a method of gaining promotion based on results in tournaments.
- A candidate meeting the requirements will not have to do a formal grading exam but will be required to attend a Kata and Nage-waza and Katame-waza clinic, as specified in Appendix C.
- Only candidates applying for Shodan to Godan Dan grades can apply for promotion in the competitive stream.
- The candidate can only claim contest points under section 4.1.1.1 in order to meet the competitive stream criteria.

## Shiai (Tournament) Points (4.1.1.1)



- **Results obtained at sanctioned point tournaments will be counted with the following conditions:**
  - Events must be at the level of **U18 or older**;
  - All domestic tournaments from the national team handbook U18, U21 and Senior championships will be used for points.
  - All international tournament points must be validated by the PGC/TGC. Refer to the National Team Handbook Policy for Classification of International Tournaments Standard and Points. (Available on Judo Canada's Website).
  - All wins must be against Ikkyu or higher, and points are awarded as follows: IPPON (10 Points), WAZA-ARI (7 Points)
- **Exceptions:**
  - For Shodan candidates (Ikkyu), a win over Nikyu counts for grading.
  - In international tournaments (as defined in the National Team Handbook), all wins will count 10 points with one exception. Win by Fusen-gachi: 0 points.
- **No participation points may be claimed when applying for promotion under the competitive stream.**

# Point Recognition Table (Competitive Stream) (4.1.1.1)



COMPETITIVE STREAM					
COMPETITION POINTS				Max/yr	
Shiai	Ippon	Waza-ari	No participation points		No max
	10 points	7points			
All international tournaments (from NTH) wins count for 10 points (except Fusen gachi)					

## Summary of Age, Points, and Time in Grade for Shodan to Godan

Dan level	1D	2D	3D	4D	5D
Minimum age	15	17	20	24	29
Years active	6 months 1K	1 year 1D	2 years 2D	3 years 3D	4 years 4D
Points	100	120	150	180	210

No Dan grading examination is required but attendance at a specified PGC/TGC/NGC Kata and Nage-waza/Katame-waza clinic is mandatory.

## Technical Stream Overview (4.2)



- The technical stream is a method of gaining promotion based on a wide range of activities, including some forms of competition.
- Candidates meeting the requirements of the technical stream will be required to attend a formal grading exam before the relevant PGC/TGC.
- Points are awarded to judokas that are active technically as competitors, instructors, coaches, Kata judges, or referees; practicing randori or Kata; and active in promoting and developing the sport of Judo as described in this National Grading Syllabus.
- A candidate can only claim points in one non-competitive category per day (e.g. at a tournament where a candidate is a Kata judge in the morning and a referee after, the candidate can only claim one category).
- Multiple entries as a competitor into Kata, Ne-waza and Shiai in one day can all collect points.

## Technical Stream Overview (4.2)



- **The point system is divided into the following categories:**
  - **Active in Judo:** Candidates must demonstrate regular attendance and be actively practicing Judo, e.g. teaching, coaching, instructing, learning, etc.;
  - **Tournaments:** Shiai, Kata tournaments, Ne-waza tournaments (for judoka 30 years old and older on the day of the Ne-waza tournament) and tournament participation points;
  - **Sanctioned Technical activities:** Head Sensei, NCCP certification, instructing/coaching activity, referee certification, refereeing activity, Kata judging certification, Kata judging activity, clinic conducting and attending clinics, and tournament volunteer for technical officials in competition (as defined in the Tournament Sanction Policy).

