

The British Wadokai  
Constitutional Rules & Regulations 1976



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Ekoku Wadoryu Karate-do Atemi Jujutsu Renmei  
(British Wadokai)

Rules & Regulations (Foundations Established in 1976)  
Valid from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 (Amendment Version-3)

FEDERATION PRESIDENT  
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR & CHIEF INSTRUCTOR  
Gary E Swift (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Hanshi

British Wadokai is a Full-Member of the  
British Wado Federation & International Wado Federation



## EXPLANATIONS, REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION For Full, Associate and Provisional Members of British Wadokai

### **The *International Wado Federation* is the only World Governing Body of British Wadokai**

British Wadokai is run on an autocratic system, which is run by a President/Chief Instructor and assisted by the process of an Administration/Executive & Technical Committee.

Note: To ensure the 'ethos' of the Federation remains consistently for the benefit of British Wadokai Members, the President has the authority to include facilities, adjustments as & when required. The Committee may suggest/propose various executive changes; however, these must be forwarded to the Chairman to be considered at the relevant Meeting/s.

British Wadokai do not mix karate or practice unfocused 'all-styles' training. All BWK instructors are expected to promote **the Ohtsuka Hironori Meijin Wadoryu** promoted within the **Suzuki-ryu Wado Karate**, by teaching correct British Wadokai (Wadoryu) karate, as reflected in the BWK Advancement-Standardisation Courses at all times, *so to be reassured that members train in pure historically authentic, original & traditional Wadoryu Karate within all our Dojo*. All other forms of Wado [or any other martial-art] should not be taught or promoted within British Wadokai Clubs.

To ensure that Committee Members are not 'agenda driven', membership to the BWK Committee/s will only be accepted from members who *DO NOT* belong to, *or involved with*, any other Governing Body, Controlling Body, or Karate/Sporting Organisation of any kind, outside of British Wadokai. Committee positions are considered for a minimum of a 3-year term.

The following Rules & Regulations are based on the original **UK Wadoryu Constitution of Sensei Tatsuo Suzuki 8<sup>th</sup> Dan Hanshi** with some additional updated elements from the Rules & Regulations of the JKF-Wadokai Japan.

For the benefit of the British Wadokai Constitution, British Wadokai will be herewith referred to as BWK.

#### **Minimum Levels of Responsibility (Insurable & legal Requirements).**

- ✚ **BWK Clubs** (a Club under one Leading/Senior Instructor & Committee); *for legal liability* must have a separate constitution and a set of rules & regulations for self-administration, governance and responsibility. *Clubs operate under the direction of the BWK Constitution.*
- ✚ **BWK Groups** (two or more Clubs acting with one Leading/Senior Instructor & Committee); *for legal liability* must have a separate constitution and a set of rules & regulations for self-administration, governance and responsibility. *Groups operate under the direction of the BWK Constitution.*
- ✚ **BWK Associations** (two or more Clubs with separate Leading Instructors & Committee); *for legal liability* must have a separate constitution and a set of rules & regulations for self-administration, governance and responsibility. *Associations operate under the direction of the BWK Constitution. BWK Associations operate under the direction of the BWK Constitution.*
- ✚ **Federation** (two or more Associations in membership & Committee); *for legal liability* must have a separate constitution and a set of rules & regulations for self-administration, governance and responsibility. *BWK operates as a controlling Federation.*
- ✚ **Allied Affiliation (AIWa)** (any club/association [national and/or international] of any size with a controlling/responsible Chief Instructor & Committee); *for legal liability* must have a separate constitution and a set of rules & regulations for all self-administration, governance and responsibility. *Due to independent self-governance, Allied Affiliations are NOT the responsibility of British Wadokai as they are in 'loose' affiliation; so will not be operating under the control of the BWK Constitution/Rules & Regulations, etc.*

### **1. THE BWK PRESIDENT**

The President/Director of BWK will be the BWK Chief Instructor GE Swift Hanshi.



In the event of absence (whether temporary or permanent) of the BWK President all *technical control* will be instantly handed to the Assistant Chief Instructor/Vice President. Administrative control will be handed over to the BWK General Secretary for distribution amongst the available BWK Committee. All financial responsibilities and administration will be carried out by the BWK Treasurer.

In the event of an emergency:

- a. The BWK Executive Chairman shall assume control of all Executive Committee affairs of BWK, *whether temporary or permanent*
- b. The Assistant Chief Instructor shall assume control of all the technical affairs of BWK, *whether temporary or permanent*
- c. All financial affairs will be under the control of the BWK Director/Treasurer.
- d. Executive and Technical Committee positions are honorary & unpaid; members generously give their time freely.

## 2. PATRONS OF BWK

Patrons of BWK, through Royal Appointment: HRH Princess Linda Tomislav Karageorgevitch 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan and HRH Prince George Karageorgevitch 1<sup>st</sup> Dan.



## 3. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2021-2024)

**Chairman:** Oren Teichmann (4<sup>th</sup> Dan) Tashi.

*Responsibilities: Oversee and assist all 'extra' activities & events of BWK. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWK.*

**Vice Chairman:** Vacant.

*Responsibilities: To assist the Chairman in the smooth running of his activities. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWK.*

**Licensing & Administration Officer:** Oren Teichmann Tashi.

*Responsibilities: To assist with all the administrative affairs of BWK.*

**General Secretary:** Elizabeth Rayman Shodan.

*Responsibilities: Help & assist the President/Chief Instructor with federation maintenance and act as a contact-point to oversee & regulate the smooth running of BWK.*

**Activities Director & Officers:** Vacant. Gary Swift Hanshi. Temporarily acting as BWK Activities Director.

*Responsibilities: Organise and administer events as & when required, such as competition, any regional events, the organisation of the BWK National Championships, etc. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWK.*

**Website Director:** Peter Collier 1<sup>st</sup> Dan.



*Responsibilities: Creating and maintaining the official websites on behalf of BWK, British Wado Federation and the International Wado Federation (including a 'page presence' for the European Wado Federation).*

**Academia Director:** Vacant. Gary Swift Hanshi Acting Academia Director.

*Responsibilities: Administrating & overseeing the formula, marking and content for all levels of the official BWK Yūdan Hikki Shiken (written examinations) throughout the United Kingdom. Written examinations to be available for all 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan levels.*

**Academia Assessors:** Will include all Main/Leading Club Instructors from the grade level of 3rd Dan.

*Responsibilities: The running & control of the official BWK Black-belt written examinations; upon receipt of the official Yūdan Examination Application Form from the applicant. Examinations **must be** conducted in a correct pre-arranged '**examination controlled environment**', under examination conditions, for the required time-period of the Black-Belt Written Examination/s (usually 90-minutes). Venues must be suitable and adequate for the required tests taking into consideration all applicants' requirements, etc. Applicants must be under the supervision of the Academia Assessor at all times during the written examination process. Assessors should have possession of a stop-watch and control the time of the examination on a strict time basis. Information of venue, dates and times must be sent to the Chief Examiner; so as the necessary information can be promoted and relayed on the Date Section for all expected (and ongoing) national as well as regional applicants. Venue can be at the residence/home of the leading-instructor or a small rented [classroom-style] facility (in the event of any rented facility being required, expenses can be claimed from the BWK funds). The Academia Assessor will also mark papers and send the results to the Chief Examiner at least two-weeks prior to the arranged Practical Yūdan Assessment. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWK within the designated region.*

**Legal Officer/s:** Elizabeth Rayman 1<sup>st</sup> Dan, Carolyn Watson 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan, Neil Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan.

*Responsibilities: Ensure that all the necessary legal implications are correctly in place for the protection of BWK, BWK Committees, Instructors and all Registered & Licenced Members.*

**Child & Vulnerable Adult Protection Officer/s:** Elizabeth Rayman 1<sup>st</sup> Dan.

*Responsibilities: Ensure the necessary implementations are in place for the safeguarding of young and vulnerable people within membership of BWK. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWK.*

**DBS/CRB Officer:** Under BWK/BWF control, through governmental links, via the BWF & BWK-Honbu websites. Enhanced (or equivalent) DBS can be obtained online and are the full responsibility of the individual club instructors to acquire, etc. Assistant instructors may not require one if they operate under [and in the presence and guidance of] the control of a 'leading dojo instructor'. However, if an assistant instructor is required to cover for a Sensei's absences, holidays, illnesses, etc., then they would be *legally* required to obtain one.

*Responsibilities: Ensure that the CRB/DBS facilities are available to all members of BWK. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWK.*

#### 4. THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

**Chief Instructor/Technical Director:** Gary E Swift Hanshi.

**Assistant Chief Instructor & Assistant Technical Director:** Ian Hunter (8th Dan) Kyoshi.

**Senior Technical Assessors:** Ian Hunter Kyoshi, Michael Rapley Kyoshi, Gordon Hoare Kyoshi, Richard House Renshi, Oren Teichmann Tashi, Mark Lawrence Renshi, James Taylor Renshi.

**Academia Assessors include:** Ian Hunter Kyoshi, Gordon Hoare Kyoshi, Richard House Renshi, Oren Teichmann Tashi, Mark Lawrence Renshi, Matthew Roberts Tashi, James Taylor Renshi, Colin Holmes Yodan, Stephen Coulson Yodan, Michael Diggie Sandan, Nicholas Llewellyn Sandan.

**Standardisation Officer (South & Southeast):** Oren Teichmann Tashi.

**The Technical Yūdan Shinsa Panel may also be assisted by 'Assistant Assessors':** Fully Qualified & Certified [by BWK-Honbu] Examining Yūdansa of 3rd Dan & above.

***NB. Only the BWK Chief Instructor has the authority to conduct official BWK Yūdan Shinsa.***



**NB. Assistant Assessors would not be involved in any way within the BWK Technical Committee.**

The BWK Executive Technical Committee will be made up of Direct Member Yūdansha of 5th Dan & above and under the direction of the BWK President.

The duties of the ETC will include, *but are not limited to*:

- a. The overview and control of the inherited historic technical standards, as handed down by **Hironori Ohtsuka Meijin** and **Tatsuo Suzuki Hanshi**, within BWK.
- b. Monitor the progress and implement/advise, where invited and/or necessary, for the promotion of Yūdansha of 4th Dan & above within the BWK.
- c. Involved with the infrastructure (both political and technical) within BWK.
- d. The organisation and promotion of the BWK Standardisation & Advancement Courses.
- e. To facilitate the organisation of the BWK Yūdan Shinsa.
- f. Have the welfare of BWK & BWK Members as the prime directive.

**NB: BWK-Honbu Full Meetings, which will include members of both BWK Executive & Technical Committees, will be held every three years, on or around the 6<sup>th</sup> of April. Various reports will be distributed, electronically, as & when necessary, etc**

#### **BWK Chief Instructor/Examiner.**

The Chief Instructor/Examiner of BWK will be Gary E Swift Hanshi.

### **5. MEMBERS & INSTRUCTORS**

- (a) Members of BWK shall be directly controlled by the BWK-Honbu and President. (This will include the control of the BWK Technical Standards, BWK Syllabus, Grade Structure, Licence Control, Insurance etc.).
- (b) BWK Members must be part of a registered/affiliated BWK Club/Group.
- (c) BWK Full Members. BWK Members and/or Instructors are considered 'Full BWK Members' and cannot be responsible, *in any form*, with another independent autonomous Wado practising group. BWK Members must not be part of another martial-arts committee, of any other autonomous group; due to obvious conflict of interests with BWK.
- (d) BWK Honorary Members. Honorary Members of BWK will have the privilege of 'Honorary Membership' and may not necessarily be a member of a registered BWK Club/Group, which would be under the regulations of the BWK Constitution. Honorary Members may also have 'visitor's accesses' to clubs and training facilities available within the BWK.
- (e) BWK Life Members. Life Members of BWK are those who have contributed extended loyalty & dedication to British Wadokai and will have been given free membership. **Insurance Requirements for 'Life Members'**. Unless your *Free Life Membership* extends to 'Club Instructor' status (i.e. running your own club), individual British Wadokai Members who hold 'Life Membership' must still require the **£10m insurance liability cover** aspect of the licence to train and/or teach, etc. Please follow link to access the latest application form to download the 'Visitors Insurance Chit' application (@£15), which also covers 'Life Members' for essential insurance requirements.  
Website link; <https://plymouthkarateschools.weebly.com/application-forms.html>
- (f) All Members must be in possession of a BWK Licence only, which must be attained within 3-weeks of starting (safe/restricted training will be free until a licence/insurance has been issued).
- (g) Student and Instructors have a responsibility to ensure that all the BWK Technical Requirements are met. Encouragement and access to BWK Advancement-Standardisation Courses are paramount in this endeavour.
- (h) Visitors/Temporary insurance is available for those who may be in membership to 'outside organisations' and who wish to train on a regular basis within BWK clubs, but do not intend to 'double-licence', which could result in violating international karate licencing rules & regulations. Restrictions of use; **for basic & limited club use only**. Holders of Visitors/Temporary Insurance would not be eligible for gradings, sparring (except within own family units), competition, instructing, course attendance, etc., as these would require a full BWK Licence. *This facility is also available to participants who wish to attend training, but do not wish to be fully licenced [for various personal reasons].*

**NB: It is forbidden by LAW to train in a Dojo without adequate insurance.**



- (i) Members must not be in membership to any other affiliation outside of BWK. It is against all International Sport Karate Rules & Regulations to 'double-licence'. **NB: It is forbidden, under 'International Sport Karate Governing Bodies & Regulations', to double-licence.**
- (j) No officer, representative or member of BWK may represent, be a member of, grade/assess or officiate for any other karate/martial-art group, association, federation or organisation purporting to practise karate in the UK or abroad. NB: There may be allowable conditions and circumstances for other IWF groups, please consult the BWK Committee for clarification.
- (k) There are NO liability insurance restrictions for minimum or maximum age of membership. Students may be of any age and would only be restricted by the relevant instructor/club, etc.
- (l) BWK Licence & Insurances covers for **traditional Wado related training only within the British Wado Federation.**
- (m) Members must be in a condition of sufficient health appropriate for the requirements of regular training. All Members (*especially those over the age of 40*) are heavily advised to have a Medical Examination BEFORE commencing into any physical activity within the BWK.
- (n) Students must be in good health, with no detrimental pre-existing illness/es or injuries.
- (o) Members will be refused training if the Instructor considers that the health and well-being of any member is at risk.
- (p) No member will be allowed to train if considered to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- (q) Members must have possession of [and use] an up to date BWK Licence/Grade Record Book and proof of National Insurance cover within **THREE WEEKS** of starting [and **PRIOR TO**] *regular Dojo training.*
- (r) All BWK Instructors are responsible for their own Dojo & participants. **NB: Club & Instructor insurance becomes INVALID if any regular participant is practising within the Dojo without adequate insurance.**
- (s) All participants, including any training-guests, visiting instructors and/or visiting students, must have possession of BWK Wadoryu Insurance (either temporary or annual cover through a BWK Licence). *See BWK Website for licence forms and temporary membership-insurance application forms, etc.*
- (t) All BWK Members have the right to train and Kyū-grade at any BWK Club he/she so wishes, so long as the initial respects, etiquettes and requirements (club attendances, instructor authorisation, etc.) have been followed and implemented.
- (u) Once accepted BWK Licenced Members are not recognised to grade outside of BWK.
- (v) Upon acceptance, members must hold, *and be in possession of*, an up to date BWK Licence **AT ALL TIMES** whilst in the Dojo environment.
- (w) New members joining from an outside karate organisation [or club] are accepted by BWK, and will have their grades also accepted by BWK through honorary status, irrelevant of style. All previously awarded 'karate' grades (Dan & Kyū) may be fully accepted, or at least accepted on an 'honorary' basis by BWK. Upon Licence Application acceptance the grade will be 'stamped' or 'signed' by the **BWK Licence Officer** at the relevant grade level or with a *generic Wado registration stamp.*



A 'stamp' and/or BWK Licence Officer's signature symbolises and entitles the member to an 'honorary status', at their present rank, until full grade registration has been accepted and approved. Club Instructors must ensure that all accepted *pre-graded* members are updated to their relevant syllabus level prior to any advancement (minimum 6-months for Kyū level and 12-months for Yūdانشa). Grade progression, from the member's present grade, can commence once all these implications have been addressed and in place. It is not the decision of the club Sensei to remove or degrade the student's present grade level. If the student is being accepted into membership they must be accepted in full.

- (x) Club Instructors joining from other organisations will be accepted; but will have to undergo regular Standardisation Course attendances before being accepted fully as BWK Examiners.
- (y) Certain cultures and religions may *restrict* participation in traditional Wadoryu Karate, due to the traditional bowing etiquettes required; students must consider this before regular training within a BWK Karate Dojo; *as all participants will be required to show the required necessary respect through mutual bowing and traditional dojo-rei.*



NB: All BWK-UK (IWF) Licences include full **British Wado Federation** National Governing Body Membership, £10m National Insurance Public & Person to Person, Instructor Liability (where applicable) and Club/Public Liability Cover for Individuals. Cover does not include interaction with organisations, individuals and clubs outside of BWK/IWF.

BWK Participants to outside events must reassure themselves, by contacting the relevant organisers, that the organisation itself has adequate insurance cover for visiting attendees and guests, etc.

## 6. AFFILIATED BWK CLUBS

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1. All BWK Instructors & Clubs will be in Direct Membership to BWK and the BWK Chief Instructor.
2. All Clubs must train in traditional Wadoryu Karate-do; as strictly promoted within the BWK, or intend to do so within 12 months of application acceptance.
3. All Clubs will run individually under the 'registered' Licensed BWK Instructor for that Club and must be teaching the official BWK Grade Syllabus and follow all Technical Standards at all times.
4. All Clubs must be run by a Licensed BWK Instructor of at least Shodan and must be of at least 18 years of age.
5. The BWK Instructor has sole responsibility *on all levels* of protection and care for individual members under his direction and tutelage.
6. All BWK Instructors are responsible for their own Dojo & participants.
7. All participants, including any guests, visiting instructors and/or students, must have possession of BWK Wadoryu Insurance (either with 'temporary/visitors insurance' or annual cover through a BWK Licence). *See BWK Website for licence application forms and temporary visitors-insurance application forms, etc.*
8. The choice of membership within the club is the sole responsibility & decision of the registered Leading Instructor of the Dojo. The Instructor can recruit, suspend, and expel any member of his club for whatever reason as he feels necessary. Club members can be expelled immediately for any justified reason (example reasons (although not exhaustive) of suspension and expelling would include breach of Dojo Rules, bad etiquette, attitude, continual lateness, bad language, etc.).
9. All Clubs must have adequate Wadoryu Insurance cover, through fully licenced membership, with Insured Registered & Licensed BWK Instructor/s in the running and control of all Club affairs.
10. Each Club must have a minimum of 2 registered officers (i.e. Instructor, Assistant Instructor/Club Secretary, etc.) present at all times.
11. Each Club must have at least one 1<sup>st</sup> Aid qualified member present at all times, *excluding the main Instructor.*
12. All Clubs must have licensed-insured & registered BWK Licensed Instructors who possess a BWF-issued Enhanced (professional or volunteer) DBS (or equivalent) and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Certification.
13. All Clubs must have insured and registered BWK Licensed Members, who must also be monitored and recorded by club register.
14. Clubs may be of any size and must meet regularly at proper premises.
15. Clubs may have either amateurs or professional (although not 'commercially motivated') instructors in membership.
16. Applications for Club Affiliation must be sent to the BWK Chief Instructor. The BWK Chief Instructor will consider all initial applications before forwarding for BWK Executive & Technical Committee involvement for credibility research.
17. All Clubs shall, upon acceptance, abide by the 'spirit' and current rules of the BWK Regulations.
18. All Clubs (Instructor/Committee, etc.) must be aware of, and strictly follow, all 'Policies' put into place for the protection of BWK Members and Instructors.
19. A BWK representative *may* investigate Club/s at any time.



20. International BWK Clubs may also need to affiliate to a National Governing Body (if there is one) in their host country. BWK-International Members are not covered by insurance through BWK Licencing. BWK Associate Members may also apply to the International Wado Federation for affiliation membership.
21. All BWK Members, who participate in organised National and/or International competition events, must only attend the official events *sanctioned* by BWK and the Governing Bodies of the British, European and International Wado Federations. *You are reminded that, unless previously arranged by the BWK-Honbu, you will be in breach of your BWK Licence Membership and Wadoryu Insurance Cover if you participate in events outside of BWK, British Wado Federation or International Wado Federation.*
22. All new club affiliations will be placed on a *Provisional Membership* until all implications of membership have been fulfilled. Club Instructors of Shodan & above, joining from other organisations, will have their grades honoured; but may have to undergo regular Standardisation Course attendances before being accepted fully as BWK Examiners. **Applications from other/outside organisations:** Depending on origination (origin of style, certification, lineage, etc.) grades registered within your existing karate licence will be 'automatically' transferred to your new BWK Licence upon acceptance (in most instances as honorary, unless of authentically recognised origination). Grade advancement may continue, once technically updated to the present grade and fully conversant with the requirements, for progression after 12-months from initial BWK Licence Registration.

