

British Judo Association

BJA KATA OFFICIALS GUIDANCE NOTES UPDATED 1st June 2023

Authorisation

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

BJA Senior Kata Examiners are authorised to examine and certificate not only the above listed kata but also Kime-no-Kata, Ju-no-Kata, Kodokan Goshin-jutsu, Itsutsu-no-Kata and Koshiki-no-Kata at Level 1 Level 2 and Level 3.

A Level 4 certification in any kata can be examined by a **single (1) BJA Kata Commission Member**, a **single (1) BJA National Kata Judge** or by **two (2) BJA Senior Kata Examiners** working together.

Responsibility

As a BJA Kata Official you have a responsibility to promote kata, examine to the correct standard and be actively involved in developing kata within the BJA.

BJA Kata Standards

The required BJA kata standard is as per the current Kodokan standard which is shown on the relevant Kodokan Kata teaching films. Gonosen-no-Kata is NOT a Kodokan kata and so no overall standard exists. Candidates being examined in Gonosen-no-kata are expected to show i) good judo principles, ii) effective “taking of the initiative” and iii) efficiency of throwing throughout their performance.

BJA Kata Award Levels

This instruction is effective as of 1st June 2023 and supersedes all previous published instructions on BJA Kata Awards.

BJA Kata Awards are now designated in competence level format as follows:

- Level 1 – Previously “Club” Level
- Level 2 – Previously “County” Level
- Level 3 – Previously “Area” Level
- Level 4 – Previously “National” Level

Candidates undertaking examinations for BJA Kata Awards **must only be examined for one (1) level at time** commencing at Level 1.

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

Fast Tracking in terms of time at a level or jumping a level will not normally be permitted. However, in exceptional circumstances, an application may be made to the BJA Kata

Commission for such consideration.

BJA Kata Examination Forms

The required percentage and pass marks for each Level of BJA Kata examination are shown in the following Table.



BJA Kata Percentages & Marks:

	LEVEL 1 PASS = 65%	LEVEL 2 PASS = 70%	LEVEL 3 PASS = 75%	LEVEL 4 PASS = 80%
KATA	PASS MARK	PASS MARK	PASS MARK	PASS MARK
Nage-no-Kata	117	126	135	144
Katame-no-Kata	117	126	135	144
Kime-no-Kata	150	161	173	184
Kodokan Goshin-jutsu	156	168	180	192
Ju-no-Kata	117	126	135	144
Itsutsu-no-Kata	52	56	60	64
Koshiki-no-Kata	156	168	180	192
Gonosen-no-Kata	98	105	113	120
Awarded for	Normal Basic Kata Skills	Normal Good Demonstration	Rare Very Good Demo.	Exceptional Kata Skills
Candidate Role(s)	Tori	Tori	Tori	Tori & Uke

BJA Kata Examination Forms:

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

Examiner Guidance Notes:

- It is requested that wherever possible the Kata examiner is not the Tutor who delivered the Kata Education Course.
- It is important that Kata Examination forms are completed properly and in a legible fashion ensuring that all details are correct.
- If any candidate is unable to fully demonstrate any of the Kata techniques (due to age, infirmity, or some other valid reason) then they can be assessed on their reduced ability. Alternatively, such candidates can use 2 judoka that they have coached, to demonstrate the Kata techniques so that they may discuss with the examiner the major points and principles of the Kata being examined.
- There is a Fee for the issue of each Kata Certificate of £10 (Ten Pounds) per certificate and Cheques for payment should be made payable to: **“British Judo Association”**. Payment can also be made by credit card.
- Completed Kata Examination forms and the associated cheque(s) should be forwarded to:
Kata Registrar, BJA Head Office, University of Wolverhampton (Walsall Campus),
Gorway Road, Walsall. WS1 3BD
- The BJA office will ratify the award accordingly and issue the appropriate BJA Kata Certificate directly to the candidate.
- The BJA Kata Commission will audit and review the Kata examination process and

oversee the issuing of BJA Kata Certificates.



Revalidation

- Revalidation of all BJA Kata Officials is every two years.
- Under special circumstances the BJA Kata Commission Chairman can recommend and authorise revalidation.

National Kata Commission

1st June 2023