## **Active in Judo (4.2.1)**



- Points are awarded for being active in Judo.**
- An active year is defined as practicing a minimum of 120 hours on the mat during a twelve-month period from the date of the last promotion as recorded in the records maintained by the provincial/territorial and Judo Canada offices.**
- Mudansha and Yudansha must be members of both their respective Provincial/Territorial Associations and Judo Canada.**
- Active as Ikkyu & above (25 points per year).**



## Competition – Shiai and Ne-waza Tournaments (4.2.2)



- Results obtained at sanctioned point tournaments will be counted with the following conditions:
  - Events must be at the level of **U18** or older;
  - All domestic tournaments from the National Team Handbook U18, U21, Senior and Veteran championships will be used for points;
  - Individuals must be a minimum of **30 years old** (on the day of the tournament) to claim Ne-waza tournament points;
- **All international tournament points must be validated by the PGC/TGC. Refer to the National Team Handbook Policy for Classification of International Tournaments Standard and Points. (available at Judo Canada's Website).**

## Competition – Shiai and Ne-waza Tournaments (4.2.2)



- The candidate may claim points earned in a maximum of four (4) provincial tournaments per active year.
- Provincial level tournaments must be from those events identified by the PGC/TGCs as a points tournament.
- The candidate will choose which events to include. All wins against Ikkyu or higher: IPPON (10 Points), WAZA-ARI (7 Points).
- POINTS FOR NE-WAZA COMPETITION : IPPON (10 Points), WAZA-ARI (7 Points).
- Also, candidates are eligible to collect 5 points for participation in sanctioned tournaments.
- **Exceptions:**
  - For Shodan candidates (Ikkyu) a win over Nikyu counts for grading.
  - In international tournaments (as defined above), all wins will count 10 points.
  - Win by Fusen-gachi: 0 points.



## Kata Tournaments (4.2.2)



- At least one national certified Kata judge or member of the Provincial/Territorial Grading Committee must be present at domestic Kata tournaments or clinics as an evaluator in order for these events to count points.
- The candidate may claim points earned in a maximum of four (4) provincial tournaments per active year. Provincial level events must be from those events identified by the PGC/TGC as a points tournament.
- Points accumulated in Kata tournaments:
  - Provincial/Territorial and National tournaments (maximum 30 points).
  - PJC, International and World tournaments (maximum 60 points).
  - Points will be awarded as 2 points per/team below the candidate's team ranking.
  - Also, 5 points per tournament for participation (if more than 1 team in the relevant Kata)

## Instructing Activity (4.2.3)

- Points will be awarded for teaching a minimum of 120 hours per year based on the certification level of the individual as follows:
  - NCCP Level I (DA), Community trained.....10 points per year
  - NCCP Level II (DI) certified and Level III (DC) certified..... 20 points per year
  - Head Sensei or NCCP Level IV/V (HPC) certified.....30 points per year
- **HEAD SENSEI** who is, at a minimum, certified NCCP Dojo Instructor (Level 2) and instructs in a club with a minimum of 25 members will be awarded 30 points per year.

# Coaching (4.2.4 and 4.2.5)



## NATIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NCCCP) (Maximum 20 points)

– Points will be awarded for being certified in the National Coaching Certification Program only once for each additional level completed since the last promotion as follows:

- NCCCP Level I or Dojo Assistant or Community trained..... 5 points
- NCCCP Level II or Dojo Instructor certified..... 10 points
- NCCCP Level III or Development Coach certified..... 20 points
- NCCCP Level IV/V or High Performance coach certified..... 20 points

## COACHING ACTIVITY (maximum 30 points per year)

- Provincial sanctioned events..... 5 points (Maximum 25 points per year)
- National (domestic events in NTH) ..... 10 points per event
- International (events listed in the NTH) ..... 20 points per event

# Refereeing Certification (4.2.6)



## REFEREEING CERTIFICATION

- **Points will be awarded for being certified as a referee only once for each additional level completed since last promotion as follows:**
  - Provincial ..... 10 points per level
  - National ..... 15 points per level
  - Continental/ Confederal ..... 20 points per level
  - International ..... 20 points per level
- **Only one certification can be claimed per Dan grading promotion.**