Clarification of Conditions of Membership to BWK.

Only clubs that adhere to the strict BWK technical standards and requirements will be permitted to join, or remain in, BWK. Conditions for membership also include the attendance of leading & senior dojo instructors to the official BWK Standardisation Courses, run by the Chief Instructor Gary Swift Hanshi. Only BWK Wado Karate will be taught in a registered BWK Dojo. The safe running of the Club is the sole responsibility of the Registered BWK Leading/Senior Instructor present at the time. If these minimum requirements are not met, clubs will be automatically transferred to Associate Level or transferred to the British Wado Federation affiliation application process.

**NB: By applying for BWK Membership you are entering into an agreement that this is your only affiliation and lineage. Due to conflict of interests: As a member of BWK it is important that you are not also a member of any 'outside' National Governing Body or Association. No officer, representative, or similar person representing the interests of a member of BWK, may represent, be a member of, or officiate for any group, association, federation or organisation purporting to practise karate within the UK or abroad.**

## 7. BWK SYLLABUS & GRADING PROCEDURES

The Syllabus laid down by the BWK will be strictly as follows:



The Grade Syllabus of the  
British Wadokai Karate-do Federation  
Foundations Established in 1964

英国和道会空手道連盟 - 本部道場  
Eikoku Wadokai Karate-do Renmei Honbu Dojo  
Chief Instructor Gary E Swift Hanshi





*'Peace within Mutual Harmony'*

Includes All Grading Requirements from 9<sup>th</sup> Kyū to 5<sup>th</sup> Dan

Grade syllabus as introduced into the UK & Europe, by  
Suzuki Tatsuo (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Hanshi in 1964

Kaikyūdan 階級段  
The Grade Structure of British Wadokai Karate



**NOTES FOR STUDENTS ANTICIPATING A GRADING**

Before the grading date, be prepared:

1. All applicants for gradings must wear a clean white Gi.
2. Mon (Badge/s) must be worn on the left side of the Gi.
3. Ensure you have read and understood the Club Rules.
4. Ensure you have an up-to-date **BWK Licence**.
5. Ensure you have correct grade registration remittance prior to grading.
6. Bring your **Club Attendance Record Card** for proof of club attendance.
7. And probably most important, *make sure you 'know' what you need to know for your grading.*

Best etiquette must be observed at all times (bad etiquette will result in instant failure). Ensure you pay your respects to the examiner/s in the correct way (always bowing, etc.). Always sit in the crossed legged position, during the 'rest' period between techniques, in the Shimoza area, or allocated rest area, of the Dojo. When called for any aspect of the grading, bow when entering the Dojo-floor.

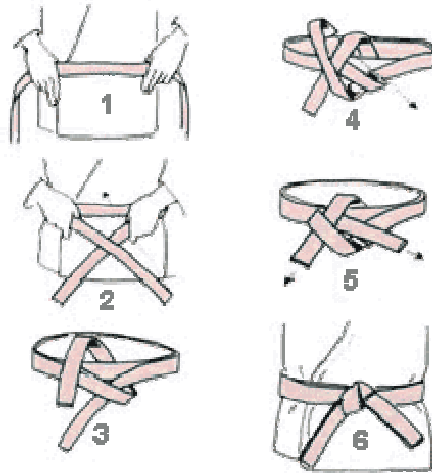
Before the practical aspect of the grading commences, you will be required to kneel before the Examiner/s desk. From here you will be asked to recite the Dojo-kun (Japanese & English) and



remove your Obi from your waist and fold it in front of you. Upon a further command, you will retie the Obi correctly around your waist. You will then wait for further instructions. The correct way to tie the Obi 帯 in traditional Wadoryu Karate.

**How to tie a belt in the traditional Wadoryu Hon-Musubi method.**

- 1) Find the middle of the belt and place against your waist and **overlap/cross** around the back.
- 2) Bring the ends to the front and cross the ends right over left.
- 3) Tuck the right end under BOTH strands (between the Gi and Belt) and pull tight.
- 4, 5) Complete the knot by tying left over right and through.
- 6) Pull ends tightly sideways (never up and down) and allow ends to hang symmetrically.



During 9<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Kyū Gradings all terminology & commands will be spoken first in Japanese followed by English. 7<sup>th</sup> Kyū and upwards all terminology & commands will be in Japanese.



Commands on this grading will be given first in Japanese then in English.

DOJO-KUN (Recited in Japanese and English), as with ALL proceeding grades. For 9<sup>th</sup> Kyū, you will also be tested on correct traditional Wado-ryu belt-tying technique (Hon-Musubi). 本結び

UKE (Blocks)

Performed from Junzuki-dachi.

1. Jodan-uke: *Head block*
2. Chudan-soto-uke: *Body outer block*
3. Chudan-uchi-uke: *Body inner block*
4. Gedan-barai: *Lower body sweeping block*

KIHON-WAZA (Fundamental techniques)

Performed from Hanmi-gamae.

1. Jodan-tsuki: *Head punch*
2. Uraken-uchi-jodan: *Head back-fist strike*
3. Maegeri-chudan: *Body front kick*
4. Surikomi-maegeri-chudan: *One step body front kick*
5. Mawashigeri-chudan: *Body round-house kick*
6. Surikomi-mawashigeri-chudan: *One step body round-house kick*

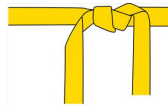
DOJO-KUN 道場訓

Japanese	Translation	Phonetic
REISETSU-O-MAMORI	Stick to the rules of the Dojo.	Ray sets o mamory
SHINGI-O-OMANJI:	Be loyal to your Instructor.	Shin gee o oman jee



JOJITSU-NI-OBERESU	Students and Instructors are not all one; never take advantage of his friendship.	Joe jitsu nee obberezu
SHINKENMI-NI-TESEYO	Be serious in your efforts.	Shin ken mee nee tesseyo

8<sup>th</sup> KYŪ 八級



Commands on this grading will be given first in Japanese then in English.

DOJO-KUN (Recited in Japanese and English), as with ALL proceeding grades. For 8<sup>th</sup> Kyū, you will also be tested on your belt-tying technique.

#### KIHON-WAZA (Fundamental techniques)

1. Junzuki, Mawatte-jodan-uke: *Straight punch, turn with head block*
2. Gyakuzuki, Mawatte-gedan-barai: *Reverse punch, turn with lower body sweeping block*
3. Maegeri-chudan: *Front kick to the body.*
4. Surikomi-maegeri-chudan: *One step front kick to the body.*
5. Sokuto-fumikomi-hiza: *Side edge stamping kick to the knee.*

#### RENRAKU-WAZA (Combination techniques)

1. Maegeri-chudan-tobikomizuki-jodan: *Front kick to the body, snap punch to the head.*
2. Surikomi-maegeri-chudan-tobikomizuki-jodan: *One step front kick to the body, snap punch to the head.*
3. Maegeri-chudan-gyakuzuki-chudan: *Front kick, reverse punch to the body.*
4. Surikomi-maegeri-chudan-gyakuzuki-chudan: *One step front kick, reverse punch to the body.*

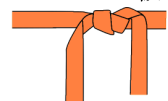
#### UKE (Blocking techniques)

Performed from junzuki-dachi

1. Chudan-soto-uke-gyakuzuki: *Body outer block, reverse punch.*
2. Chudan-uchi-uke-gyakuzuki: *Body inner block, reverse punch.*

*All blocks are performed with turning block (outer/inner), followed by reverse punch.*

7<sup>th</sup> KYŪ 七級



Commands for 7<sup>th</sup> Kyū & above will be in Japanese.

#### KIHON-WAZA 基本技

1. Junzuki-no-tsukkomi
2. Gyakuzuki-no-tsukkomi
3. Mawashigeri-chudan

#### RENRAKU-WAZA 連絡技

1. Maegeri-chudan – Mawashigeri-chudan – Gyakuzuki-chudan
2. Surikomi-maegeri-chudan – Mawashigeri-chudan – Gyakuzuki-chudan

#### UKE 受け

#### SANBON-GUMITE 三本組手

1. Junzuki-uke; Gohonme (chudan soto-uke - maegeri - gyakuzuki), Ropponme (chudan uchi-uke - empi)



## KATA 形

1. Pinan Nidan

6<sup>th</sup> KYŪ 六級



## KIHON-WAZA 基本技

1. Kette-junzuki
2. Kette-gyakuzuki
3. Tobikomizuki-jodan
4. Surikomi-mawashigeri-chudan
5. Surikomi-sokuto-chudan

## RENRAKU-WAZA 連絡技

1. Maegeri-chudan – Sokuto-fumikomi-hiza – Gyakuzuki-chudan
2. Surikomi-maegeri-chudan – Sokuto-chudan – Gyakuzuki-chudan

## UKE 受け

## SANBON-GUMITE 三本組手

1. Junzuki-uke; Ipponme, Nihonme
2. Maegeri-uke; Ipponme, Nihonme

## OHYO-GUMITE 応用組手

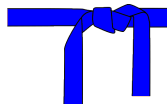
1. Ipponme

## KATA 形

1. Pinan Shodan
2. Pinan Sandan

## JYU-GUMITE 自由組手

5<sup>th</sup> KYŪ 五級



## KIHON-WAZA 基本技

1. Kette-junzuki
2. Kette-gyakuzuki
3. Kette-junzuki-no-tsukkomi
4. Kette-gyakuzuki-no-tsukkomi
5. Nagashizuki-jodan
6. Ushirogeri-gedan
7. Sokuto-chudan
8. Nidangeri-jodan

## RENRAKU-WAZA 連絡技

1. Mawashigeri-chudan – Ushirogeri-gedan – Gyakuzuki-chudan
2. Surikomi-sokuto-fumikomi-hiza – Ushirogeri-gedan – Uraken-uchi-jodan

## UKE 受け

## SANBON-GUMITE 三本組手

1. Junzuki-uke; Sanbonme, Yonhonme
2. Maegeri-uke; Sanbonme, Yonhonme



OHYO-GUMITE 応用組手

1. Nihonme

KATA 形

1. Pinan Sandan
2. Pinan Yodan

JIYU-GUMITE 自由組手

4<sup>th</sup> KYŪ 四級



KIHON-WAZA 基本技

1. Kette-junzuki
2. Kette-gyakuzuki
3. Kette-junzuki-no-tsukkomi
4. Kette-gyakuzuki-no-tsukkomi
5. Nagashizuki-jodan
6. Mawashigeri-chudan
7. Ushirogeri-chudan
8. Sokuto-chudan

RENRAKU-WAZA 連絡技

1. Maegeri-chudan – Nagashizuki-jodan – Gyakuzuki-chudan
2. Surikomi-maegeri-chudan – Nagashizuki-jodan – Mawashigeri-chudan
3. Maegeri-chudan – Sokuto-fumikomi-hiza – Ushirogeri-gedan – Gyakuzuki-chudan

UKE 受け

SANBON-GUMITE 三本組手

1. Junzuki-uke; Gohonme, Ropponme
2. Maegeri-uke; Gohonme, Ropponme

OHYO-GUMITE 応用組手

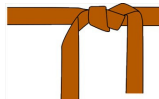
1. Sanbonme

KATA 形

1. Pinan Yodan
2. Pinan Godan

JIYU-GUMITE 自由組手

3<sup>rd</sup> KYŪ 三級



KIHON-WAZA 基本技

1. Kette-junzuki
2. Kette-gyakuzuki
3. Kette-junzuki-no-tsukkomi
4. Kette-gyakuzuki-no-tsukkomi
5. Tobikomizuki-jodan
6. Nagashizuki-jodan
7. Mawashigeri-jodan



8. Ushirogeri-chudan
9. Surikomi-sokuto-jodan

#### RENRAKU-WAZA 連絡技

1. Surikomi-maegeri-chudan – Mawashigeri-chudan – Ushirogeri-chudan – Gyakuzuki-chudan
2. Maegeri-chudan - Nagashizuki-jodan – Gyakuzuki-chudan – Mawashigeri-chudan
3. Surikomi-maegeri-chudan – Sokuto-fumikomi-hiza – Ushirogeri-chudan – Uraken-uchi-jodan

#### UKE 受け

#### SANBON-GUMITE 三本組手

1. Junzuki-uke; Ipponme, Nihonme
2. Maegeri-uke; Ipponme, Nihonme

#### OHYO-GUMITE 応用組手

1. Yonhonme

#### KIHON-GUMITE 基本組手

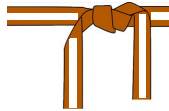
1. Ipponme
2. Nihonme

#### KATA 形

1. Ku-Shanku

#### JYU-GUMITE 自由組手

2<sup>nd</sup> KYŪ 二級



#### KIHON-WAZA 基本技

1. Kette-junzuki
2. Kette-gyakuzuki
3. Kette-junzuki-no-tsukkomi
4. Kette-gyakuzuki-no-tsukkomi
5. Nagashizuki-jodan
6. Mawashigeri-jodan
7. Sokuto-jodan
8. Ushirogeri-chudan
9. Nidangeri-jodan

#### RENRAKU-WAZA 連絡技

1. Surikomi-maegeri-chudan – Nagashizuki-jodan – Mawashigeri-jodan
2. Maegeri-chudan – Sokuto-chudan – Ushirogeri-chudan – Gyakuzuki-chudan
3. Zenshinshite-jodan - Renzuki-chudan - Surikomi-maegeri-chudan - Mawashigeri-chudan - Gyakuzuki-chudan

#### UKE 受け

#### SANBON-GUMITE 三本組手

1. Junzuki-uke; Sanbonme, Yonhonme
2. Maegeri-uke; Sanbonme, Yonhonme

#### OHYO-GUMITE 応用組手

1. Gohonme



## 2. Ropponme

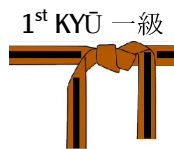
### KIHON-GUMITE 基本組手

1. Sanbonme
2. Yonhonme

### KATA 形

1. Ku-Shanku
2. Nai-hanchi

### JYU-GUMITE 自由組手



### KIHON-WAZA 基本技

1. Kette-junzuki
2. Kette-gyakuzuki
3. Kette-junzuki-no-tsukkomi
4. Kette-gyakuzuki-no-tsukkomi
5. Nagashizuki-jodan
6. Surikomi-mawashigeri-jodan
7. Surikomi-sokuto-jodan
8. Ushirogeri-chudan
9. Nidangeri-jodan

### RENRAKU-WAZA 連絡技

1. Zenshinshite-jodan - Renzuki-chudan - Maegeri-chudan - Mawashigeri-chudan - Ushirogeri-chudan - Gyakuzuki-chudan
2. Surikomi-jodan - Renzuki-chudan - Surikomi-maegeri-chudan - Mawashigeri-chudan - Ushirogeri-chudan - Uraken-uchi-jodan
3. Zenshinshite-jodan - Renzuki-chudan - Maegeri-chudan - Nagashizuki-jodan - Gyakuzuki-chudan - Mawashigeri-jodan

### UKE 受け

### SANBON-GUMITE 三本組手

1. Junzuki-uke; Gohonme, Ropponme
2. Maegeri-uke; Gohonme, Ropponme

### OHYO-GUMITE 応用組手

1. Nanahonme
2. Napponme

### KIHON-GUMITE 基本組手

1. Gohonme

### KATA 形

1. Ku-Shanku
2. Seishan
3. Chinto

### JYU-GUMITE 自由組手

YŪDAN 有段者



#### KIHON-WAZA 基本技

1. Kette-junzuki
2. Kette-gyakuzuki
3. Kette-junzuki-no-tsukkomi
4. Kette-gyakuzuki-no-tsukkomi
5. Tobikomizuki-jodan
6. Nagashizuki-jodan
7. Mawashigeri-jodan
8. Sokuto-jodan
9. Ushirogeri-chudan
10. Nidangeri-jodan

#### RENRAKU-WAZA 連絡技

1. Zenshinshite-jodan - Renzuki-chudan - Maegeri-chudan - Mawashigeri-jodan - Ushirogeri-chudan - Uraken-uchi-jodan
  2. Surikomi-jodan - Renzuki-chudan - Surikomi-sokuto-jodan - Ushirogeri-chudan - Gyakuzuki-chudan
  3. Zenshinshite-jodan - Renzuki-chudan - Maegeri-chudan - Nagashizuki-jodan - Gyakuzuki-chudan - Mawashigeri-jodan - Ushirogeri-chudan - Uraken-uchi-jodan
- Not applicable for 4<sup>th</sup> Dan or over.*

#### KATA 形

At least three Kata will be selected from the first nine, as Examiner/s choice.

#### JYU-GUMITE 自由組手

#### HIKKI-SHIKEN 筆記試験

Please see below for 'grade specific' additional required elements.

#### SHODAN 壹段

##### SANBON-GUMITE 三本組手

All

##### OHYO-GUMITE 応用組手

Ipponme, Nihonme, Sanbonme, Yonhonme

##### KIHON-GUMITE 基本組手

Ipponme, Nihonme, Sanbonme, Yonhonme

#### KATA 形

Bassai, Wanshu

#### NIDAN 貳段

##### SANBON-GUMITE 三本組手

All

##### OHYO-GUMITE 応用組手

Gohonme, Ropponme, Nanahonme, Napponme

##### KIHON-GUMITE 基本組手

Gohonme, Ropponme, Nanahonme, Napponme





KATA 形  
Ni-sei-shi, Rohai

SANDAN 参段

SANBON-GUMITE 三本組手  
All

OHYO-GUMITE 応用組手  
All

KIHON-GUMITE 基本組手  
All

KATA 形  
Ji'tte, Ji'han, Ji'in.

**NB: There are no official physical or technical gradings past 3rd Dan.** However, the following *unofficial* technical syllabus has been structured and introduced, and *may* be used, for newly accepted BWK Members who have **not trained and/or graded** through the ranks of the full BWK Dan Grade Syllabus of 1st Dan to 3rd Dan.

This syllabus is also available to BWK members, who *have* graded through the full syllabus of 1st to 3rd Dan, but who 'wish' to pursue a 'physical' grading past 3rd Dan as their choice (or for any other various requirement/s). *The official time-lapses must also be taken into consideration.*

Grades of 4<sup>th</sup> Dan & above are traditionally awarded through time-served dedication and loyalty to British Wadokai, above & beyond the normal training requirements, etc.



British Wadokai Grade Syllabus  
4th Dan to 5th Dan

YODAN 肆段 GODAN 伍段

SANBON-GUMITE  
All

OHYO-GUMITE  
All

KIHON-GUMITE  
All

KATA  
Ku-Shanku, Naihanchi, Seishan, Chinto, Bassai, Wanshu, Ni-Sei-Shi, Rohai, Ji'tte, Ji'han, Ji'in

## 8. YŪDAN SHINSA

Yūdan Shinsa.

There are regular BWK Yūdan Shinsa (Black-belt Gradings) held each year and will be available in various areas. See BWK Date Section for full details.

### The BWK Dan 段 Grading.

All Dan grade examinations will be monitored by qualified **BWK** Yūdansa who possess Examiners/Instructors certificates/qualifications required for Panel Judges.



Level 4a may grade up to Shodan, 4b up to Nidan, 4c up to Sandan, etc.  
Level 5; is reserved for the BWK President/Chief Instructor. Please also see Section 12.

**Only BWK licenced members, who are directly involved, would be invited or permitted to attend an official BWK Yūdan Shinsa.** The applicant's main instructor may also be required to attend.

Before conducting a practical grading it is important that the 90-minute written examination has been completed.

When the applicant has handed over his BWK Licence ensure to check to see if it up to date. If it is seen to invalid, reject applicant immediately.

During assessment always take medical, age, mental & physical aspects & implications into consideration at all times. For example if someone suffers from dyslexia he may find problems with coordination. He may find problems with, or incapable of, reciting the Dojo-kun. Remember, a fully-able person 'should' know his stuff! If he does not, then mark him accordingly. You may need to refer to the applicant's regular instructor for verification of ability/disability.

All applicants are judged as **adults**, irrespective of age. The Grade Scoring Process will determine whether a 'junior' applicant receives a 'junior' or 'senior' pass for his grade (this applies only to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan levels). Each applicant will be marked as 8.5 for each segment if the standards achieved reflect the grade attempting. For example, in the event an applicant is attempting Shodan, the kihon-waza demonstrated should be that of Shodan standard. If it is better than that expected of Shodan then mark higher, if not, mark average (8.5) or lower, etc.

**NB.** A minimum 'pass' would be a total accumulated figure of 82%. However, if the applicant is a junior, and his score is below that of 82%, he may pass as a Shodan-ho/Nidan-ho if he has achieved 72% or above in both written and practical aspects of the grading. *There are no junior-pass marks for Sandan.*

Example (below) of the 10-Section Grade Sheet, which must equate to a minimum of 82% for full Yūdan pass in both the Written and Practical Tests.

NB: As you may notice *Attendance, Dedication and Loyalty* makes up 20% of the total marking, emphasising the importance of these aspects.

**Dan Grade Examiner's Sheet Pattern.**



	British Wadokai Karate-do Federation Assessment Sheet for 1st to 3rd Dan											
	Examiner:				Ex. Lev:				Date:			
Name & Grade Attempting	Kihon Waza	Renraku Waza	Sanbon Gumite	Ohyo Gumite	Kihon Gumite	Kata Choice	Kata Syllabus	Jiyu Gumite	Dedicated Training	Attitude & Loyalty	Practical Result	Written Result

**Grade Sheet Sections & Score Interpretations.**

- ✚ Section 1 to 8: Kihon Waza to Jiyu-Gumite: A score of 10 would be considered faultless/perfect. Above Average; 8.5-9.9. Average for grade 8.5. Poor, but 'passable', 8.2. Below 8.2; failed that section (score may be levelled up in other sections).
- ✚ Dedicated Training: A score of 10% reflects 100% attendance for usual Dojo training activities and all additional Standardisation & Advancement Courses, etc.  
**Break-down. Usual Dojo attendance:** Training at least twice a week: up to 8.5%. **Training once a week (passable):** 8.2%. **Sporadic training less than once a week:** up to 8.1%. **Full Attendance of Standardisation Courses:** An additional 25% would be added to final Dojo maximum score of 10%.
- ✚ Attitude & Loyalty. Reflects on a student's attitude in the Dojo and respect to his instructors and others around him. He must be 100% committed to Wado karate, the Dojo and Sensei to achieve a maximum score of 10%.

**A BWK Yūdan Assessment Panel (YAP) is available to all members.**

All Yūdan Shinsa:

- (a) Will be charged per student prior to grading. See Charges (Constitution/Application Form).
- (b) Will be charged for Registration (included in grade fee).
- (c) Yūdan Gradings will be conducted privately. Only BWK members must be involved, or have been previously invited, by the BWK President may attend. There will be no recording devices or photography allowed during the performance of an official BWK Yūdan Shinsa.
- (d) BWK Examiners of any level may be in attendance for personal examination training purposes.
- (e) All those present, including applicants, assistants and examiners involved must hold an up to date BWK Licence.
- (f) All pre-registrations for Yūdan Gradings must be applied for **AT LEAST TWO MONTHS** before intended grading date.
- (g) All applicants for Gradings of Sandan must be registered (and insured) as an Instructor of a regular Dojo prior to application; Sandan and above are officially 'Sensei' grades.
- (h) All applicants for the physical Gradings of Yodan, and above, must be registered (and insured) as a Main Instructor of a regular Dojo.
- (i) All Yūdansa will be judged & marked for a pass as: 82% (and above) Practical. 82% (and above) Written.



- (j) All Junior Yūdansha: If the applicant is classified as a junior (10 to 17) he may be awarded a senior level if the senior scores are reached (see subsection (g) above). However if a 'senior' score has not been achieved a 'Junior Yūdansha' (Shodan-ho/Nidan-ho, etc.) pass will be accepted if scored for a pass of: 72% (and above) Practical. 72% (and above) Written. **This only applies to 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan level. \***
- (k) All BWK Yūdan gradings will be headed by the BWK President, Gary E Swift Hanshi, or (*in extreme extenuating circumstances*) a fully qualified individual elected by and operating on behalf of the BWK Chief Instructor/Examiner.
- (l) All Examiners, intending to be part of the BWK Yūdan Assessment Panel, must wear the appropriate Judges & Examiners attire (blazer, tie, etc.) or traditional Wado Karate-gi.

\* NB: **Shodan-ho/Nidan-ho.** Although not technically considered a point of *failure*, but rather a deficit of adult status/achievement, junior Yūdansha will **not be** granted grading powers or further advancement until reassessment to full Yūdansha has first been achieved. Reassessment from 'junior' Yūdan to 'senior' Yūdan may be conducted after 6-months from the original Shodan-ho/Nidan-ho grade date, by the BWK Chief Instructor/Examiner.

NB: Yūdansha Applicants: The student's MAIN INSTRUCTOR will issue, *to the eligible member*, an up-to-date 'Yūdan Shinsa Application Form'.

**Grading & Advancement, for prerequisite application requirements: Official intervals/minimum training requirements/guidelines for Yūdan applicants.**

Originally, once 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan was achieved, there were no 'official' time periods between black-belt ranks with honorary grades from 4<sup>th</sup> Dan upwards, just 'recommended intervals'. However, BWK has introduced the grading structure that is adopted by the Japanese Karate Federation Wadokai (JKF-Wadokai). Please note the following time-lapses for Yūdan levels since 1964.

**Due to inheritance, these include certain elements of the Suzuki-ryu (UKKW) and JKF-Wadokai guidelines adopted by BWK.**

PRACTICAL DAN	MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS	EXAM. FEE	REG. FEE
1 DAN	1 Kyū for 9 Months (age 10+)	£75	£75
2 DAN	1 Dan for 18 Months (age 12+)	£75	£75
3 DAN	2 Dan for 3 Years (age 18+)	£75	£75
4 DAN	3 Dan for 4 Years	£75	£75
5 DAN	4 Dan for 5 Years	£75	£75
6 DAN	5 Dan for 6 Years (age 35+)	£75	£75
7 DAN	6 Dan for 7 Years (age 40+)	£75	£75
8 DAN	7 Dan for 8 Years (age 50+)	£75	£75
9 DAN	8 Dan for 9 Years (age 60+)	£75	£75
<b>Transfer to Regular from Junior Through Reassessment.</b>			
1 DAN	Age 14+	Nil	Nil
2 DAN	Age 16+	Nil	Nil
Transfer to Wado Through Grade Transfer and/or Reassessment (transferring style, etc.).			
DAN LEVEL	MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS	EXAM. FEE	REG. FEE
ALL DAN	Pre-existing Dan Level	N/a	Nil
RECOMMENDED DAN*	MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS	EXAM. FEE	REG. FEE
1 DAN	Practical Karate for 5 Years	Nil	£75
2 DAN	1 Dan for 2 Years	Nil	£75
3 DAN	2 Dan for 3 Years	Nil	£75
4 DAN	3 Dan for 4 Years	Nil	Nil
5 DAN	4 Dan for 5 Years, Age 40+	Nil	Nil



6 DAN	5 Dan for 6 Years, Age 45+	Nil	Nil
7 DAN	6 Dan for 7 Years, Age 50+	Nil	Nil
8 DAN	7 Dan for 8 Years	Nil	Nil
9 Dan	8 Dan for 9 Years	Nil	Nil
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS</b>	<b>EXAM. FEE</b>	<b>REG. FEE</b>
Tashi	3 Dan for 2 years, Age 25+	Nil	Nil
Renshi	4 Dan for 2 Years, Age 35+	Nil	Nil
Kyoshi	Renshi for 5 Years, 6 Dan, Age 45+	Nil	Nil
Hanshi	Kyoshi for 10 Years, 8 Dan, Age 55+	Nil	Nil

\*Recommended Dan refers to Grades Awarded as honorary. Only the Chief Instructor of BWK has the power to award/promote any individual, at any time, through honorary 1<sup>st</sup> Dan to 9<sup>th</sup> Dan inclusive. Promotion is **NOT** guaranteed, even through time-served service. Each candidate is individually assessed & reviewed, over time, for his attitude, dedication and loyalty to BWK. Training and/or teaching simply once a week at their 'local Dojo' may not be sufficient in promotion from 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan to 4<sup>th</sup> Dan, for example. Attendences to specialist courses (such as BWK Standardisation Courses and BWK Advancement Courses, etc.), involvement in competitions, special events, etc., would also be taken into consideration – ***dedication gets results***

Please refer to the 'time-served' periods for 'Practical Dan', for the 'normal' period between honorary grade promotion. These are considered the minimum time-lapses

\*\*Examination fee includes; Chief Examiner travelling expenses, Dojo rent, Obi (if applicable), signed & frame BWK certificate, all administration.

\*\*\*Unless the individual 'resigns' this is a 'life-time registration', which means upon the BWK/BWF moving to another National, International or World Governing Body the grades will be automatically transferred & registered ***FREE OF CHARGE*** to the new affiliation. **Any new affiliated black-belt certificate will also be sent to the registered Yūdansa *FREE OF CHARGE***

NB: All BWK members wishing to pursue Yūdan Shinsa should have already attended the required **minimum BWK Standardisation/Advancement Courses** (please refer to Yūdan Shinsa Application Form).

In respect to 'Dojo Training Sessions', this ***DOES NOT*** include 'Dojo Teaching Hours'. However, if in exceptional circumstances such as accessibility, impractical distance of location and venue, etc., ***discretion may be made for certain deficits***.

BWK Dan Grade Application (1<sup>st</sup> Dan to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan):

- For applicants up to and including 3rd Dan the BWK will only accept individuals for grading who have been recommended by their MAIN INSTRUCTOR to grade.
- Applications to *grade* from 3rd Dan must be from individuals who already teach within an established BWK Club or run their own BWK Club/s.
- Applications for Yūdan grades may be refused or rejected without reason.
- It is the member's own responsibility to send the application **AT LEAST TWO MONTHS** prior to the grading date. See Date Section for details. ***All late applications will be rejected & returned.***
- All aspects of the application form must be filled correctly and signed, including the correct remittance. ***Incomplete applications will be rejected & returned.***
- The applicant must grade on the applied grade date, or forfeit the grading fee (with the exception of extenuating circumstances, such as ill-health, etc.).
- Applications for physical gradings can be accepted for all Yūdan levels up to & including 5<sup>th</sup> Dan.

BWK Dan Grade Progression (4<sup>th</sup> Dan to 8<sup>th</sup> Dan):

- There are no *physical gradings* for 4<sup>th</sup> Dan & above, within BWK, for 'full' BWK Members who have trained with a provable unbroken membership and graded through the full BWK grade structure.



- Individuals for *promotion* of 4<sup>th</sup> Dan, and up-to and including 8<sup>th</sup> Dan, must be through 'recommendation' (i.e. from the relevant senior instructor to the BWK President, or by the BWK President himself). Individuals may **NOT** recommend themselves for promotion. *In these instances all 'promotions' will be issued free of charge.*
- An applicant may not be immediately considered for promotion unless all required aspects are met (such as essential course attendances, etc.). See Standardisation & Advancement Course details (Section 12 onwards).
- Applicants who have not trained & graded through the BWK process, or who have a broken membership history during any Yūdan period, *may* be required to grade for their future Yūdan level/s. *Please refer to charges.*

#### **BWK Yūdan Shinsa Administration.**

Clubs that wish to facilitate a BWK Yūdan Shinsa can do so by contacting the BWK Technical Committee, *or Chief Instructor*, to arrange a date for inclusion in the BWK Date Section & Calendar. All expenses, venue costs, administration, Chief Examiner expenses, etc., will be taken from central BWK funds, *so the host Club and/or Instructor would not be liable or incur any expenses.*

#### **BWK Yūdan Assessment Panel (YAP).**

Black-belt gradings are **not open to the public or others** outside of BWK. Only those of BWK membership involved with the grading, and those expressly invited by the Chief Examiner, may attend these events.

The BWK Black-Belt Grading/Assessment Panel will consist of:

- The BWK Chief Instructor.
- BWK Senior Examiners (5<sup>th</sup> Dan & Above).
- Invited BWK Examiners (3<sup>rd</sup> Dan & above, depending on level/s of examinees).
- BWK Training Examiners Invited by the BWK Chief Instructor.

Although both grades & titles can be applied for (through normal examination and/or written paper procedures), it must be noted that they can also be awarded by the BWK President through 'time honoured' dedicated research and contribution to the BWK. **ONLY** the BWK President, taking into consideration loyal and dedicated contribution to BWK etc., can 'award' these Yūdan grades.

All BWK-Honbu Yūdan Gradings in the UK are held at least twice a year, and are listed in the BWK Date Section. BWK Yūdan Shinsa will be open and available to all qualifying BWK Members.

## **9. BWK YŪDAN SHINSA**

### **The BWK Yūdan 有段 Grading**

The running and maintaining of the Black-Belt Gradings are the sole responsibility of the BWK Chief Instructor/Examiner. *No Club or Group may claim to run an official BWK Yūdan Shinsa.* All payments received from participants/applicants to be made payable direct to the BWK Administration. Shodan to Sandan grades are achievable through the Yūdan Shinsa process (Yodan & above may also be achieved in this way through individual choice). Grades of Yodan & above are through the BWK's honorary system and can only be achieved through total dedication, loyalty, contribution and/or through a dedicated time-honoured process.

### **INSTANT FAILURES**

An applicant will instantly fail due to the following conditions:

- Does not take the grading seriously.
- Communicates to his partner, especially during pair-work.
- Talks through the grading.
- Has little or no knowledge of his requirements.
- Shows signs of bad attitude, disrespect or little regard for the proceedings. *Bad attitude will not be tolerated in any grading.*
- Insufficient score for passing.

### **Failure of Dan Gradings.**



Upon any Dan grade being failed (irrespective of written, practical or both) the student must produce a minimum training record, *FROM FAILURE DATE*, of at least 52-training sessions AND 6-calendar months before the retake can be honoured by the Yūdan Assessment Panel. However, students will only be required to retake the element/s they have failed (for example, if the student has only failed the practical he does not need to retake the written, and/or vice-versa). The part/element re-take facility will only be valid for 12-months from the original failure date, after this time both elements will have to be retaken.

To clarify: In the event of a 'retake', due to a failure, illness or non-attendance/cancellation, the applicant may reapply for a second attempt after 6-months from the failure date (application must be submitted in the usual way at least 2-months prior to the actual grading date (see Date Section for details)).

All applicants **MUST** reapply using the official Yūdan Shinsa Application Form, available from your instructor, BWK Administration Department, or BWK Website.

Injuries.

Applicants for any grade (Dan or Kyū) must be in a personal peak condition to grade. If injured, temporarily or permanent, the applicant must not proceed with grading (or regular training, for that matter) until the injury has been 'cleared' by a trained physician. *Permanent injuries will require individual assessment prior to training/grading progression.*

## 10. BWK KYŪ SHINSA

### The BWK Kyū 級 Grading

BWK operates an 'Open Grading Policy', whereby BWK Members/Students may attend and grade at any BWK 'Open Grading' held within a club of BWK. This policy was originally implemented (in 1965 by Suzuki Hanshi) so as members may be able to advance; even though their own instructor may not possess the adequate qualification to promote higher than his designated level (see BWK Grade Levels). Any BWK Member may grade at any of these 'BWK Open Gradings' for their relevant Kyū Grade advancement, as long as the Examiner present has the adequate qualifications to grade the level attempting to be attained, etc. The student's own main instructor (if not in possession of the correct grade qualifications) must be the first 'port-of-call' if a student wishes to participate in one of these 'open gradings'. The instructor may 'advise' a student, but should not disallow him completely from attending the grading; *unless for reasons of readiness, attitude, inadequate training or time-served requirement deficits, etc.* Remember, this facility is for students whose own instructor is unable to grade those wishing to peruse advancement. ***NB: Only BWK Examiners may grade/assess BWK Licenced Members.***

All grades are to be registered within BWK.

- (a) The relevant Grading Examiner must retain all Kyū Grade Sheets; a copy (or list) must be sent to the BWK Licence Officer, when completed, for registration.
- (b) All BWK Yūdan Shinsa will be conducted & headed by the BWK President, Gary E Swift Hanshi.

### Official intervals/minimum training requirements for Kyū Grades

- Beginner to 9th Kyū = Minimum 6-weeks training duration, measured from **BWK Licence Registration Issue Date**.
- Kyū grade duration between each rank from 9th Kyū to 1st Kyū = Minimum 3 Months duration with a **minimum** of 12 Training Sessions at a **Fully Registered BWK Club**.
- Retake after failure = Minimum 3-months (no exceptions).

Kyū Grade Scoring

All Kyū grade examinations will be monitored by all qualified **BWK** Yūdانشa who possess Examiners/Instructors certificates/qualifications.

1. Level 1; allows the examiner to grade up to 6th Kyū
2. Level 2; allows the examiner to grade up to 3rd Kyū
3. Level 3; allows the examiner to grade up to 1st Kyū
4. Level 4; entitlements are split into segments: Level 4a up to Shodan, 4b up to Nidan, 4c up



to Sandan. Level 5; is reserved for the BWK President/Chief Instructor.

Before conducting a Kyū grading ensure that the correct grade fee has been paid to the Examiner, Secretary, Treasurer, etc. Upon the applicant handing over his/her **BWK Licence and Club Attendance Record Card**, check to see if it up to date. Ensure that there are sufficient time-lapses and training sessions between grades by checking the student's **Club Attendance Record Card**.

During assessment always take medical, age, mental & physical aspects into consideration at all times. For example if someone suffers from dyslexia he may find problems with coordination. He may find problems with, or incapable of, reciting the Dojo-kun. Remember, a fully able-bodied person 'should' know his stuff! If he does not, then mark him accordingly. Applicants for any grade (Dan or Kyū) must be in a personal peak condition to grade. If injured, temporarily or permanent, the applicant must not proceed with grading (or regular training, for that matter) until the injury has been 'cleared' by a physician. Permanent injuries will require individual assessment prior to training/grading progression.

There will be no recording devices or photography allowed during the performance of a BWK Shinsa.

### INSTANT FAILURES

You must fail an applicant who; a. Does not take the grading seriously. b. Communicates to his partner, especially during pair-work. c. Talks through the grading. d. Has little or no knowledge of his requirements. e. Insufficient score on Grade Sheet for passing. f. Shows signs of bad attitude, disrespect or little regard for the proceedings. Bad attitude will not be tolerated in any grading.

### Failure of Kyū Gradings.

Upon any Kyū grade being failed the student must produce a minimum training record, *FROM FAILURE DATE*, of at least a minimum of 12-training sessions AND 3-calendar months before the retake can be honoured.

### Exceptional Students.

Although there is a minimal gap of 3-months between each Kyū grade, exceptional dedicated students, *those who have passed over & beyond the expectations of a 1<sup>st</sup> Class Pass*, may be offered the opportunity to take their next grade after a 6-week period.

**NB. These facilities are in the event of extenuating circumstances, which are in place ONLY for those with EXCEPTIONAL skill and understanding.**

### Grade Scoring

Grade	3rd Class Pass	2nd Class Pass	1st Class Pass
9th Kyū	10+	20+	30+
8th Kyū	12+	25+	30+
7th Kyū	12+	25+	30+
6th Kyū	25+	30+	45+
5th Kyū	25+	40+	60+
4th Kyū	25+	45+	65+
3rd Kyū	40+	65+	85+
2nd Kyū	40+	65+	85+
1st Kyū	45+	70+	95+

Score	Symbol
Faultless;	0
Above Average; 3	







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Kyu Grade Level: 7<sup>th</sup>

Examiner: Dan Grade

Date: 18/3/13

Full Name	DK	Obi	Kihon-waza					Renraku-waza		Sanbon	Ohyo	Kihon	Kata	Jiyu	Class
Joe Jutsu	○	△	△	△	△				△	△					24
Ken Jutsu	△	△	△	△	△				△	△					25
Sue Hari	X	△	△	△	△				△	△					24

### Further Notes Regarding Kyū & Dan Gradings.

Students Who Refuse to Fight!

Students who refuse to fight [for various reasons] for gradings will be given the 'X' mark for their fighting contribution (wrong/inadequate).

A student must be prepared 100% to participate in gradings; *or wait until he is fit enough to contribute and/or fully perform within his grade*. A grading is a test of the all-round ability of the student, if he cannot [or is unable to] fight for his grade, then there is deficit in his ability to perform fully as a Wado-ka.

This also effects & includes juniors and females, whom may also refuse to fight for gradings.