## Refereeing Activity (4.2.7)



### **REFEREEING ACTIVITY (maximum 60 points per year)**

- Points will be awarded for refereeing on a per event basis up to a maximum of 60 points per year as follows:**
  - Provincial sanctioned events ..... 5 points (Maximum 25 points per year)
  - National (domestic events in NTH) ..... 10 points per event
  - International (events listed in the NTH) ..... 20 points per event
- The referee must be approved by the province/territory to earn the provincial status and approved by the national body to earn the national status. The referee approved by PJC or IJF will earn the international status.**

# Kata Judging Certification (4.2.8)



## KATA JUDGING CERTIFICATION

- **Points will be awarded for being certified as a judge only once for each additional level completed since last promotion as follows:**
  - Provincial ..... 10 points per level
  - National ..... 15 points per level
  - Continental ..... 15 points per level
  - IJF ..... 20 points per level
- **Only one certification can be claimed per Dan grading promotion.**

## Kata Judging Activity (4.2.9)

### **KATA JUDGING ACTIVITY (maximum 60 points per year)**

- Points will be awarded for Judo Canada certified Kata Judges on a per event basis up to a maximum of 60 points per year as follows:**
  - Provincial sanctioned events ..... 5 points (Maximum 25 points per year)
  - National..... 10 points per event
  - International..... 20 points per event
- Only Judges certified by IJF, JC or by the Provincial/Territorial Association qualify for points at National and International levels.**



## Clinic Conductor (4.2.10)



### **CLINIC CONDUCTOR (maximum 60 points per year)**

- Points will be awarded, on a per event basis, to course conductors up to a maximum of 60 points per year, for conducting provincial/territorial or nationally organized professional development, Kata, referee and technical clinics, NCCP courses and nationally approved team training camps.**
- These events must be provincially, nationally or internationally sanctioned.**
  - Provincial ..... 10 points per event
  - National ..... 20 points per event
  - International ..... 30 points per event
- Events must be a minimum of 4 hours in duration in order to count for points.**





**– CLINIC PARTICIPATION (maximum 30 points per year)**

- A total of 5 points per event will be awarded, on a per clinic basis (**minimum 4 hours in duration**), to participants up to a maximum of 30 points per year, for participation at provincially or nationally sanctioned professional development: Kata, referee, technical clinics and training camps that have been recognized by Judo Canada.

**– TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEER (maximum 10 points per year)**

- Points may be awarded per event up to a maximum of 10 points/year for the following tournament roles:
  - Judo Canada representative, Tournament director, Assistant tournament director, Scorekeeper, Scorekeeper assistant, Timekeepers.
  - Provincial level ..... 3 points per event
  - National and International levels ..... 5 points per event



## **UKE AT DAN GRADING EXAM**

- A total of 5 points per day will be awarded for Uke at a Dan grading exam regardless of the number of performances.**
  - Note: an Uke cannot claim points for a Dan grading exam if (s)he is also evaluated successfully as Tori at the same examination.

# MODULE 4

## Point Recognition Summary: Technical Stream



TECHNICAL STREAM						
Active (120 hrs on mats)	25 points per year					
Competition	Shiai and Ne Waza		Ippon 10	Waza-ari 7		No max
	Kata		2 points per team below			90
	Participation		5 points per event			No max
Instructing Activity	DA	DI		Development	High performance/Head sensei	
	10	20		20	30	
NCCP Certification	DA	DI		Development	High performance	
	5	10		20	20	
	Prov			Nat	Cont	Int'l
Coaching Activity	5 per event (maximum 25 points per year)			10	20	20
Referee Certification	10			15	20	20
Referee Activity	5			10	20	20
Kata Certification	10			15	15	20
Kata judging activity	5 (maximum 25 points/year)			10	20	20
Clinic conductor	10			20	30	30
Clinic participant	5 per event			5	5	5
Tournament volunteer	3 points			5	5	5
Uke at grading	5 points per day					
	No max					



## Summary of Age, Points, and Time in Grade for Shodan to Godan

Technical stream:

Dan level	1D	2D	3D	4D	5D
Minimum age	15	17	20	24	29
Years active	1 year 1K	2 years 1D	3 years 2D	4 years 3D	5 years 4D
Points	100	170	215	300	360
Active in judo	25	25	25	25	25