### Correct Protocols and Formalities for a BWK Kyū-Shinsa

Kyū Gradings are charged at the normal grading fee (for charges please see BWK Constitution; 'Charges'). **Licences** and **Club Record Attendance Cards** must be produced and handed together with grade registration payment to the Secretary/Examiner when asked. Upon the applicant handing over his/her BWK Licence and Club Attendance Record Card, check to see if they are up to date. Ensure that there are sufficient time-lapses and training sessions between grades by checking the student's **Club Attendance Record Card**.

There will be one Grade Sheet per grade level, so any additions can be easily added in the event of any late arrivals.

Examinees are individually 'numbered' from the lowest grade upwards, etc.

### Formal Bowing On.

1. "Seiretsu." All stand in formal ranks in Kiotsuke (Students and Examiner/s line up in correct formal position).
2. Examiner/s, turning clockwise, faces 'Shomen'. Chief Examiner, "Shomen-ni-rei." All perform Standing bow to the front.
3. Examiner/s, turning clockwise, faces Examinees. Chief Examiner, "Shinpandan-ni-rei." Examinees bow to Examiner/s.
4. Chief Examiner takes one step back. "Otaga-ni-re." Chief Examiner, Examiners and Examinees bow to each other.

### Procedures.

1. Examinees remain standing whilst Examiner/s sits at Examiners Table.
2. Examinees are informed of their numbers.
3. All Examinees are commanded to kneel before the Examiner/s Desk.
4. Dojo-Kun. **All Examinees**, for ALL Kyū-Shinsa (as well as Yūdan-Shinsa), will be commanded to recite Dojo-Kun, in both Japanese and English from lowest number upwards. NB. There are only two ways the Dojo Kun can be recited - *right or wrong*. If correct = O, if incorrect = X.
5. Hon-Musubi. **All Examinees** will be assessed and marked for their belt-tying. 9<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Kyū will 'demonstrate' and be commanded to remove Obi and place in front 'folded' three times; then commanded to retie (whilst this is in process the Examiner will inspect the rest of the graded Examinees for correct Hon-Musubi). Examinees that do not require demonstration of Hon-Musubi tying will be marked accordingly for their 'presentation'. NB. There are only two ways the belt can be tied - *right or wrong*. If correct = O, if incorrect = X.

The Examination will be conducted in three parts/sections, which reflects the elements found in the Mon procedure.

1. All Kihon and Renraku Waza will be conducted through all Examinees first, from Examinee 1, in grade sequence. For example; all applicants for 6<sup>th</sup> Kyū would go through kihon-waza & Renraku-waza, followed by those attempting 5<sup>th</sup> Kyū, then 4<sup>th</sup> Kyū, etc.



2. Once all Kihon and Renraku Waza have been conducted then the process of the Uke-Waza, again from 1 through and upwards.
3. Then will follow the Kata in the same way.
4. The Jiyu-Kumite will be finally conducted in the same way, however, omitting those who have declined sparring as an option of choice (age, sex, injury, etc.). For omitted participants a score of 'wrong' must be given = X. It must be remembered, at these stages, to incorporate the Mon applicants through the elements they require along the way.

NB. For Dojo Jiyu-Gumite. Bogu; hand mitts, shin & instep padding (females must also wear chest-guards for their own protection). Gum-shields and groin-guards are *heavily* 'advised' (groin-guards are **strictly required** within competition). *There will be no 'additional' padding allowed, such as head-guards or external body-shields, etc.*

The Jiyu-Gumite will be 'overseen' and conducted by an Examiner and the Kumite match may last no more than 60 seconds.

Upon completion of the Shinsa Examinees will be commanded to wait (in a separate room, only if necessary) until the final scoring has been made.

1. "Seiretsu" will be called from the Examiner and all are to line-up in correct grade/number order.
2. Faults may be highlighted and advice may be given upon further improvement for regarding or progression requirements.
3. Class Passes/Failures will be announced.
4. Shomeisho Reishiki. The formal awards of the grade/s. Each Examinee will collect, upon being called, their Menkyo (Licence), new Obi (Belt) and Shomeisho (Certificate); these must be offered and collected with two hands with a bow. When collected the Examinee will take one pace back and bow again before returning to his/her line.
5. Examinees will place on their new belts so as the Bow-Off can be conducted with the new rank.

#### **Formal Bowing Off.**

1. "Seiretsu." All stand in formal ranks in Kiritsu (Students and Examiner/s line up in correct formal position).
2. Examiner/s, turning clockwise, faces 'Shomen'. Chief Examiner, "Shomen-ni-rei." All perform Standing bow to the front.
3. Examiner/s, turning clockwise, faces Examinees. Chief Examiner, "Shinpan-dan-ni-rei." Examinees bow to Examiner/s.
4. Chief Examiner takes one step back. "Otaga-ni-rei." Chief Examiner, Examiners and Examinees bow to each other.

#### **Administration.**



1. Certificates and Licences to be signed by Examiner/s and handed during Shomeisho Reishiki.
2. Grade Sheet copies must be sent to the BWK Licencing Officer, by either email attachment (scanned, etc.) or by post.
3. Club Instructors will be advised of Examiner's assessment and may be handed a copy of the original Grade Sheet for their records.
4. The Examiner may keep the original Grade Sheet for his/her records.

**NB:** Kyū Grades start at 9<sup>th</sup> Kyū and must be followed through the ranking system correctly. There will be **NO 'double-gradings'** or **'grade-jumping'** permitted within BWK. If a student is eligible & ready to grade for a 'specific' grade then he/she must attempt the grading as & when gradings are



available and required. If a 'Kyū-ranked' student is joining from another organisation/style then he must follow the correct protocols for correct 'recognition & advancement'. Please also refer to Page 2 of the BWA Licence Application Form for clarification.

### **The Class Pass System.**

The Grade Sheet Marks are also reflected into the 'Class Pass' indicated within the students licence by the examiner. For example:

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Class Pass - Faultless.**

Faultless is a mark given to a student for a 'faultless' demonstration/performance of the required techniques. Very few (if any) would be considered/marked 'faultless' for any Kyū grade due to the level of perfection expected.

*NB. Upon an applicant receiving a 1<sup>st</sup> Class Pass, on any Kyū grade, they may pursue the next grade after minimum 6-weeks of passing.*

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Class Pass - Above Average.**

A pass where techniques you would expect to see demonstrated of a much higher standard, or someone of an advanced level, to the grade the applicant is attempting. 10/10 Kyū level. For example; someone attempts 6<sup>th</sup> Kyū who reflects the standard/s of someone attempting 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyū, etc.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Class Pass - Average.**

A 'normal' standard to the grade level.

The expected performance related to the grade being attempted.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Class Pass - Below Average.**

Below average performance. Grading attempt was 'passable', but requires more effort for technical standard for the next grade. Technical level may be low, but student shows dedication and determination through the grading and challenges, etc. This mark would also be used in the event of an applicant with physical/mental impairment or disability, etc.

#### **Failure - Wrong.**

Incorrect performance. Techniques that are incorrect or a grading that has been performed with multiple errors. There would be no entry recorded within the licence book, however, a previous grade-class may be upgraded, etc.

**Diagram Below.** '2<sup>nd</sup> Class Pass' on 9<sup>th</sup> Kyū - '3<sup>rd</sup> Class Pass' on 8<sup>th</sup> Kyū - Failure on 7<sup>th</sup> Kyū, but 8<sup>th</sup> Kyū level has been upgraded to '1<sup>st</sup> Class Pass'.



KYU GRADE RECORD				DAN GRADE RECORD			
GRADE	DATE	CLASS	EXAMINER	GRADE	DATE	HANKO	CHIEF EXAMINER
9 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	12/7 /21	2	M Tanaka	1 <sup>st</sup> Dan			
8 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	11/5 /22	3	M Tanaka	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan			
7 <sup>th</sup> Kyu			<del>1/8/22 1st class T Nakamura</del>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan			
6 <sup>th</sup> KYU				4 <sup>th</sup> Dan			
5 <sup>th</sup> Kyu				5 <sup>th</sup> Dan			
4 <sup>th</sup> Kyu				6 <sup>th</sup> Dan			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu				7 <sup>th</sup> Dan			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kyu				8 <sup>th</sup> Dan			
1 <sup>st</sup> Kyu				9 <sup>th</sup> Dan			

### USEFUL COMMANDS/PHRASES FOR EXAMINERS

#### Commands.

Seiretsu = Line up in formal ranks.

Shugo = Come together.

Seiza = Kneel.

Kiritsu = Stand (*musubi-dachi*).

Kiotsuke = Formal attention position.

Yohi = Ready/prepare (*hachi-ji-dachi*).

Hadjime = Go/start.

Yamae = Stop (return to hachi-ji-dachi).

Naore = Come to kiritsu to 'prepare to bow'.

Rei = Bow.

Tachi-rei = Standing bow.

Hidari = Left.

Migi = Right.

Hidari-gamae-junzuki = Left straight-punch stance.

Mawatte = Turning hand (turn).

Mawatte-jodan-uke = Turn with head-block.

Mawatte-chudan-soto-uke = Turn with outer-body block.

Mawatte-chudan-uchi-uke = Turn with inner-body block.

Mawatte-gedan-barai = Turn with lower-body sweeping block.

Sonabade-ippon-toru-gyakuzuki = From the same position change-arms with reverse punch.

Hidari-hanmi-gamae = left fighting stance.

Hidari-shizentai = left natural position.

Soroeru = Perform straight-through (command for kata, blocks, etc.).

Shinpandan-ni-rei = Bow to referee.

Otaga-ni-rei = Fighters bow to each other.

Ban = Counting/command; ichi, ni, san, shi, goh = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

#### Stances.

Junzuki-dachi.

Gyakuzuki-dachi.

Junzuki-tsukkomi-dachi.

Gyakuzuki-tsukkomi-dachi.



**Postures/positions** (these are *not* stances as they are considered positions of 'attitude').

Yohi (ready).

Yamae (stop).

Kamae (posture).

Hanmi-gamae (half-body posture, used in fighting position).

Shizentai (natural standing position).

### **EXTRA GRADING SERVICES**

Private Kyū and Dan Gradings.

*Private Kyū Gradings* are available for students, who have either missed the official grading date/s or require the opportunity to attempt 'catch-up' gradings, etc.

Private Kyū Gradings at the BWK-Honbu (or available Dojo at the Plymouth Schools). Private Kyū gradings will be charged at (see charges) per student and will include; Hall Hire, Private Examiner, Certificate and Obi. Gradings can be available during the week or weekend, please contact the BWK Chief Instructor for details and availability.

*Private Yūdan Gradings* can also be arranged at the BWK-Honbu Dojo (or an available Dojo at the Plymouth Schools) at a charge of (see charges), which also includes the written and practical elements.

*Private gradings* will be run simply for the 'grading', and will not include any pre-grading training. Just to reiterate: Private Gradings will be for 'grading assessment only' and will be conducted at the BWK Honbu (or other) by prior arrangement with the Chief Instructor. Applicants are responsible for their own Uke-Mi (training partner).

NB: All *private* gradings will incur a travelling charge of (see charges) per mile (round trip), plus any accommodation costs. Applicants will also need to arrange for themselves an 'adequate' venue for at least a 90-minute duration (if written is to be included 3-hours would be required) and a reliable competent ukemi.

**NB: For up-to-date information reference Yūdan & Kyū Shinsa, please refer to the official [BWK Grading Protocols Policy](#), accessible from the BWK Websites and/or Chief Instructor.**

## **11. BWK STANDARDISATION & ADVANCEMENT COURSES**

The BWK Standardisation Courses includes standardisation of all British Wadokai Kyū & Yūdan Syllabus. This includes Kihon-Waza, Renraku-waza, Sanbon-gumite, Kata, Ohyo-gumite and Kihon-gumite required for all practical levels including Yūdan Shinsa to 3rd Dan (also for optional 4th & 5th Dan).

These courses are essential and open to all students, as ALL the correct BWK Wado syllabus requirements are covered and standardised.

Students wanting to grade for a future black-belt can start accumulating Standardisation Course stamps from when they first acquire Ikkyu, although these courses are open and especially recommended for 7th Kyū & above. There is (or should be) no excuse for students who have not acquired the minimum requirements to grade for black-belt ranks. Remember, all applications, which do not have the required training history, will have their application rejected or postponed due to inadequate training (Futanren).

The running and maintaining of the BWK Standardisation and Advancement Courses are the sole responsibility of the BWK President/Chief Instructor. No Club or Group may claim to run an official BWK Advancement Course or BWK Standardisation Course, unless through the express permission from the BWK Chief Instructor. However, any club can invite the BWK Chief Instructor to their own Dojo to run an Advancement or Standardisation Course. *See charges.*

For Yūdan advancement it is essential that individuals hold records of Standardisation & Advancement Courses, as attendances for these are required for Yūdan application. Minimum requirement for each Yūdan level is attendance in Part-1, Part-2, Part-3 and Part-4 per year (example; 1 of each for Shodan application, 2 of each for Nidan application and 3 of each for Sandan application, 4 of each for Yodan advancement consideration, etc.). Yūdan Application Forms that do not show a record of these courses will be rejected.

**Standardisation Courses Include:**



- ✚ **Part-1:** Includes standardisation of all British Wadokai Kihon-waza and Renraku-waza required for Yūdan Shinsa, and all Sanbon-gumite.
- ✚ **Part-2:** Includes standardisation of all British Wadokai Kata from Pinan (all) to Rohai.
- ✚ **Part-3:** Includes standardisation of all British Wadokai Ohyo-gumite and Kihon-gumite required for all Yūdan Shinsa.
- ✚ **Part-4:** Includes standardisation of all British Wadokai Mittsuji Kata from Ji'tte, Ji'han and Ji'in.
- ✚ **Part-5:** This course will be dedicated to the classical (ippon) Kumite-Gata, created in 1934, of British Wadokai (and other various schools of Wadoryū karate), which predates the more modern Kihon-Gumite. Will also include aspects and comparison/s to the already established Kihon Gumite, to Kumite-gata, within the British Wadokai syllabus structure.
- ✚ **Part-6:** Includes standardisation of British Wadokai Idori-no-kata, Tanto-dori-no-kata, Muto-dori-no-kata (Tachi-ai).
- ✚ **Part-7:** Shiai-Gata Shinsei, Seisan, Jurokuno, Seienchin, Suparinpei.

The objectives with the British Wadokai Standardisation Courses are to ensure that all members within British Wadokai are practising and teaching the **correct** form of Wado as originally laid down by Ohtsuka Hironori Meijin, Suzuki Tatsuo Hanshi plus official BWK extra-curricular additional influences from the Japanese Karate Federation and the JKF-Wadokai, etc.

The techniques of British Wadokai, which include, Kihon-Waza, Renraku-Waza, Kata, Sanbon-gumite, Ohyo-gumite, and Kihon-gumite were introduced into the UK in 1964 and are the most important primary foundations of British Wadokai Karate-do. There should be no modification or deviation from these principles and techniques. *It is not Wado if these primary training elements are not practised correctly.*

#### **Clarification of Conditions of Membership to BWK.**

Only clubs that adhere to the strict BWK technical standards and requirements will be permitted to join, or remain in, BWK. Conditions for membership also include the attendance of leading dojo instructors to the official BWK Standardisation Courses, run by the Chief Instructor Gary Swift Hanshi. If these minimum requirements are not met clubs will be automatically transferred to the British Wado Federation.

Please see the BWK Date Section for details.

## **12. THE SYMBOLS/BADGES OF THE BWK & MEMBER CLUBS**



The Coat of Arms of the BWK Karate-do Federation Honbu & Honbu-cho

Symbols.

Crane: Cranleigh, Surrey, where the foundations of BWK were formed. Helmet: Strength and Protection. Red Lion: Devon (Honbu South & West), Dauntless Courage. Crown: Denotes the Kingdoms of Great Britain (England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales). Motto: (Latin) 'Reservo Exemplar Quod Institutio' – 'Preserving the Original and Traditional'.

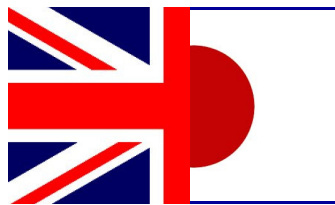


Badge of the BWK Karate-do Renmei

The name and symbol of BWK may only be used with the written consent of the President.



Badge of BWK Honbu Dojo (HQ)



Badge of the BWK National/Elite Squad



Blazer Badge of BWK

### 13. BADGES AND INSIGNIA

- BWK or BWK-Honbu Badges are to be worn on the left breast or arm. Personalised Club badges must be worn on the left breast or arm. Official BWK badges are obtainable through the BWK Chief Instructor.
- Squad Badges (as shown above, UK left/Japan right) are to be worn on the right arm.
- In the event of International Representation. Flag/Country badges are only to be worn in the event that the individual has represented or is representing his country abroad (competition, training, etc.).
- BWK Blazer Badges are for BWK Examiners and Competition Officials only.





- Children's Merit Badges will **NOT BE PERMITTED** to be worn on the gi or obi within any traditional BWK Dojo. NB: This does not restrict instructors allowing them to be used or worn on track-suits, kit-bags, etc.

#### 14. AIMS

The aims of BWK are to:

- (a) Foster and develop the art of the Wado-ryu Karate system as founded and developed by Ohtsuka-Hironori (10th Dan) Meijin and Suzuki Tatsuo (8th Dan) Hanshi.
- (b) Supply members' registration, licensing, Wadoryu Insurance and certification of grades passed.
- (c) Allow access to regular training facilities, top class Wado tuition, regular courses, competitions, tournaments, and gradings.
- (d) Allow access to all associated tuition, courses, competitions and tournaments.
- (e) Practise the Wado syllabus as laid down by Ohtsuka-Hironori Meijin, Suzuki Tatsuo Hanshi.
- (f) Hold regular BWK 'Standardisation Courses' to promote & maintain correct Wado Karate to all Yūdansha.
- (g) Test/Monitor all BWK Examiners at regular intervals to ensure that top quality Examiners are always available and qualified to grade.
- (h) Discourage malpractice and abuse of Wado Karate.
- (i) Do all such other things that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the aims of BWK.

#### 15. INSTRUCTORS/EXAMINERS

All Instructors MUST:

- (a) Hold an up to date BWK Licence.\*
- (b) Hold an up to date Instructor's Wadoryu Insurance Cover.\*
- (c) Have 'sole' responsibility of at least one club in order to qualify as 'Instructor Status'.
- (d) Be of at least 18 years of age.
- (e) Hold the rank of at least Shodan.
- (f) Hold a valid CRB (or equivalent) Certification, which may be obtained through BWK.\*
- (g) Hold a current First Aid Certificate.\*
- (h) Attend the regular 'BWK Standardisation Courses' and 'Examiners Courses' held regularly throughout the year.
- (i) Teach only the correct BWK Wado Syllabus Technical Standards.

All Trainee/Assistant Instructors MUST:

- (a) Hold an up to date BWK Licence.\*
- (b) Hold up to date Instructor's Wadoryu Insurance cover.\*
- (c) Hold a valid CRB (or equivalent) Certification, which may be obtained through BWK.\*
- (d) Hold a current First Aid Certificate.\*
- (e) Be under the guidance of a fully qualified BWK Club Instructor.
- (f) Be of at least 18 years of age.
- (g) Hold the rank of at least 3rd Kyū.
- (h) Attend the regular 'BWK Standardisation Courses' and 'Examiners Courses' held regularly throughout the year.
- (i) Teach only the correct BWK Wado Syllabus Technical Standards.

All Junior Assistant Instructors MUST:

- (a) Hold an up to date BWK Licence.\*
- (b) Be of at least 3rd Kyū.
- (c) Be of at least 14 years of age.
- (d) Be under the DIRECT guidance of a fully qualified BWK Club Instructor.
- (e) Have passed the BWK Junior Assistant Instructor Qualifications with certification.
- (j) Attend the regular 'BWK Standardisation Courses' and 'Examiners Courses' held regularly throughout the year.
- (k) Teach only the correct BWK Wado Syllabus Technical Standards.

All Examiners MUST:



- a) Hold an up to date BWK Licence.\*
- b) Hold the required Yūdansa level for grade assessment
- c) Hold an up to date 'Examiner's Certificate' (Direct/Full Membership) issued by the President.\*
- d) Attend the regular 'BWK Standardisation Courses' and 'Examiners Courses' held regularly throughout the year.
- e) Assess only the correct BWK Wado Syllabus Technical Standards.
- f) Attend any periodical BWK Grading Courses. NB: 1-Day Courses are held in BWK-UK. (Courses for Yūdan Assessors are generally held during BWK Yūdan Gradings and on other occasions throughout the year). Please refer to the Date Section for further details.
- g) Use a BWK Examiner's Stamp (or signature) to make official the promotion within a graded student's Licence.
- h) Send in all Examination Grade Sheets, or copies, to the BWK Licence Office for registration (email attachments are accepted).

**\*It is the SOLE RESPONSIBILITY of the relevant Instructor/Assistant Instructor to ensure validity to these requirements.**

NB: 'Instructor' status and 'Examiner' status are separate qualifications/titles and must be achieved independently. Failure to attend the regular BWK Standardisation Courses *may* result in loss of grading powers.

#### **Instructor Levels**

1. Junior Assistant Instructor (age 14-17, 3rd Kyū & over).
2. Assistant Instructor (age 18+); Assistant Club Instructor Wadoryu Insurances are covered under the presence of the 'registered' BWK Leading Insured Club Instructor.
3. Senior Assistant Instructor (age 18+, Insured, CRB, 1st Aid, 1<sup>st</sup> Kyū & over); Assistant Club Instructor Wadoryu Insurances are covered under the presence of the 'registered' BWK Leading Insured Club Instructor.
4. Instructor (age 18+, Insured, CRB, 1st Aid, 1<sup>st</sup> Dan & over); Club Instructor Wadoryu Insurances are included within the BWK Wadoryu Licence.
5. Senior Instructor (age 18+, Insured, CRB, 1st Aid, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan & over) - *Instructor of Instructors*. Instructor Wadoryu Insurances are included within the BWK Wadoryu Licence.

NB: BWK Wadoryu Instructor/Insurance is only valid if all participants within the Dojo are also fully licenced//insured.

#### **Examiner Levels**

Yūdansa, once qualified through attendance of the BWK Examiner's Course/s and additionally the crucial Standardisation Courses, may grade up to & including the following levels.

1. Level 1: Shodan, may grade up to & including 6<sup>th</sup> Kyū.
2. Level 2: Nidan, may grade up to & including 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyū.
3. Level 3: Sandan & above, may grade up to & including 1<sup>st</sup> Kyū.
4. Level 4: Sandan & above. Please refer to Section 22.

#### **16. CRB/DBS Criteria (UK only)**

Once a DBS has been applied for, which has been received & accepted, there will be no need to renew, unless in the event of a lapse in membership.

The following offences will be considered.

- Murder.\*
- Rape.\*
- Sexual Crime.\*
- Convictions involving children or vulnerable adults (in any form).\*
- Crimes involving dangerous weapons.\*
- Crimes involving endangerment of life.\*\*
- Robbery.\*\*
- Crimes involving violence.\*\*
- Crime involving drugs.\*\*

**\* Following receipt of the DBS/Disclosure, the following offences shall be regarded as *totally unacceptable for consideration into membership.***

**\*\* Following receipt of the DBS/Disclosure, the following offences shall be reviewed and assessed *individually for consideration.***



### **Outcome**

In the event of an unacceptable report, after consideration of the individual application, the individual will not be granted any qualification, appointment, award, position or membership, BWK will inform the respective member that it may not be granted membership.

## **17. GRADINGS & ADVANCEMENT**

### **Open Gradings.**

BWK operates an 'Open Grading Policy', whereby BWK Members/Students may attend and grade at any BWK 'Open Grading' held within any club of BWK. This policy was originally implemented so as BWK Members may be able to advance consistently; even though their own instructor/examiner may not possess the adequate qualification to promote higher than his designated level (see Section 11 of the BWK Constitution). Any BWK Member may grade at any of these 'Open Gradings' for their relevant Kyū Grade advancement, as long as the Examiner present has the adequate qualifications to grade the level attempting to be attained, etc. The student's own main instructor may 'advise' a student, in regard to his readiness, but would not be permitted to completely disallow him attending a grading, unless for reasons of attitude/etiquette, inadequate training or time-served requirement deficits, etc. *The student must learn from his/her own experiences.* Only the official BWK Grade Syllabus will be used & followed with no alterations or additions whatsoever.

**NB:** Kyū Grades start at 9<sup>th</sup> Kyū and must be followed through the ranking system correctly. There will be NO 'double-gradings' or 'grade-jumping' permitted within BWK. If a student is eligible & ready to grade for a 'specific' grade then he/she must attempt the grading as & when gradings are available and required. If a 'Kyū-ranked' student is joining from another organisation/style then he must follow the correct protocols for correct 'recognition & advancement'. Please also refer to Page 2 of the BWK Licence Application Form for clarification.

### **Grading Junior Students and/or Students with Learning Difficulties.**

Examiners have an opportunity in offering 'Môn' (Mon) grades to students attempting grades from 7<sup>th</sup> Kyū & upwards (and 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Kyū in extreme case), for individuals who suffer from learning difficulties, *or simply to junior students & individuals who may have a problem in grasping the whole syllabus.* For example: A student going for 6<sup>th</sup> Kyū may take their grading in three parts; Kihon & Renraku-waza (1<sup>st</sup> Môn), Uke-waza (2<sup>nd</sup> Môn), Kata and Jiyu-gumite (3<sup>rd</sup> Môn; the last part completed for full Kyū award). The official designation for these levels would, for example a 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyū who has achieved his 1<sup>st</sup> Môn [for 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyū], would be *Sho-Môn San-Kyū*, etc. To award these Môn levels an examiner will simply place a length of black tape around the end of the student's existing coloured belt, during the Shomeisho Reishiki (award ceremony), as a guide to the student's progress towards his next colour belt. *Obviously upon the passing of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Môn, which equates to passing the full Kyū grade, the new colour-belt and certificate would be awarded and the licence would finally & fully signed.*

For students who have been 'awarded' a grade, through overcoming physical and/or mental challenges within the grading, the Examiner may 'award' the grade. The licence may be marked, within the 'class-pass' segment, as Meiyō or as Sho (Meiyō 名誉 Shō 賞).

### **About the implications regarding examining during a Môn system grading.**

Each Môn grading will be charged at the 'standardised' £5 at the time of grading/assessment and *must* be conducted by the same examiner all the way through to the final Môn, unless previous arrangements have been made. Each Môn promotion must be accompanied by the student's 'present' belt including a black stripe for Sho-Môn and two black stripes added for Ni-Môn, placed on each side of the obi. Only when all three parts of the Môn have been completed the student may be awarded with his new belt and certificate. The final payment of £5 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Môn would then equate to £15, which is the cost of the full BWK Kyū grade. The time interval for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Môn must equate to NO LESS than the official three month time-lapse between Kyū gradings.

All grades will be registered within BWK.

- (a) The relevant Grading Examiner must retain all Kyū Grade Sheets; a copy may be sent to the BWK Licence Officer when completed (email/post) if required.
- (b) Kyū grade 'confirmed' registrations will be made upon the BWK Licence Renewal.



(c) All official BWK Yūdan gradings will be conducted by the BWK President, Gary E Swift Hanshi.

Official intervals/minimum training requirements for Kyū Grades.

- ❑ Beginner to 9th Kyū = Minimum 6 Weeks training duration.
- ❑ Kyū grade duration between each rank from 9th Kyū to 1st Kyū = Minimum 3 Months duration with a minimum of 12 Training Sessions at a Fully Registered BWK Club.
- ❑ Mon grade duration between each Mōn from 9th Kyū to 1st Kyū = Minimum 1 Month duration with a minimum of 6 Training Sessions at a Fully Registered BWK Club.

A BWK Yūdan Assessment Panel (YAP) is available to all Members. All Yūdan Shinsa:

- (m) Will be charged per student prior to grading. See Charges.
- (n) Will be charged for Registration. See Charges.
- (o) Yūdan Gradings will be conducted privately. Only people involved, or have been previously invited by the BWK President, may attend.
- (p) All applicants for Gradings must hold an up to date BWK Licence.
- (q) All applicants for Gradings of Sandan must be registered (and insured) as an Instructor/Assistant Instructor of a regular Dojo.
- (r) All applicants for Gradings of Yodan, and above, must be registered (and insured) as a Main Instructor of a regular Dojo.
- (s) All Senior Yūdansha will be judged & marked for a pass as: 82% (and above) Practical. 82% (and above) Written.
- (t) All Junior Yūdansha. If the applicant is classified as a junior, which is considered to be aged from 10 to 17, he may be awarded a senior level if the senior scores have been achieved (see subsection (g) above). However if a 'senior' score has not been achieved a 'Junior Yūdansha' (Shodan-ho/Nidan-ho) pass will be accepted if scored for a pass of: 72% (and above) Practical. 72% (and above) Written.\*
- (u) All Examiners, intending to be part of the BWK Yūdan Assessment Panel, must wear the appropriate Judges & Examiners attire (blazer, tie, etc.) or traditional Wado Karate-gi.

**\*NB: Junior Yūdansha will not be granted grading powers or advancement opportunities until reassessment to full Shodan/Nidan has been achieved.**

NB: Yūdansha Applicants: The student's MAIN INSTRUCTOR will issue, to the eligible member, a 'Yūdan Shinsa Application Form'.

Official intervals/minimum training requirements/guidelines for Yūdan applicants:

- ❑ SHODAN: 52 BWK DOJO TRAINING SESSIONS = 78 Training Hours. From 1st Kyū to 1st Dan. (1st Kyū to 1st Dan = 9 months). Must have attended 1 of each Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 Standardisation Course\*. Minimum age 10.
- ❑ NIDAN: 208 BWK DOJO TRAINING SESSIONS = 312 Training Hours. From 1st Dan to 2nd Dan. (1st Dan to 2nd Dan = 18 months). Must have attended 1 of each Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 Standardisation Course\*. Minimum age 12.
- ❑ SANDAN: 312 BWK DOJO TRAINING SESSIONS = 468 Training Hours. From 2nd Dan to 3rd Dan. Must have attended 3 of each Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 Standardisation Course\*. Minimum age 18. \*\*
- ❑ YODAN: From 3rd Dan to 4th Dan = 4 of each Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 BWK Standardisation Course\*. \*\*
- ❑ GODAN: From 4th Dan to 5th Dan = 5 of each Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 BWK Standardisation Course\*. \*\*\*
- ❑ ROKUDAN: From 5<sup>th</sup> Dan to 6<sup>th</sup> Dan = 6 of each Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 BWK Standardisation Course\*. \*\*\*
- ❑ SHICHIDAN: From 6<sup>th</sup> Dan to 7<sup>th</sup> Dan = 7 of each Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 BWK Standardisation Course\*. \*\*\*
- ❑ HACHIDAN: From 7<sup>th</sup> Dan to 8<sup>th</sup> Dan = 8 of each Part 1, 2, 3, and 4 BWK Standardisation Course\*. \*\*\*

*The BWK Chief Instructor/Examiner may award grades at any time, depending on individual circumstances, such as dedication and loyalty, etc.*

\* Standardisation, Advancement and Technical Courses can be made available to all clubs who wish to host these events.



**\*\*** The grade of Sandan (or above) is reserved as 'Teaching Rank'. All members who wish to pursue the rank of Sandan and/or above must have (or intend to have) a regular Dojo facility at which to teach from.

**\*\*\*** There are no gradings above 3rd Dan within BWK. All applications for promotion up to and including 8th Dan may be presented through the normal channels (i.e. BWK President or BWK General Secretary).

The grade syllabus of 4th Dan to 5<sup>th</sup> Dan was structured for BWK Members who may have not have necessarily trained, and/or graded, through the normal procedures of the full BWK Grade Syllabus of 1st Dan to 3rd Dan. This process was introduced due to members from outside organisations (*not connected with Sensei Tatsuo Suzuki Hanshi*) joining BWK with already established Yūdan ranks from their previous affiliations, etc. There are no practical gradings for BWK Full Members who have completed/passed all BWK Yūdan grades from 1st to 3rd Dan. However, BWK *may* accept 'special conditions' for Yūdan application of 4th Dan & above from BWK memberships. The BWK Chief Instructor also reserves the right to award and promote any individual, due to extenuating or exceptional conditions, from 1<sup>st</sup> Dan to 8<sup>th</sup> Dan. See also Section 8.

NB: All BWK members wishing to pursue Yūdan Shinsa should have attended the required minimum BWK Standardisation/Advancement Courses (please refer to Yūdan Shinsa Application Form). In respect to 'Dojo Training Sessions' this **DOES NOT** include 'Dojo Teaching Hours' (unless as Assistant Instructor) and should not be recorded onto a BWK Club Attendance Card.

BWK Dan Grade application:

- It is the member's own responsibility to send the application at least TWO months prior to the grading date. See Date Section for details. NB. It is also heavily recommended that the applicant is fully prepared to grade (physically & mentally) prior to application.
- All aspects of the application form must be filled-in correctly and signed, including the correct remittance. Incomplete applications will be returned.
- The applicant must grade on the applied grade date, or forfeit the grading fee (unless due to extenuating/unforeseen circumstances).

NB: For applicants up to and including 3rd Dan; the BWK will only accept individuals for grading who have been recommended by their MAIN INSTRUCTOR to grade and who have achieved the minimum required [provable] training session record-history and Standardisation Course attendances. Applications for Yūdan grades may be refused/rejected without reason. Grading applications from 3rd Dan & above must be from individuals who teach or run their own Club/s.

Although both grades & titles can be applied for (through normal examination and/or written paper procedures), it must be noted that they can also be awarded by the BWK President through 'time honoured', dedicated research and contribution to the BWK. ONLY the BWK President, taking into consideration loyal and dedicated-contribution to BWK etc., will 'award' Yūdan grades.

BWK Yūdan Gradings in the UK are available regularly through the year, and are listed in the BWK Date Section.

### **Recommendations for students who have failed various gradings.**

#### **Grade Failure.**

It is a general rule that the following recommendations are observed.

#### **Failure of Kyū Gradings.**

Upon a Kyū grade being failed the student must produce a minimum training session record, *FROM FAILURE DATE*, of 12 training sessions AND 3-months before the retake can be honoured by the examiner.

#### **Failure of Dan Gradings.**

Upon any Dan grade being failed (irrespective of written, practical or both) the student must produce a minimum training record, *FROM FAILURE DATE*, of 52 training sessions AND 6 months before the retake can be honoured by the Yūdan Assessment Panel. However, students will only be required to retake the element/s they have failed on. (If the student has only failed the practical he does not



need to retake the written, and/or vice-versa). However, the part/element re-take facility will only be valid for 12-months from the original failure date; after this time both elements will have to be retaken.

To clarify: In the event of a 'retake', due to a failure, illness or non-attendance, the applicant may reapply for a second attempt after 6-months from the failure date (application must be submitted in the usual way at least one month prior to the actual grading date (see Date Section for details)).

In the event of a failure, all previous training history/accumulation, on and prior to the failure date, would have to be re-accumulated. In the event of 6-months this would still be a minimum of 52 BWK TRAINING SESSIONS = 78 Training Hours PROCEEDING the failure date/day.

All applicants MUST reapply using the official Yūdan Shinsa Application Form, available from your instructor, BWK Administration Department, or BWK Website. All official BWK Yūdan Shinsa regrades from a failure are free of charge.

### **Grade Removal/Retention.**

Examiners & Instructors do not have the authority to 'remove' grades from participating individuals or from those who have joined from an outside organisation (see also page-2 of the BWK Licence Application Form). Only those who have 'awarded' said grade have the authority to remove those grades.

**Applications from other organisations** - Depending on origination (origin of style, certification, lineage, etc.) grades registered within your previous karate licence may be 'automatically' transferred [as honorary status] to your new BWK Licence (by the Registration & Licence Officer) upon acceptance, if desired. **If a student wishes for 'grade transfer', a scan/copy of the previous Licence and/or certificate for British Wadokai records.** The BWK Instructor will continue grade commencement once in receipt of new licence (stamped with your present grade) and if fully conversant with the requirements for progression (apply as New Licence).

### **Private Dan Gradings under the BWK Chief Instructor.**

**Private Yūdan Gradings** can be arranged at the BWK-Honbu at a charge of £250, which also includes the written and practical elements.

*Private gradings* will be run simply for the 'grading', and will not include any pre-grading training. Just to reiterate: Private Gradings will be for 'grading assessment only' and will be conducted at the BWK Honbu by prior arrangement with the Chief Instructor. Applicants are responsible for their own Uke-Mi. Please contact the Chief Instructor for details and availability.

NB: All private gradings, which are to be conducted elsewhere, will incur a travelling charge of 40p per mile (round trip), plus any accommodation costs. Applicants will also need to arrange/book, at their own cost, an 'adequate' venue (required booking time 3-hours; which includes time for the written examination process).

## **18. EXAMINER GRADE LEVELS**

All BWK Yūdan level grades will be conducted under the direction of Gary E Swift Hanshi. All BWK Examiner Qualifications and Levels are standardised by the BWK Chief Instructor/President.

Grade Examiners Levels are issued at the BWK Examiner Courses, and are categorised as follows:

Examination Levels:

Level 1: May grade up to 6th Kyū.

Level 2: May grade up to 3rd Kyū.

Level 3: May grade up to 1st Kyū.

Level 4: May grade up to & including 5th Dan.\*

Level 5: Chief Examiner/Assessor.\*\*

\* Level 4 Examiners may only assess Yūdan Level grades as part of the **BWK Yūdan Assessment Panel**, headed by the BWK Chief Instructor. Qualified BWK 3rd Dan Examiners may attend the Yūdan Assessment Panel for 1st Dan Examinations. Qualified BWK 4th Dan Examiners may attend the Yūdan Assessment Panel for 1st/2nd Dan Examinations. Being 3rd or 4th Dan does not 'automatically' make a Panel Judge (this would be through invitation and/or qualification only).

Breakdown of Level 4 Examiner Qualifications:



\*\* Level 5 Examiner is reserved for the BWK President/Chief Examiner. In the event of dispute, within final results of a Yūdan Shinsa. The Chief Examiner will make the final decision in all disputed results.

In the absence of the Chief Examiner the Assistant Chief Instructor may take over all duties of the President.

\*\*\* Panel Examiners Input. Level 4 Panel Examiners may only assess individuals to the rank of one grade below their own grade.

Official BWK Yūdan Assessment Panel (YAP):

The BWK Black-Belt Grading/Assessment Panel will consist of:

- The BWK President/Chief Examiner, Gary E Swift Hanshi.
- Invited Registered/Qualified BWK Examiners (3<sup>rd</sup> Dan & above).

## 19. BWK RANKING SYSTEM

Kyū Grade Ranks.

- Mu Kyū = White belt (beginner).
- 9th Kyū = Red belt.
- 8th Kyū = Yellow belt.
- 7th Kyū = Orange belt.
- 6th Kyū = Green belt.
- 5th Kyū = Blue belt.
- 4th Kyū = Purple belt.
- 3rd Kyū = Brown belt.
- 2nd Kyū = Brown belt, with one white stripe.
- 1st Kyū = Brown belt, with two white stripes.

Dan Grade Ranks.

- Shodan-ho/Nidan-ho* = Black belt with red-stripe, normally awarded to junior members of 10 to 17, or other applicants for Shodan/Nidan who may be unable to qualify for full level criteria.
- Shodan = Black belt.
- Nidan = Black belt.
- Sandan & above = Black belt.

Junior Yūdansa advancement: Promotions for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan will only be considered once the applicant has been assessed and passed as a 'senior'.

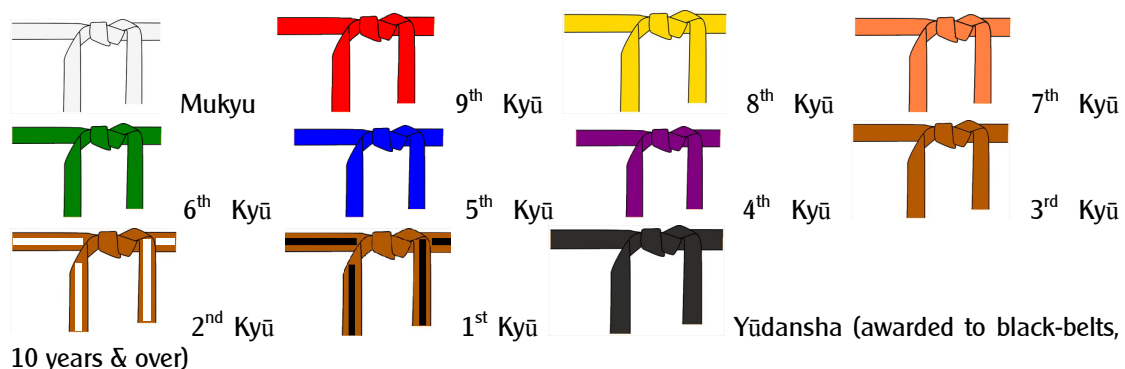
Official BWK Dan grade rank colours.