# **MODULE 5**

## **GRADING ELIGIBILITY (HIGH DANS)**



- For Rokudan and higher Dan grades, candidates must be actively involved in Judo and demonstrate significant contribution to Judo at the Provincial/Territorial, National, and/or International level throughout their Judo career and, in particular, since their last promotion.
- There are two (2) streams: a competitive and a technical stream. The details and criteria for promotion are found under section 4.3.2.
  - Note: A candidate who is actively involved in Judo and does not meet the criteria stated in section 4.3.2 can still apply for a Rokudan examination if he or she is 65 years old or older and has been active as Godan for 20 years or more.
- This promotion is considered as a Koseki (last grading). The on-line form must still be sent to the NGC under section 4.3.1 and an examination pursuant to this Syllabus is still required.



**– Procedures for all promotions for 6th Dan and higher grades are as follows:**

- Judo Canada's office must receive from the candidate the completed on-line application form describing his or her career achievements and contribution to Judo in Canada, and his or her involvement in Judo, since their last promotion.
- The form will then be redistributed to all members of the NGC.
- The NGC will review the application and may ask for additional information in order to assess or verify the candidate's information.
- Candidates who do not show the required active involvement described in section 4.4 will not be recommended for a promotion examination.
- Upon approval by the NGC, the candidate becomes eligible for an examination to be conducted within one year according to the schedule, format, and location set by Judo Canada's CEO.

# MODULE 5

## Career Achievement Categories (4.3.2)



### Career achievement evaluation for Rokudan, Shichidan, Hachidan and Kudan

	6th Dan	7th Dan	8th Dan	9th Dan
<b>Required elements</b>				
Time in grade	8 years	10 years	10 years	10 years
Minimum age	37 years old	47 years old	57 years old	67 years old
<b>Criteria</b>				
Competition (participant) *	Senior national 3X	IJF Continental 3X	IJF world events 3X	IJF world events 3X
Officiating / Kata judging	National 3X	IJF Continental 3X	IJF senior world events 3X	IJF senior world events 3X
Coaching	NCCP II	NCCP III	NCCP III	NCCP III
Head sensei / Assistant	10 years	20 years	30 years	40 years
Original Sensei of a Shiai competitor (Competitor must received Shodan from original Sensei)	Senior National medalist	IJF senior Continental	IJF senior world / Olympics	IJF senior world / Olympics
Committees / Commissions (since last promotion)	Provincial 6 years	National 5 years	National 4 years	National 4 years
Seminar / Clinic (since last promotion)	Provincial 4X	Provincial 4X	Provincial 4X	Provincial 4X





**– Competitive stream:**

- Competition criteria + 2 more criteria, plus time in grade and minimum age requirements.
- Competition experience includes: Senior shiai at Open and Elite nationals sanctioned by Judo Canada, IJF senior continental events sanctioned by PJC/PJU, senior world events sanctioned by IJF (including world championships and Olympics) and University, Kata and Visually impaired events sanctioned by IJF or Judo Canada at Open and Elite nationals.
- Competition experience does not apply to U-18, U-21, Ne-waza and Veterans.

**– Technical stream:**

- 4 criteria, plus time in grade and minimum age requirements.

# **MODULE 6**

## **EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

**(ALL DANS)**



### – PREREQUISITES

- Minimum age of 15 years old.
- Minimum of three (3) years active in Judo with a valid membership.
- Minimum of one year as Ikkyu.
- A minimum of 100 points (since last promotion).

### – ABILITY TO DYNAMICALLY DEMONSTRATE

- Nage-waza and Katame-waza from Appendix A:
  - 8 Nage-waza
  - 3 Osae-waza
  - 3 Shime-waza
  - 3 Kansetsu-waza
- Randori (as defined in the lexicon)
- Kata:
  - Must perform the first three sets of the Nage-no-kata as Tori.