- Yūdansa = Black Belt (10 years and upwards). There will be no 'yūdan-level stripes' or distinctive rank discrimination between Yūdansa grades.

Black-Belt Rank titles:

- Shodan = N/A, *Senpai* (can be referred to as Sensei if teaching).
- Nidan = N/A, *Senpai* (can be referred to as Sensei if teaching).
- Sandan & above = Sensei & Privilege titles start here. See below for Shogo.

The Official Dan-Kyū grade structure of BWK Karate.





### Teaching Titles - Shogo

Martial Artists often use Sensei to distinguish instructors of a particular Ryu. Junior and Senior students are often organised via a senpai/kohai system. Other titles are conferred loosely and under no particular standardisation. They often follow the commonly used black belt or Dan system of ranking. The usage of these titles is quite common outside of Japan and is subject to much interpretation. Hanshi, and the lower level titles, Kyoshi, Renshi and Tashi, are what are known as Shogo, teaching titles. The following explanations assume that Judan (10th Dan black belt) is the top rank within a style. These are loosely defined:

#### Shogo; Instructor Rank Titles.

**Meijin** (名人) Grand Master (10<sup>th</sup> Dan).

**Hanshi** (範士) Model teacher (8th Dan & above).

**Kyoshi** (教士) Master instructor/teacher. This title is usually awarded to one who has achieved a rank of 7th or 8th Dan black belt (shichidan/nanadan (七段) or hachidan (八段)). Kyoshi are typically regarded as those who have distinguished themselves as expert teachers or instructors.

**Renshi** (錬士) Senior Expert. Often refers to an advanced instructor. Renshi also means "one who has mastered himself." In many styles, it is awarded around the 5th Dan *godan* (五段) or 6th Dan *rokudan* (六段) black belt level and upwards.

**Tashi** (達士) Experienced Practitioner. Awarded to those of 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan to 5<sup>th</sup> Dan who show exceptional skill in their practical, technical and theoretical studies.

#### Technical Titles.

**Shihan** (師範) refers to the senior instructor of instructors or expert teacher. This title is usually conferred at a Chief Instructor of 7th Dan (shichidan) or upwards ranking, usually by a senior leader or leadership within an organisation. This title is given to a senior instructor who has distinguished himself as a teacher of teachers.

**Sensei** (先生) is a Japanese title used to refer to or address teachers, professionals such as doctors and lawyers, politicians, clergymen, and other authority figures. It is also used to show respect to someone who has achieved a certain level of mastery in an art form or some other skill: accomplished novelists, musicians, and artists are addressed with the title in this way; for example, Japanese manga fans refer to manga artist Osamu Tezuka as "Tezuka-sensei." *Sensei* is also one of the common Japanese martial arts titles used for Sandan & above. Other alternative Sensei titles include Shido, Shido-shi, Shido-in, etc. **Shishou** (師匠) is also used as a name for a martial arts instructor, although not used in Wadoryu.

**Senpai/Senpei** (先輩) is a Japanese term for a person in a club or other organisation, including a school or college, who is a senior (in other words, a member for longer or of a higher year) and mutually recognised as such. In Wadoryu someone from 1<sup>st</sup> Kyū to 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan may be referred to as Senpai. The junior counterpart is called *kōhai* (後輩). *Senpai* is often seen Romanized as *sempai*, in accordance with the initial version of the Hepburn Romanisation system.

#### Shogo Titles and Advancement Criteria.

Title	JKF-Wadokai Prerequisite adopted by BWK.
Tashi	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan for at least 2 years and at least 25 years of age.
Renshi	4th Dan for at least 2 years and at least 35 years of age.
Kyoshi	Renshi for at least 5 years or 6th Dan [or higher] and at least 45 years of age.
Hanshi	Kyoshi for at least 10 years, or 8th Dan or higher and at least 55 years of age.

### The History

In 1895 the Japanese government created the Dai Nippon Butokukai, the main function of which was to oversee all martial arts in the Japan. In 1899 they built the Butokuden to hold demonstrations, tournaments, collect weapons and all historical information on combative traditions. They were the very first to award the titles of Hanshi, Kyoshi, and Renshi in a martial arts fashion. Before that Kyoshi and Renshi were used by the military. Nowadays many Japanese martial-arts award the 'Shogo' titles amongst the most dedicated and valued members.





**Hanshi:** Hanshi translates to 'Role Model' someone of extreme skill and enlightenment that you are to 'model your life and practice after'.

**Kyoshi:** A Kyoshi was responsible, in feudal times, for the training of soldiers in war and tactics. A literal translation of "Kyo" means philosophy or professor. So in essence a Kyoshi is a person capable of 'teaching the philosophy of the martial arts'.

**Renshi:** A Renshi is, in an historical sense, a man who leads a group of soldiers by virtue of his superior technical ability. The literal translation of "Ren" Is polished or tempered "Shi" is a person or in this case a teacher so it translates to a 'skilled teacher'.

**Tashi:** Relates to an 'Experienced Practitioner'. The Shogo of Tashi would normally be awarded to those of 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan, and/or 4<sup>th</sup> Dan, who show exceptional skill in their practical, technical and theoretical studies.

After Japan became a Constitutional Monarchy at the end of the Tokugawa period, this ranking system replaced the traditional method of awarding a Menkyo Kaiden to students upon their mastery of a martial system. In family based systems, when the most capable student was not a blood relative. He would be formally adopted to continue the family tradition and become the next Soke. Soke is another title many use in an incorrect fashion. Soke **does not mean** grand master or 10th Dan or for that matter a founder of a system. Soke originated as a Chinese word (Mandarin *zongjia*) with strong familial and religious connotations. Etymologically it is written with glyphs indicating a family that performs ancestor rites.

## 12. ANNUAL MERIT AWARDS

### BWK Awards Criteria

- Criteria for BWK's **Crusader Award**.  
*Awarded to individuals who (these examples are not exhaustive); actively teaching and promoting pure BWK Karate, selflessly & actively promote BWK, Demonstrate Exemplary Dedication & Loyalty to BWK, etc.*
- Criteria for BWK's **Flagship Award**.  
*This award is given to clubs who (these examples are not exhaustive); have 1st class Dojo facilities, highest score percentage of student Kyū grade passes, 1st class administration, lowest application form discrepancies, best club discipline, best club etiquette & respect, demonstrates 100% membership commitment to BWK. Exemplary Dojo infrastructure and standards.*
- Criteria for BWK's **Student/s of the Year Award**.  
*Awarded to individuals who (these examples are not exhaustive); show 100% dedication & loyalty to their club and to BWK.*
- Criteria for BWK's **Sensei of the Year Award**.  
*As far as 'Sensei of the Year' is concerned, we tend to look at their own students as the 'proof-of-the-pudding', as well as their own personal contribution and commitment.*
- Criteria for BWK's **Yūdansha of the Year Award**.  
*Loyalty and dedication is paramount, as well as an exceptional commitment to being involved with as many national & international events held by BWK. Yūdansha do not necessarily have to run their own Dojo, but demonstrate an ability to commit to as many aspects of BWK training, ethos, and infrastructure.*
- Criteria for BWK's **Unsung Hero Award**.  
*Awarded to individuals who (these examples are not exhaustive); work tirelessly in the background to help maintain the cohesion of the usual running of the Dojo. Take control of discipline and administration. Volunteer for various responsibilities to help in many aspects of the club's maintenance and support of the Sensei.*

## 13. RULES OF THE DOJO

1. **Students must always arrive BEFORE the class starts;** it is seriously disrespectful to turn up 'on-time' or late to the Dojo (on-time and late are both looked upon as the same in disrespect within Japanese etiquette). **Students' arriving early allows the Sensei to organise the lesson plan prior to training.** However, if you are *unavoidably* late for the 'bow-on': a. Bow to enter the Dojo. b. Kneel at the Dojo entrance and recite the Dojo-kun in your mind. c. Perform the 'bow-on' sequence. d. Stand, then bow towards the Sensei (Tachi-rei). e. Wait for the Sensei to acknowledge your presence BEFORE joining the class.



2. **No jewellery to be worn in the Dojo.** Any jewellery, i.e. a bracelet/ring etc., that is difficult or impossible to remove **MUST** be safely covered. The wearing of jewellery is not only considered 'bad etiquette' but also a matter of Health & Safety.
3. **Students must always be in possession of a valid up-to-date BWK Licence;** and beginners must have possession within 3-weeks of regular training.
4. **Tachi-rei (standing bow).** Always bow upon: a. Entering and leaving the Dojo. b. Before and after addressing your Sensei, or, if your Sensei is addressing you. c. Before and after performing various techniques with each other.
5. **If the Sensei is not present,** the Sempai (most Senior) will start the class. All students must follow the Sempai as though he were the Sensei.
6. **During the session,** students must work with an attitude of seriousness and complete concentration. Laughing, swearing and talking cannot be permitted. Silence and seriousness during the session are the two rules that must be followed if a high level of training is to be sustained.
7. **Unless training has commenced, all students must bow to Yūdansha upon their arrival to the Dojo.**
8. **Rapid movement is an essential part of the training,** even as it pertains to lining up on command. This habit of moving quickly, without wasted motion and effort, will also help keep the class working smoothly as well as making the student instinctively responsive.
9. **When not training,** i.e. during breaks etc. Students must sit crossed-legged against the wall in the Shimoza (lower-house) area of the Dojo, or in the designated resting area/s away from the Dojo.
10. **You must always wear a clean & pressed white Gi.** Badges must be worn on the left-side of your Gi (arm/chest). Other badges, as country representation badges etc., may be worn on the right sleeve (*these are only issued & supplied by your Sensei*).
11. **Only females, and students with special medical conditions,** may be permitted to wear a T-shirt (white) under their Gi top.
12. **No student should leave the Dojo** (or ranks) during the session; unless he has prior permission from a Sensei or Sempai to do so (this is for reasons of good etiquette as well as Health & Safety).
13. **On the command of 'Seiretsu'** students must line-up **quickly and quietly** in the proper grade/rank order in the Kiritsu/Kiotsuke (formal attention) position (Musubi-dachi). You must not pass in front of higher graded ranks to do this, but move in line behind your own, or lower graded, ranks.
14. **If a student must stop work,** for any reason, then he must **FIRST** obtain permission from his Sensei. **DO NOT JUST WALK AWAY FROM TRAINING - If you need a 'water-break' or need to use the toilet - ask the Sensei FIRST and always wait for permission to re-join the session! If using the toilet, always use footwear within the toilet environment.**
15. **All students must reply 'Hai-Sensei'** after a command has been given. During training, if you are approached by a Sensei for any reason, i.e. adjusting your technique etc., you must acknowledge the Sensei with 'Hai-Sensei' accompanied with a proper bow. Never direct techniques towards a Sensei, even for demonstration purposes.
16. **Each student must report when temporarily discontinuing lessons,** this is good etiquette.
17. **Unless you are the/a Sensei, or have been asked:** During line-up, whilst training in Fundamental and Renraku techniques, etc., do not allow yourself to be distracted by other students in the ranks and start adjusting or 'teaching' them. Concentrate on **YOUR OWN** technique and allow the other students to learn at their own pace and under the guidance of the Sensei.
18. **Finger and toenails are to be kept short and clean.**
19. **No drinking, eating, chewing gum, or smoking in the Dojo.** Refreshments may be consumed **ONLY** in the designated 'rest areas' during the break/s.
20. **A student who has undergone surgery,** or who suffers from any kind of medical condition or injury, will not be permitted back into regular training until a signed letter from the Doctor has been received by the Instructor. Your Sensei, as well as your working partner/s, must also be made aware of any ongoing condition.
21. **If at any time during training** the student requires to adjust his Obi or Gi, he must go down on one knee to do the adjustment. On serious adjustments the student may require to ask

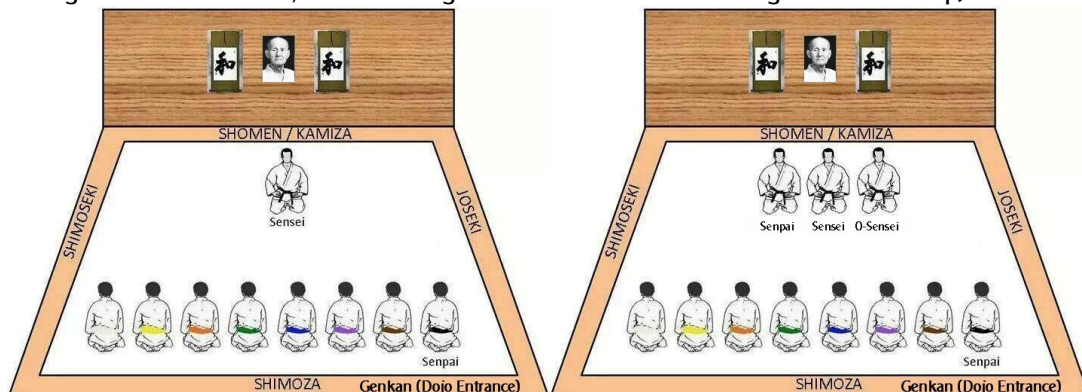


- the Sensei in order to leave the ranks to go to the side of the Dojo, again, drop onto one knee for the adjustment/s.
22. **Seniority system:** All students must be aware that a higher ranked member to you is your senior, and must be obeyed as such while in the Dojo. Sempai (Brown-Belts and lower graded Black-Belts) are the Dojo 'Police-force' and are responsible for the discipline in the Dojo. Young as well as older Sempai **MUST** show a good example. Examples are always followed. No student should go directly to the Sensei without first attempting to gain the necessary knowledge from the next grade up. Each student, however, should make the necessary endeavours to learn the answers from continued practise and observations. The Sensei should be consulted *ONLY* as a final option.
  23. **All Black-Belts must be referred to by title** NOT by name (Senpai, Sensei, etc.) while they are in their Gi, by all Kyū & Dan Grades, and all students must bow and respect them as they would ANY senior grade.
  24. **The Sensei of a Dojo** must **ALWAYS** be referred to as 'Sensei' by students as well as well as Yūdansha within the Dojo. All Black belts must refer to all higher graded Yūdansha with the proper title, etiquette and respect **AT ALL TIMES**.
  25. **A Sensei is always a Sensei**, not just while he wears a Gi. He must be respected inside as well as outside the Dojo. If he is your friend, do not take advantage of his friendship.
  26. **The motto of the Dojo.** Practise hard in order to master the techniques of true Wadoryu Karate-do.
  27. **Respect higher grades**, and refer to them with proper title, and have compassion and empathy for your peers and lower graded students.
  28. **Respect your training colleagues** and always control your techniques during partner routines (no hard or uncontrolled contact, etc.).
  29. **Respect and revere your parents and elders**, respect other people. Respect property and all life. Also, respect yourself.
  30. **Never use Karate outside the Dojo**, unless for self-defence. Understand the correct concepts, principles and implications of Sente & Karate-ni-Sentenashi.

**NB: Parents & Visitors: Children must be dropped off and collected from inside the Dojo premises. Mobile telephones, and all other personal electronic equipment, must be switched off. No photographic or personal electronic equipment to be allowed inside the Dojo at any time. Parents/Carers may stay and watch the training session. However, you may be asked to leave if you 'involve' yourself, influence your child (or any other student), or interrupt, with any aspects of the training programme.**

#### 14. BOWING ON/OFF PROCEDURE

The 'traditional' method of lining up in the BWK Dojo is quite simple. On the command of 'Seiretsu' students must line-up quickly and quietly in the proper grade/rank order (highest ranks starting from the front-right working down to the lowest ranks on the rear-left) in equal rank & file in the Kiritsu (informal attention) position (Musubi-dachi). You must not pass in front of higher graded ranks to do so, filter in from the rear and side of your own line. All Sensei stand facing the rank & file of students. In the event that there is more than one Sensei, the highest graded Sensei would usually be positioned at the left of the lower ranked Sensei (this would then be in correct rank position during the 'Shomen-ni-rei', where the highest ranks must be on the right in the line-up).





#### Traditional formality.

- Sensei: 'Seiretsu' (line up in correct ranks and files).
- Sensei 'signals' the Senpai to acknowledge the start of the bowing-on procedure.
- Senpai: 'Seiza' (all knee). *Those unable to kneel must stand at the rear of the Dojo in the Kiritsu position (attention stance with hands at the side).*
- Sensei: 'Dojo kun' (Dojo maxims).
- Deshi: 'Dojo Kun' (acknowledgement of reciting proceedings.)
- Sensei: 'Reisetsu O Mamori' (stick to the rules of the Dojo).
- Deshi: 'Reisetsu O Mamori'.
- Sensei: 'Shingi O Omanji' (be loyal to your Instructor).
- Deshi: 'Shingi O Omanji.'
- Sensei: 'Jojitsu Ni Oberesu' (students & Instructors are not all one, never take advantage of his friendship).
- Deshi: 'Jojitsu Ni Oberesu.'
- Sensei: 'Shinkenmi Ni Tesseyo' (be serious in your efforts).
- Deshi: 'Shinkenmi Ni Tesseyo'.
- Sensei: 'Mokuso' (*optional - quiet thought*).
- Students and Instructors shut their eyes for a moment of meditation to clear the mind of outside distractions etc., concentrating on the task ahead of serious Karate training and the concepts of the Dojo-kun.
- Sensei: 'Mokuso Yamae' (stop meditating) – all students and instructors open their eyes and look to the front. The Sensei will turn (clockwise) to face the Shomen (front), towards the Kamiza (shrine).
- Senpai: Shomen Ni Rei (bow to the front) – all bow.
- The Sensei turns (clockwise) to face the class.
- Senpai: 'Sensei Ni Rei' (bow to the Instructor) – all bow.
- Senpai: 'Otaga Ni Rei' (bow to each other) – Deshi bow.
- Senpai: 'Kiritsu' (come to attention. All stand at once, with the Sensei, to the attention stance – Musubi Dachi) – all bow.

#### 15. JIYU GUMITE

The rules of Jiyu-gumite (free-sparring) within the Dojo will be based on the fighting principles of BWK Competition Sparring. The exceptions are that Jiyu-gumite allows **the controlled use** of knee, elbow and grappling application. All Dojo Jiyu-gumite **MUST** adhere to the correct methods of 'contact-control', stated within the listed Contest Rules.

- (a) Due to insurance (Public & Person to Person Liability), only BWK Licenced Members would be permitted into the activities of Jiyu-gumite.
- (b) Prior to the start of the Jiyu-gumite, the Sensei/Senpai shall state any [further] restrictions within the sparring match - **THESE RESTRICTIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED & ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES DURING THE SESSION.**
- (c) Bogu (protection). Students must wear the correct BWK recommended Bogu (Karate protection), which must conform to the white elasticised/velcro style or official competition (red/blue/white) equipment. For Jiyu-Gumite Bogu; hand mitts, shin & instep pads **MUST** be worn at all times (females should wear chest-guards for their own protection). Gum-shields and groin-guards are *heavily* 'advised' (gum-shields & groin-guards are **strictly required** within competition). *There will be no 'additional' padding allowed, such as head-guards or external body-shields, etc.*
- (d) If glasses or contact lenses are worn then clear-plastic sport impact-proof glasses/goggles may be worn over.
- (e) Students must be in good health, with no pre-existing illness/es or injuries.
- (f) Contact is limited to **NO MORE THAN**; 'medium contact' to the body/trunk only. Techniques must be 'pulled-short' of head/face contact.
- (g) Considerations must always be made to the age and capabilities of each opponent. Take each opponent as an 'individual' who may have differing needs and conditions to others to gain the best benefit from each club sparring-match. Club sparring is **NOT** competition; it is a practise and learning experience.



- (h) **There will be no technique/s directed towards the throat, neck, groin, or knee. Students will be banned from sparring if it is considered that they may be a risk of danger to themselves or others.**
- (i) No excessive contact or **DANGEROUS** throws/takedowns will be permitted. Deliberate violation of these rules will result in **instant exclusion** from Jiyu-gumite, leading to the possible expulsion from the club for persistent offenders.
- (j) The Sensei has the right to implement additional rules and restrictions, which he sees fit, to promote safe and beneficial sparring within his Dojo.

#### **British Wadokai Bogu (Dojo Protection & Safety Policy)**

British Wadokai Dojo Jiyu-Gumite & Shiai-Gumite (sparring) Protection (insurance company requirements):

- a. Correct protection must be worn on the hand.
- b. It is also advised that protection be worn on the shin & instep (essentially required for competition).
- c. Protection must be either [elasticated] white (for club sparring only, see below), or blue/red, and conform to the usual traditional Wadoryu Shiai-kumite (competition and/or club, see section 'f') and BWK protection specifications.