**– PREREQUISITES**

- Minimum age of 17 years old.
- Minimum of 2 years active in Judo as Shodan with a valid membership.
- A minimum of 170 points (since last promotion).

**– ABILITY TO DYNAMICALLY DEMONSTRATE**

- Nage-waza and Katame-waza from Appendix A:
  - 8 Nage-waza
  - 4 Osae-waza
  - 4 Shime-waza
  - 3 Kansetsu-waza
- Randori (as defined in the lexicon)
- Kata:
  - Must perform the complete Nage-no-kata as Tori.



### – PREREQUISITES

- Minimum age of 20 years old.
- Minimum of three (3) years active in Judo as Nidan with a valid membership.
- A minimum of 215 points (since last promotion).

### – ABILITY TO DYNAMICALLY DEMONSTRATE

- Nage-waza and Katame-waza. Demonstrate and explain the mechanics of some techniques, Nage-waza and Katame-waza including variations and escapes from Appendix A:
  - 8 Nage-waza
  - 4 Osae-waza
  - 4 Shime-waza
  - 4 Kansetsu-waza
- Randori (as defined in the lexicon)
- Kata:
  - Must perform Katame-no-kata as Tori
  - Must perform the complete Nage-no-kata as Uke.



### – PREREQUISITES

- Minimum age of 24 years old.
- Minimum of four (4) years active in Judo as Sandan with a valid membership.
- A minimum of 300 points (since last promotion).

### – ABILITY TO DYNAMICALLY DEMONSTRATE

- Nage-waza and Katame-waza. Demonstrate and explain the mechanics of some techniques, Nage-waza and Katame-waza including variations and escapes from Appendix A.
  - 10 Nage-waza
  - 5 Osae-waza
  - 5 Shime-waza
  - 5 Kansetsu-waza
- Randori (as defined in the lexicon)
- Kata:
  - Must perform Ju-no-kata as Tori or Kime-no-kata as Tori
  - Must perform Katame-no-kata as Uke.



### – PREREQUISITES

- Minimum age of 29 years old.
- A minimum five (5) years active in Judo as Yondan with a valid membership.
- A minimum of 360 points (since last promotion).

### – ABILITY TO DYNAMICALLY DEMONSTRATE

- Nage-waza and Katame-waza. Demonstrate and explain the mechanics of some techniques, Nage-waza and Katame-waza including variations and escapes from Appendix A:
  - 16 Nage-waza
  - 8 Osae-waza
  - 8 Shime-waza
  - 6 Kansetsu-waza
- Demonstrate personal techniques (15 minutes).
- Kata:
  - Must perform Kodokan-Goshin-jutsu as Tori
  - Must perform / demonstrate or explain / teach the principles of Kime-no-kata as Tori or Ju-no-kata as Tori.





### – PREREQUISITES

- Minimum age of 37 years old.
- A minimum 8 years active in Judo as Godan, or minimum 65 years of age and 20 years active in Judo as Godan. This promotion is considered as a Koseki (last grading).

### – ABILITY TO DEMONSTRATE

- Demonstrate personal techniques (15 minutes). The content must be pre-approved by the NGC.
- Kata:
  - Must perform 2 Kata as Tori from the following:
    - Kodokan-Goshin-jutsu
    - Ju-no-kata
    - Itsutsu-no-kata
  - Must perform / demonstrate or explain / teach the principles of one Kata as Uke from the following:
    - Kodokan-Goshin-jutsu
    - Ju-no-kata
    - Itsutsu-no-kata



### – PREREQUISITES

- Minimum age of 47 years old.
- A minimum 10 years active in Judo as Rokudan.

### – ABILITY TO DEMONSTRATE

#### ○ Kata:

- Must perform 2 Kata as Tori from the following:
  - Kodokan-Goshin-jutsu
  - Kime-no-kata
  - Itsutsu-no-kata
- Must perform / demonstrate or explain / teach the principles of one Kata as Uke from the following:
  - Kodokan-Goshin-jutsu
  - Kime-no-kata
  - Itsutsu-no-kata
- Must be different than the one presented for Rokudan as Uke.