Elasticated Hand mitts.

Elasticated Shin & Instep pads.

- d. A gum-shield and groin-protector must be worn in competition.
- e. Females (including younger developing girls) must also wear Karate chest protection in competition and *heavily* advised during club-level kumite.
- f. There should be no 'additional' protection permitted for seniors (head-guards, etc.) in Wadoryu Dojo sparring, due to the [sometimes dangerous] restrictive-construction & design (vision impairment). However, additional protection may be recommended for juniors, and certain competition level sparring, but this would need to be researched by the individual (mainly the responsibility of personal reassurance by the competitor prior to entering an event). For example, junior competition-sparring protection shown below.



Junior Level Competition Sparring Protection

- g. Contact is limited to no more than 'touch' contact to the face and medium contact to the body.



- h. All participants in sparring must be of good physical & mental health.



Adult-Level Competition Sparring Protection

Exceptions from sparring:

- (a) Students who suffer from **any kind** of MEDICAL CONDITION where the practise could be detrimental to the health of the participants.
- (b) Females, students under the age of 18, students over the age of 40, students with disabilities or pre-existing injuries, will not be *'forced'* into free-fighting of any kind.

NB: Students who DO NOT have the expected minimum protection for sparring will NOT be permitted to spar. Students will forfeit points/marks in gradings for non-participation in Jiyu-gumite.

## 16. LICENCES

**Conditions of Membership & Training within a BWK Dojo: All Students MUST have a valid British Wado Federation Licence-Membership before regular training.**

A Licence will include:

- (a) Passport/Grade Book, as supplied by the BWF Licence Office.
- (b) Membership to BWK, the British Wado Federation, International Wado Federation.
- (c) Wadoryu Insurance cover is for IWF-UK & British Wado Federation [WADO] activities ONLY.

NB: International membership will need to possess a separate National Insurance Cover for the relevant country.

Licence/s

- (a) Are renewable annually and must be up-to-date at ALL TIMES whilst training. There must be NO BREAK in licence possession for correct grade intervals. See Section f.
- (b) Will be applied for via the British Wado Federation Licence Officer.
- (c) Application forms must be sent by post to the British Wado Federation Licence Office, by the applicant, only after it has been inspected & signed as *correct filled-in* by the Club Secretary/Instructor.
- (d) Reapplications may be applied for via email using the BACS process for payment. See application form.
- (e) No responsibility will be taken for loss or damage if Licences are applied for via 'hand delivery' through the Club Instructor/Secretary, etc.
- (f) In the event of a licence expiry, resulting in new licence-number being issued due to late renewal; grade progression is as follows.
  - **Kyū grade continuation/progression:** 9<sup>th</sup> Kyū to 7<sup>th</sup> Kyū can recontinue after 3-months from new licence number 'restart date'. 6<sup>th</sup> Kyū & above can recontinue after 6-months from new licence number 'restart date'.
  - **Dan grade continuation/progression** can be continued after at least 12-months (taking into account correct time-lapse intervals after this 12-month duration) from new licence number 'restart date'.
- (g) BWF Wadoryu Licences include £10m Employers Liability, Club Liability, Person to Person Liability, Instructor Liability, Public & Products Liability, Association Committee Liability, and



Official BWK/BWF Competitions. Please refer to Insurance Master Policy for further details and confirmation of cover.

**NB: Due to conditions of insurance liability the BWF/BWK [only] will be responsible for organising official Competition/Tournament events, etc.**

BWF Licence Application will include:

- (a) 2 Passport style photographs (if new).
- (b) Remittance by Cheque, Postal Order or BACS Reference/s.

NB: Copy of previous licence may also be required (*where applicable*).

□ Licences that become out of date will be cancelled and grade registration records deleted.

**All Licence Insurances & Memberships will CEASE IMMEDIATELY upon expiration date.**

NB: Yūdan grades may be re-registered, upon application, from the BWK President.

Further information regarding licences, found on Page 2 of the BWK Licence Application Form.

**INCOMPLETE & INCORRECT APPLICATIONS WILL BE REJECTED AND RETURNED**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION & CONDITIONS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE APPLYING**  
IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE A VALID LICENCE-MEMBERSHIP & INSURANCE AT ALL TIMES - IT IS ALSO YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE LICENCE APPLICATION FORM IS FULLY COMPLETED AND SENT DIRECTLY TO THE LICENCE OFFICE.

\* Please delete where appropriate. Renewal chit will be sent by email if post or email choice not indicated.

**New Licences** - A new Licence/Membership will commence from the date application is received by the Licence Office.

**\* For BACS/Electronic Applications.**

Bank: **HSBC**. Account Name: **British Wadokai**. Sort Code: **40-36-25**. Account: **51421700**.

**International Transaction Details:**

IBAN No.: **GB98MIDL40362551421700** Swift No.: **MIDLGB2149F**

**For Online Applications:** <https://form.jotform.com/ojteich/bwk-licence>

**\*\*Family Members are discounted for 3 or more closed family units (at the same address). Family members must apply together on separate Licence Application Forms. Once a family has been issued with a 'Family Licence Facility' more family members can be added later @ £5 (initial 1-off payment) per each additional member.**

**Insurances Include** - £10m Club/Dojo Liability, Public Liability & Person to Person Liability, £10m Instructor Liability (where applicable). A valid **British Wadokai Licence** is for **TRADITIONAL WADOKAI TRAINING ONLY** sanctioned by the **BWK-Honbu** and the **British Wado Federation**. Cover **does not include** training outside of British Wado Kai/Federation. Students are also **uninsured** to train in **any un-Wado orientated training methods (including weapons and unauthorised training equipment/devices), other styles of Martial Arts, Sport Karate, MMA, kick-boxing, training with [or the use of] metal-bladed weapons, etc.** An Instructor who allows, promotes, encourages, or has knowledge of any of his membership involved using their BWK Licence within 'uninsured' non-BWK **Sanctioned** activities, will be considered 'Negligent & Liable'. Additionally, unless extended insurances have been implemented, only BWK instructors are permitted to teach at BWK Clubs. **If unsure, please contact a member of the Committee or our main Insurance Company.**



For additional information regarding UK Personal Accident, Additional Cover, and/or 'Freelance' Instructor Insurance Cover (allowing full cover for extra-curricular activities), please contact our main insurance company.

**Renewals – RENEW BEFORE EXPIRY. Licence Insurance & Membership will CEASE immediately upon expiry DO NOT send your BWK Licence/Grade Book to the Licence Office for renewal.**

**Applications from other organisations** - Depending on origination (origin of style, certification, lineage, etc.) grades registered within your previous karate licence may be 'automatically' transferred [as honorary status] to your new BWK Licence book upon acceptance, if desired. **If you wish for 'grade transfer', please include a scan/copy of your previous Licence and/or certificate for British Wadokai records.** Your Instructor will continue your grade commencement once you are in receipt of your new licence (stamped with your present grade) upon being fully conversant with syllabus (past & present) requirements for progression (apply as New Licence). **DOUBLE-LICENSING IS NOT PERMITTED** (please refer to the BWK Rules & Regulations).



**Late Renewals** – *Firstly:* It is the sole responsibility of the individual to keep insurances, licence, and membership up to date and valid **at all times**. *Secondly:* It is considered 'negligent' for an instructor to allow students to train without adequate insurance. *You are placing yourself and your instructor at risk of 'negligent liability' by training without insurance.*

Due to high turnover of memberships in martial-arts it is usually considered if a Licence has expired it is normally due to the result of the individual terminating membership. A student who allows their licence to expire will result in Membership & Grade Records being destroyed (data protection).

Only the latest grade will be reinstated as all previous records would have been destroyed. **Commencement of gradings** for 're-registered' members where licences have been cancelled through expiry: **Club Instructors** must ensure that all accepted *pre-graded* members are updated to their relevant syllabus level prior to advancement (**minimum 6-months for Kyū level and 12-months for Yūdansha**). Grade progression, from the member's present grade, can commence once all these implications have been addressed and in place.

**\*\*\*Replacement Licence Books** - To replace a Licence Book, which has been lost or damaged, you must use this form. **Replacement Licence Books are charged @ £5.75** payable to **British Wadokai**. Your recent 'registered' grade will be stamped onto the replacement Licence Book. If you require a replacement licence as part of your renewal, please apply as '**New Licence**' (@ £30).

**\*\*\*\* Email Address** – By supplying your email address you are entering into an agreement that you would like to receive **British Wadokai** related information, such as Weekly Date Section & Wado News! If you **do not wish** to receive this information **this can be cancelled at any time**. If you wish to view our Privacy Statement details, etc., please go to; <https://britishwadokai.co.uk>

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**Insurance.** For Full Synopsis, please refer to the Master Policy.

**REMEMBER:** If you suffer from any medical condition, it is important to ensure that your instructor is aware of these. It is also advisable that ALL applicants (especially over the age of 40) should have a Medical Examination **BEFORE** commencing into any physical activity related to the Martial-arts.

*Once reapplication has been accepted all records are replaced.*

## 17. REGISTRATION

All Kyū grades will be registered with the Licence Officer. The relevant Grading Examiner must retain all Grade Registration Sheets; a copy may be sent to the BWK Licence Officer when completed (by email or post). Grade registrations would be automatic upon BWK Licence Renewals, etc.

## 18. BWK COMPETITION RULES

### BWK Competition Rules

Only the BWK Honbu has the authority to organise and arrange *official* **BWK** Competitions. No other club or group can claim to run a BWK Competition.

### KUMITE

#### Match area:

- The match area shall have a flat surface, with the correct standard of Tatami (matting), with necessary measurements taken for the prevention of hazard.
- The size of the area, in principle, shall be eight-metres square.
- Two parallel lines, each 1 metre long, shall be drawn at a distance of 1.5 metres from, and on both sides, of the centre point of the match area.

#### Contestants:

- The contestants shall wear clean white Karate-gi, and wear a prerequisite blue or red Obi.
- The contestants shall conform to all the necessary safety requirements and understand all the rules and regulations for Shiai.

#### Protection:

- Protection must be worn on the hand, shin & instep.
- Protection must be either white, or blue/red, and conform to the usual traditional Wadoryu Shiai-kumite and BWK protection specifications.





- c. A gum-shield and groin-protector must be worn.
- d. Females must also wear Karate chest protection.
- e. There will be no 'additional' protection permitted.

**Officials:**

1. All officials must have the necessary up to date BWK Judge/Referee certified qualifications.
2. Must have up to date BWK Licences.
3. Be dressed in formal attire (blazer, tie, etc.).

**Kumite events:**

- a. The types of match shall be: Individual Match. Team Match.
- b. The Individual Match shall be decided by SANBON-SHOBU or NIHON-SHOBU.
- c. The time limit for each match (Team & Individual Events) will be two minutes (junior events) or three minutes (senior events).
- d. The number of persons comprising a team will be THREE or FIVE, plus an extra for the reserve.
- e. Team Events will consist of an unlimited-accumulation point system; all team-member bout points will be added together for the end score of the match.
- f. The method of deciding a winning team will be based on the TOTAL SCORE in each team match-off.
- g. Each Team Match will start from 'scratch' when going through to following rounds.

*Clarification: Both winner and loser's score, per bout, will be accumulated towards the end of the team match for scoring purposes for a total team point win. The winning team shall then go through to the next round. Scoring will be from scratch for progressing rounds.*

**Organisation:**

- a. The judgement of the match shall be made by: 1 Referee and 1 (mirror) Judge. The advice of an Arbitrator may be taken into consideration, at the discretion of the Referee. *NB: An Arbitrator must be made available at all times, for such decisions.*

**Scorekeeper:**

- a. The Scorekeeper has the duty to hold the score of the match. He shall call "SCORE", once the full points (where applicable) have been reached by one of the competitors.

**Timekeeper:**

- a. The 'stopwatch' on the match shall be activated as soon as the command "HADJIME" has been given by the Referee, the command "JIKAN" will be the ONLY command, by the Referee, to pause time. The Timekeeper shall call "ATOSHI BARAKU", to warn that the time is nearly expired in the match, symbolising that only thirty seconds remain.

**Contestants:**

- a. The Contestants shall take up their positions on the aforesaid lines when called. Upon the commands, they will; bow to the Referee, bow to the Judge, then bow to each other. They will be given the command "YOHI", they will wait until the command "SHOBU-NIHON/SANBON-HADJIME", and this will be the signal for the match to start. When the command "YAMAE" is given, which would be followed by "SOREMADE" or "MOTO-NO-ICHI" etc., the contestants must return to their original starting positions.
- b. Exclusively the Referee shall run matches.
- c. In the event of a "HIKIWAKE" (draw), a tiebreaker extension of 1-minute duration may be held to decide the winner. In the event of a 'HIKIWAKE' during the Team event, the Team Captain may select a Team member to fight in the extension match.

**Scoring:**

The scores and the scoring areas are as follows:

- a. IPPON: A controlled technique to the body. A foot-sweep or takedown with follow-up.
- b. WAZARI: A controlled technique to the head. A foot-sweep or takedown to the floor. Forcing the opponent out of the fighting area using technical prowess.



- c. An Ippon will be awarded to a contestant who was subject to; a low kick or strike, facial contact (not serious), excessive body contact (but still able to continue).
- d. Contestants shall be INSTANTLY DISQUALIFIED for:
  1. Heavy contact to the head, face, neck, throat, groin, or knee.
  2. 'Dangerous' throws or takedowns.

*NB: In short: ANY TECHNIQUE WHERE THE OPPONENT IS UNABLE TO CONTINUE AND IN THE VIEW OF THE REFEREE TO BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS. Both competitors will not be permitted to continue in the event of disqualification due to excessive HEAD CONTACT.*

- e. When an exact, effective technique WITH "KIAI" is delivered to the recognised scoring area/s, scores may be awarded. The conditions referred to shall mean:
  1. Good form.
  2. Good attitude.
  3. Strong spirit.
  4. Proper timing and distancing.

*NB: A technique delivered simultaneously to the "TIME" call, may be counted in the score. Techniques delivered from either contestant, out of the fighting area, shall be considered invalid.*

- f. In the event of a contestant who loses his fighting spirit, and turns his back on the attacker etc., the Referee may decide to award the match to the attacker, before time has expired.
- g. A win is decided when:
  1. A contestant has scored the required points within the time limit (individual events).
  2. A contestant has achieved the highest score within the time limit.
- h. There will be 'warnings' for *minor* offences/fouls, and points will be awarded against those who violate the rules of the Kumite.
- i. Deliberate contact to the excluded areas (throat, neck, groin, and knee) will result in INSTANT DISQUALIFICATION.
- j. Contestants must use, as striking techniques:
  1. CLENCHED FIST: Punch, hammer-fist, back-fist.
  2. FOOT: Ball, instep (high, low, outer, inner), side-edge, heel.
- k. Clinching, pushing and body crashing, wasting time, abuses, provocation, or needless utterances, as well as 'un-sporting' behaviour are prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- l. Other areas that will result in disqualification:
  1. Not obeying the Referee.
  2. Arguing with the decision of the Referee, or Judge/s.
  3. In the case that the act of a contestant who becomes so 'over-excited', to the extent that he is, or may be considered by the Referee as a danger to his opponent.
  4. All other acts that are deemed to be violating the Rules of the Match.

Injuries or accidents during the match:

- a. When a contestant who suffered a minor injury, not serious enough to disable him from the match, refuses to continue, he shall be declared the loser.
- b. An injury sustained simultaneously to both contestants to whom both are responsible, the match shall be declared a draw.

Protests:

- a. The Referee's decision is FINAL.

Judge:

- a. The Judge shall stand opposite the Referee inside the area at the start of the match. He will assist the Referee. He shall signal his opinion by holding his arm in the air so it is visible to the Referee at the time of the manoeuvre. He shall exercise a right to a vote in the decision of the match.

Arbitrator:

- a. The Arbitrator will be responsible for keeping score (if needed), shouting "SCORE", when the necessary points have been reached, so as the Referee may hear. He shall exercise a right to a vote in the decision of the match.



## KATA

### Official Kata:

- a. The official Shiai-Kata for BWK events will consist of the following BWK Wadoryu Kata: Pinan; Shodan, Nidan, Sandan, Yodan, Godan; Ku-Shanku, Naihanchi, Seishan, Chinto, Bassai, Wanshu, Ni-sei-shi, Rohai, Ji-tte, Ji-han, Ji-in. Shiai-kata will also include the non-syllabus kata of; Shinsei, Juroku, Seienchin, Seisan and Suparinpei. Restrictions may be imposed for grade level and or/age of the corresponding event/s, etc. BWK Wado Kata will only be allowed all other variations will result in instant disqualification.

### Contestants:

- a. Must be in possession of an up to date BWK 'recognised' Licence (*it must be in the safe possession of the competitor, at all times, for verification of age, grade and insurance, etc.*).
- b. Competitors will be placed in groups relevant to their category.
- c. Competitors have the choice of the numerous 'Official Kata' listed for their category.
- d. Individual Events. At least two Kata must be known, as the choice of Kata must differ through each round.
- e. Pairs & Team Events. One kata may be selected from the official list.
- f. Competitors will be judged in pairs (of Individuals/Pairs/Teams), in order of relevant selection, from the 'Competitor Sheet'.
- g. Judges will be issued with two flags, one blue (Ao/Aoi) and one red (Aka).
- h. The Competitor, once called, will bow at the perimeter marker/line and walk to the designated 'start-line indication' inside the competition area. The Competitor will bow and announce his choice of Kata he will perform. The Competitor will assume the Yohi position (appropriate for designated Kata) and demonstrate the aforesaid Kata. Return to the original position (Yamae) once completed and bow. The competitor will then walk backwards to the perimeter line and bows again before assuming position in the designated waiting area just outside the competitor/mat area.
- i. When both Aka and Ao have completed their selected Kata the Chief Judge will call for the competitors to return to the mat. The Chief Judge will then call "Hantei". This will be the signal for the competitors to position themselves, facing the Chief Judge, and for the Judges to prepare to make their decision between the competitors' performances.
- j. A decision will be made as to the 'best' performer. The winning competitor would then be selected to go through to the next qualifying round/s. This process would be done continually, until all competitors have been eliminated, to declare the final results, etc.
- k. Upon the necessity of 'Repechage', the relevant competitor will be matched in the finals. Selections will then be made, by performing in the last round, as to the placing of 1-Gold, 1-Silver, and 2-Bronze etc.

### Organisation:

- a. There will be 3 or 5 Area Judges who will determine the Judgement of the match.
- b. All Kata will be Judged to official BWK Wadoryu Standards.

### Officials:

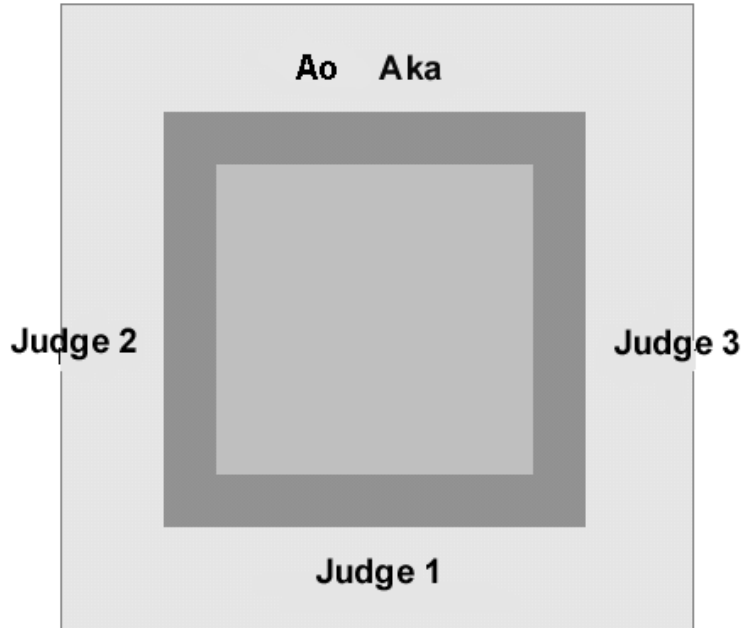
1. All officials must have the necessary up to date BWK Judge/Referee certified qualifications.
2. Must have up to date BWK Licences.
3. Be dressed in formal attire (blazer, tie, etc.).

### Judges:

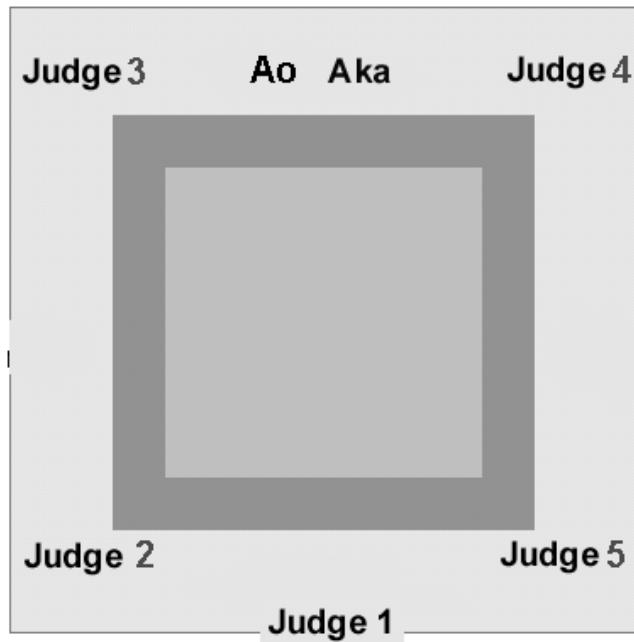
- a. Judges must be licensed & qualified and wear the correct attire (blazer, tie, etc.). *A Karate-gi may be acceptable at Club Level Events only.*
- b. Judges will sit at the designated 3 or 5 match area side-lines.
- c. There will be no communication between Judges, unless for 'technical' clarification etc. However, final decisions must be made independently.
- d. The blue flag will be held in the right hand and the red flag is to be held in the left.
- e. Example of Ao and Hikiwake (draw) decision. The position of each Judge's flag is shown below for Ao and Hikiwake (flags crossed). *NB: There will be no 'draws' permitted in the final rounds.*



f. Three Judge Layout



g. Five Judge Layout



Judge:

- a. The Chief Judge will call the relevant competitor to the match area (Ao followed by Aka). The performer will take up his position at the start point (in kiritsu), name his Kata of choice,



- and take up the relevant 'yohi' position. The performer will complete his Kata (assume yamae, naore, tachi-rei), and then return to the 'outside' area of the mat.
- When both competitors have completed their Kata, the Chief Judge will then call "Hantei". This will be the signal for the competitors to position themselves facing the Chief Judge.
  - The Chief Judge will then blow his whistle; this will be the signal for all judges to display their favoured Kata performer with either the Aka or Ao flag/card (or, in unusual extenuating circumstances, both to signal a 'draw'). There will be no 'draws' permitted in the final rounds.
  - All Judges must display their flag for a decision immediately upon the first whistle, and return the flags upon their laps upon the second whistle.
  - The Table Administration will then record the decision and take the necessary procedures for match continuation.
  - This process will continue until consideration/s of the finals/reportage procedure/s.

Standard Kata Categories. (More categories may be included when necessary. Refer to relevant event application form):

- Age 9 and under mixed.
- Age 10 to 12 mixed up to and including 4<sup>th</sup> Kyū.
- Age 10 to 12 mixed 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyū and above.
- Age 13 to 15 mixed up to and including 4<sup>th</sup> Kyū.
- Age 13 to 15 Girls 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyū and above.
- Age 13 to 15 Boys 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyū and above.
- Team Category. Two or Three Team competitors of any age (Junior up to 15, Senior 16 & above), grade and gender.

Categories are subject to availability. Competitors may be transferred to another category without notice if certain categories are insufficiently supported.

#### INJURY

In the event of an injury to a contestant, the Chief Judge shall HALT the match and call for MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. In the event that a competitor is unable to continue, the Chief Judge shall suspend/terminate the match. In the event of injury where a competitor is unable to continue, the individual/team shall be disqualified.

#### Injuries.

Competitors must be in a personal peak condition on day of competition. In the event of prior injuries, whether temporarily or permanent, individuals will not be permitted to compete in any event at any level until the injury has been 'cleared' by a physician. Permanent injuries will require individual assessment prior to competitive training progression.

#### TERMS AND MEANINGS USED BY THE CHIEF JUDGE

TERM	MEANING
Shomen-ni-rei	Bow to the front/Kamiza area and/or honoured guests.
Shinpandan-ni-rei	Bow to the Chief [Area] Judge.
Fukushin-ni-rei	Bow to the Judge/s.
Otaga-ni-rei	Bow to each other.
Hadjime	Start
Yohi	Prepare, ready.
Yamae	Stop (assume Yohi).
Aka	Red.
Ao/Aoi	Blue.
Aka (Ao) no-kachi	Victory to the red (blue).
Hantei	Balance, calling for a decision.
Hikiwake	Draw.
Fukushin-shugo	Calling the Judges. <i>Assemble or summon the Judges.</i>
Ao (aka) hansoku, aka (ao) no-kachi	Foul by blue (red), victory to red (blue).



Ao (aka) no-kikken-niyori, aka (ao) no-kachi	Victory by red (blue), due to renunciation by blue (red).
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#### GYO-ENBU

##### Time & Timekeeper:

- a. The official time for all Gyo-Enbu events will be 60 seconds, unless otherwise stated prior to the Contest Date.
- b. The Chief Referee will signal the start of the Gyo-Enbu by the single blow of his whistle.
- c. The Timekeeper shall call "TIME" at the end of the 60 seconds, so that the Referee/s and Judges can draw their own conclusion as to 'how close' to the 'target time' the Gyo-Enbu has run.

##### Contestants:

- a. The process of etiquette, and the system of elimination, will be judged in the similar manner to that of Kata.
- b. Teams will wear the pre-designated red or blue belts.
- c. Competitors will be placed in a Kumite/Tatami area (matted), positioned on the marked starting points as marked side-facing the Chief Judge, after the pre-required bowing etiquettes.
- d. The competitors will bow to each other and start their Gyo-Enbu.
- e. Once they have completed their Gyo-Enbu the competitors will bow to each other then face the Chief Judge; then bow and leave the area.
- f. A decision will be made and scoring will be reflected as to the presentation.
- g. The Finals will be the 'placing' of; Gold, Silver, and Bronze.
- h. Scoring will be based upon the following criteria:
  1. Presentation.
  2. Within the required time-limit.
  3. Technical ability and 'skill' factor.
  4. Spirit and intensity.
  5. Difficulty factor.
  6. Realism.
  7. Balanced ability from both team members.
  8. Technical balance and consistency.
- i. There will be no use of 'props' or other external influences, such as, walls, weapons, objects, etc.
- j. Competitors will not be permitted the use of padding of any kind.
- k. Utterances (other than Kiai) are not permitted.

##### Organisation:

- a. 3 to 5 Judges will determine the Judgement of the match.

##### Officials:

1. All officials must have the necessary up to date BWK Judge/Referee certified qualifications.
2. Must have up to date BWK Licences.
3. Be dressed in formal attire (blazer, tie, etc.).

##### Judges:

- a. Judges will sit at the match area consistent to that of Kata Events (see Kata).
- b. Judgement/s will be made in the same way as for Kata Events (see Kata).

#### INJURY

In the case of an injury to a contestant, the Referee shall HALT the match and call for MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. In the event that a competitor is unable to continue, the Referee shall suspend/terminate the match. In the event of injury within the Gyo-Enbu event/s, the team shall be disqualified, if unable to continue.

##### Injuries.

Competitors must be in a personal peak condition on day of competition. In the event of prior



injuries, whether temporarily or permanent, individuals will not be permitted to compete in any event at any level until the injury has been 'cleared' by a physician. Permanent injuries will require individual assessment prior to competitive training progression.

#### TERMS AND MEANINGS USED BY THE CHIEF JUDGE

TERM	MEANING
Shinpandan-ni-rei	Bow to the Referee/Chief Judge.
Fukushin-ni-rei	Bow to the Judge/s.
Shomen-ni-rei	Bow to the front (or Kamiza) and /or honoured guests.
Otaga-ni-rei	Bow to each other.
Shobu-nihon/sanbon-hadjime	Start of the two/three point match.
Hadjime	Start.
Yohi	Prepare, ready.
Yamae	Stop.
Tsuzukette-hadjime	Restart the match.
Soromade/Moto-no-ichi	Ordering the contestants to return to the starting position/s.
Jikan	Pause time.
Waza-ari/Wazari	Half point.
Ippon	Full point.
Jogai	Area (infringement)
Aka	Red.
Ao	Blue.
Aka (Ao) no-kachi	Victory to the red (blue).
Hantei	Balance, calling for a decision.
Hikiwake	Draw.
Encho	Prolonging the match.
Ai-uchi	Simultaneous contact.
Hansoku	Foul.
Hansoku-chui	Warning of foul.
Atoshibaraku	Countdown, 30 seconds remaining.
Fukushin-shugo	Calling the Judges. <i>Assemble/summon the Judges.</i>
Ao (aka) hansoku, aka (Ao) no-kachi	Foul by Blue (red), victory to red (blue).
Ao (aka) no-kikken-niyori, aka (Ao) no-kachi	Victory by red (blue), due to renunciation by blue (red).

#### 19. COMPETITION OFFICIALS QUALIFICATIONS

##### Officials.

- Level 1: Area Coordinator. Duties: Name check & categories, belt administration. Responsibilities: To ensure competitors understand requirements for relevant Kata event. To ensure sufficient belts available for all competitors. Requirements: A basic understanding of Wado Kata.
- Level 2: Area Administrator. Duties: Judge Administration (Kata: 1 Chief Kata Judge, 2/4 Kata Judge. Kumite Referee, Mirror Judge, Arbitrator, etc.). Responsibilities: Understanding of paperwork and basic running of passing through successful competitors to following round/s.
- Level 3. Senior Administrator. Duties: Include all of Level 1 & 2. Working knowledge of the Repechage system. Responsibilities: Ensure the smooth running of table and area coordination.
- Level 4. Kata Judge. Duties: Judge (Pinan to Chinto). Responsibilities: Understanding of requirements for judging a Kata event.
- Level 5. Senior Kata Judge. Duties: Judge Official Kata events (all BWK Kata). Responsibilities: Understanding of requirements for judging a Kata event.



## Kumite

Judges and Referees for Kumite must have already qualified up to & including Level 5.

Judges/Referees.

- Level 6. Kumite Judge. Duties: Kumite Judge/Mirror Judge, Arbitrator.
- Level 7. Kumite Referee. Duties: Kumite Referee, Arbitrator.
- Level 8. Senior Kumite Referee. Duties: Senior Kumite Referee/Tatami-Cho.

Qualifications issued for BWK Members.

- ❑ Senior Assessor: Gary Swift Hanshi, Ian Hunter (8th Dan) Kyoshi.
- ❑ Level 8: Gary Swift Hanshi, Ian Hunter (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Kyoshi.
- ❑ Level 7: Richard House (5<sup>th</sup> Dan) Renshi, Oren Teichmann (Tashi) 4<sup>th</sup> Dan.
- ❑ Level 6: Gordon Hoare 7<sup>th</sup> Dan, Mark Lawrence (4<sup>th</sup> Dan) Tashi, Michael Diggle 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan.
- ❑ Level 5:
- ❑ Level 4: James Taylor 6<sup>th</sup> Dan, Matthew Roberts 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan, James Latimer 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan.
- ❑ Level 3: Elizabeth Rayman 1<sup>st</sup> Dan.
- ❑ Level 2: Carolyn Watson 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan.
- ❑ Level 1:

NB: Judges and Referee Courses will be held when required.

## 20. BWK SQUAD

The BWK Squad Sessions are open to all BWK Licensed Members.

Training in Kata and Kumite will be conducted together, and selections for the Squad will be decided on commitment and training history. Required Kumite-Bogu (Kumite protection). Protection must consist of Hand mitts, shin & instep protection, groin-guard, chest protection (females), and gum shield.

In the event that you may compete within events organised by the National Governing Body, you may need to consider alternative variations of protection at some point. As these 'alternatives' can be very expensive, and the criteria changes fairly regularly, please don't invest in NGB protection at the moment, if you do not have any, just continue to use your 'club/association level' protection. Remember, club level protection is always consistent, NGB protection requirements change frequently.

The *Elite Squad* requirements and criteria are measured on 'results' at Tournaments and Competitions, as well as continual attendance to the BWK Squad Sessions and Courses, which are essential, and will maintain Elite Status.

So just to summarise.

Categories/rankings within the BWK Squad.

1. BWK Squad Athlete: An attendee at the Squad Courses.
2. BWK Squad Member (Kata): A Member 'selected' to represent BWK at BWK Sanctioned Events (Wado) for Kata.
3. BWK Squad Member (Kumite): A Member 'selected' to represent BWK at BWK Sanctioned Events (Wado) for Kumite.
4. BWK Elite/National Squad Member: A Squad Member who has achieved at least one 'result' from an official BWK/BWK Sanctioned Wado Event (Gold, Silver, or Bronze), in either Kata and Kumite.

Each student will be issued with his/her own training & result record, which must be kept safe and handed in for signing at each Squad (*or Squad related*) Session. This will be your only record of achievements in both attendance and placing within competitions. **SO PLEASE KEEP IT SAFE**

All Squad Members **MUST** also attend regular Dojo training sessions (at least once a week with an official BWK Instructor) and also attend the available BWK courses, including Standardisation





Courses, etc.

Elite Squad Members will be 'automatically' selected for competition, as long as they have been up-to-date with all Squad Session attendances.

All Kata performed at BWK Squad Sessions will be the original 'official' BWK version of the Kata endorsed by Suzuki Tatsuo (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Hanshi. By attending any other course outside of BWK may be detrimental to the student's consistency within the form, so please ensure you retain 'in-house' training at all times.

BWK Squad Members are permitted to attend any 'open' Squad Sessions outside of BWK. However, BWK Squad Members will not be permitted to be part of, or represent, any Squad outside of the BWK.

The Official BWK Kata are; Pinan Shodan, Pinan Nidan, Pinan Sandan, Pinan Yodan, Pinan Godan, Ku-Shanku, Naihanchi, Seishan, Chinto, Bassai, Wanshu, Ni-Sei-Shi, Rohai, Ji'tte, Ji'han, Ji'in. The official BWK Shiai-Kata also include the BWK Wado versions of; Shinsei, Seisan, Jurokuno, Seienchin and Hakoishi-Suparinpei.

For progression onto the British Wado Federation National Team, which is the next level up, and the only other Squad BWK Members are entitled to be part of, *please see the BWK Head Coach or BWK Squad Administration for details.*

**BWK Squad Members/Licensed Students are not permitted to represent outside organisations, as this will be considered in direct breach of *BWK Membership Rules*.**

## 21. BWK SQUAD COACHES

BWK Coaches are:

- National Kumite/Kata; Gary E Swift Hanshi.
- Southern Region: Kumite; Ian Hunter (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Kyoshi. Kata; Oren Teichmann (4<sup>th</sup> Dan) Tashi.
- Southwest Region: Kumite/Kata; Gary Swift Hanshi.
- *More regional-coaches may be made available upon being fully qualified.*

**NB: Due to conditions of insurance the BWF/BWK-Honbu will be responsible for organising official BWF/BWK competition/Tournament events, etc.**

## 22. BWK EXAMINERS LIST

**Includes the Official BWK Black-Belt Examination/Assessment Panel.**

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- **Level 5:** BWK Chief Examiner Gary Swift Hanshi.
- **Level 4:** All Yūdan Assessment Panel 'Examiner-Qualified' BWK-Registered Adult Sandan & Above.  
Sub-levels include: Sandan; Level 4/2. Yodan; Level 4/3. Godan; Level 4/4. Shichidan; Level 4/5. Hachidan; Level 4/7. *NB. Second digit represents highest Dan permitted to assess up to.*
- **Level 3:** All BWK-Registered & Examiner Qualified Adult Sandan.
- **Level 2:** All BWK-Registered & Examiner Qualified Adult Nidan.
- **Level 1:** All BWK-Registered & Examiner Qualified Adult Shodan.

**NB: BWK Examiner Levels are retained by the presence of those who have attended the official\* BWK Standardisation/Advancement Course and the presence and passing the requirements to assess upon an official BWK Examination Panel. To stress the importance of 'Standardisation', non-attendance will result in loss of Examiner Status.**

BWK Level Examiners may also be invited to make up an *honorary position* on the British/International Wado Federation Yūdan Assessment Panel for grading BWF Yūdansha at the official British, European, and International Wado Federation Yūdan Shinsa. BWK Level Examiners may also be invited to be a part of a Yūdan Shinsa Assessment Panel; under the direction/invitation of the relevant BWF/IWF Member Group Chief Instructor.



\*(Arranged through BWK-Honbu).

### 23. BWK CLUB/ASSOCIATION CHARGES AS FROM NOVEMBER 2022

- a) IWF Licence, Membership (BWK & National/World Wado-ryu Governing Bodies), Passport, Grade Record Book £30 GBP. NB: Licences are renewable annually from the BWK Licensing Office. Payable to **BWK** through application. Renewal charge; £25. Family unit charge; £65 for 3 or more close-family members living at the same address.
- b) Temporary/Visitors Insurance (£10m Person to Person and Public Liability) £15 per annum.
- c) Kyū Level Gradings £15:00 GBP (includes Registration, Certificate & Belt). Payable to relevant Examiner/Club. \* \*\*
- d) BWK Yūdan Gradings for Members (1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Dan)) £150 GBP (includes Full Grading (written & practical, where applicable). Registration to all member National and World Governing Bodies, Chief Examiner Expenses, Dojo Rent/Overheads, Certification and Belt (Belt for Shodan only)). Payable to **BWK** through application.
- e) BWK Yūdan Grading Retake **FREE OF CHARGE**, if reapplied for within 24-months of original failure. Yūdan Shinsa retakes, due to failure in part or full, can be applied for free of charge only at an already confirmed/booked Yūdan Shinsa. See date Section for details.
- f) BWK Promotional & Honorary Grades are issued **FREE OF CHARGE** by the BWK Chief Instructor/President (however the registration fee, for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan, of £75 will be required, payable to BWK, from the awarded member).
- g) Shogo titles are issued **FREE OF CHARGE** by the BWK Chief Instructor/President.
- h) Recommended Training Session Fee £5:00 GBP per [1-hour] session. Payable to the relevant Instructor/Club. \*\*
- i) Instruction from the BWK Chief Instructor.

*Unless previously arranged.*

**BWK-Honbu Direct Member Clubs:** In most cases there will be no charge for teaching. However, due to wear & tear of motor vehicle, the charge of fuel/expenses would be gratefully accepted (please see further below); or alternatively, an optional 'donation' to BWK Funds.

**Non-BWK Club Visits:** Instruction from BWK Chief Instructor to outside affiliated clubs/groups, etc. £75:00 GBP per hour (or part), for the first hour (reduced to £45:00 GBP per consecutive training hour/s), plus extra expenses may be incurred (depending on distance); travelling costs (40p per mile), and accommodation (if necessary), etc.

\* Template Kyū Level Certificates can be downloaded **FREE OF CHARGE** from the BWK Website.

Belts can be obtained through Martial Arts Suppliers and/or Warehouses, etc. Finalised Grade Sheets can be sent to the BWK Licence Office for Grade Registration if required.

\*\* Charges may vary *slightly* from Club to Club.

#### Chief Instructor Travelling Costs.

##### Dojo Distances & Costs!

For clubs wishing to book the BWK Chief Instructor for a course at your own Dojo, please see below for petrol cost guide.

Remember, BWK does NOT charge for teaching at BWK Affiliated Clubs, however, petrol costs need to be met as the Chief Instructor uses his own car and finances to visit clubs within BWK Membership, etc. In the event of *exceptional Dojo distances*, accommodation would also be kindly appreciated.

Thank you for your support & cooperation.

Please see below for distances and petrol costs incurred from Plymouth to;

- BWK-Burgess Hill Dojo **£92** (480-miles, allowing over 9-hours driving).
- BWK-Cranleigh Dojo **£78** (405-miles, allowing over 8-hours driving).
- BWK-Down Ampney Dojo **£65** (340-miles, allowing over 6-hours driving).
- BWK-Horsham Dojo **£82** (424-miles, allowing over 8.30-hours driving).
- BWK-Manchester Dojo **£100** (589-miles, allowing over 10-hours driving).
- BWK-Newcastle Dojo **£160** (836-miles, allowing over 16-hours [realtime personal experienced] driving).

**CHARGES MAY CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE**



**Disclaimer.**

**NB: Due to the nature of the Rules & Regulations, and implementation of various regular updates, detected discrepancies and conflicts may occur.**

**If any discrepancies are detected, please contact the *BWK Chairman* immediately.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**