**– PREREQUISITES**

- Minimum age of 57 years old.
- A minimum 10 years active in Judo as Shichidan.

**– ABILITY TO DEMONSTRATE**

- Kata:
  - Must perform / demonstrate or explain / teach the principles of Koshiki-no-kata as Tori.

## MODULE 6

# Kudan Exam Requirements (13.0)



### – PREREQUISITES

- Minimum age of 67 years old.
- A minimum 10 years active in Judo as Hachidan.

### – ABILITY TO DEMONSTRATE

- Not required for Kudan exam.



**– PREREQUISITES**

- Minimum age of 77 years old.
- A minimum 10 years active in Judo as Kudan.
- The NGC will prepare the documentation for Judan promotion for the Board of Directors approval.**
- Once approved, it will be sent to the IJF Grading Board Committee for consideration.**

# **MODULE 7**

## **NATIONAL GRADING GUIDELINES**



- The National Grading Guidelines exist to ensure a consistent understanding and application of the measures to be taken to hold Dan grade exams across Canada.**
- The National Grading Committee (NGC) is the only committee with authority for the promotion of Dan grades in Canada. The NGC may delegate its authority to the Provincial/Territorial Grading committee (PGC/TGC) for examination. To this end, the NGC must:**
  - Ensure adherence to all rules set forth in the National Grading Syllabus.
  - Establish, implement and enforce minimum standards for Dan ranks in Canada.
  - Ensure Dan promotions made by PGCs/TGCs are in accordance with the authority delegated to them.



**The PGC/TGC is responsible for:**

- Validating the information entered on Judo Canada’s on-line application form by the candidate.**
- Applying the formal examination and prerequisites stated in the National Grading Syllabus.**
- Making a request to the NGC for any non-formal examinations prior to the examination.**
- Appointing a minimum of three (3) persons on the evaluation jury.**
- Organizing Kata, Tachi-waza and Ne-waza clinics for candidates in the competitive stream, with a minimum of 2 clinic conductors that are members of the respective PGC/TGC.**
- Ensuring that evaluation jury members are nationally-certified Kata judges (by 2023).**
- Ensuring that the evaluation jury has at least two (2) members higher in rank than the level being examined, with the third person of no lower rank than the rank being sought, e.g. a Sandan evaluation requires a jury comprised of at least two Yondan and one Sandan.**



**The PGC/TGC is responsible for:**

- **Taking all necessary measures to avoid situations where there is potential for conflict of interest, e.g. jury member evaluating a student or another family member, etc..**
- **Making sure judges are fair, honest and impartial at all times.**
- **Permitting the Head Sensei or a designated representative to attend his/her students' exams.**
- **Ensuring that all examinations are open to the public.**
- **Providing pass/fail results with constructive feedback to the candidate at the examination upon completion of their assessment.**
- **Setting up a grading examination venue that is conducive for fair assessment:**
  - A mat area of 8 x 8 meters
  - Ceiling of at least 2.4 meters
  - Table(s) for evaluators, pencils, chairs, ...
  - Enough room for any spectators to view
  - A chair for the head sensei opposite to the jury table.



- **The Guidelines includes the grading examination form to be sent with the passport to Judo Canada’s office.**
- **Evaluation principles**
- **Errors in examinations**
- **How to evaluate an error**
- **Dan Grading Exam Scale (number of errors allowed)**
- **Reference tools links.**
- **Sets of Nage-waza and Katame-waza examination forms per each Dan rank.**
- **Sets of Katas examination forms.**

# **National Grading Syllabus**



- **APPENDIX A: Techniques for examinations**
- **APPENDIX B: Kata requirements for Kodokan certification**
- **APPENDIX C: Competitive stream clinics requirements**
- **APPENDIX D: Lexicon**

**Thank you**