GUIDANCE NOTES FOR COMPLETING PROMOTION APPLICATION TO 7TH DAN AND ABOVE



The following notes have been compiled in order to assist BJA judokas of $6^{\rm th}$ Dan and above in their application for $7^{\rm th}$ Dan and above and should be read in conjunction with the notes on the IJF form. There are two forms, one is the actual application and the other is the criteria and instructions. These promotions are awarded by the EJU or IJF in accordance with the information detailed on the IJF application form and on the recommendation of the BJA Chairman.

- 1. Applicants should first read the introductory pages of the IJF form.
- 2. Applicants should then complete the application pages add their photo and digitally sign the application.
- 3. The category claimed (A, B C or D) must be in line with activity carried out since last promotion and is detailed in the introductory pages.
- 4. All information that you supply is useful, but the BJA recommendation will largely be based on activity since last promotion. Therefore, it is important that the information on recent activity is on the application form with dates of that activity.
- 5. Applicant must ensure they are of the correct age in accordance with the detail on introductory pages
- 6. Any further information that you may feel is relevant can be supplied on a separate document or CV.
- 7. The kata criteria as stated on the IJF form "is knowledge of 6 kodokan kata". Proof of knowledge claimed must be supplied and this can be by certificates of official BJA course attendance or examination.

The completed application form should be saved in the same format (not converted to PDF) as there will be additional information added by the BJA. Application forms should then be sent by email to National Dan Gradings Manager - Dave Horton-Jones at dave.hortonjones@britishjudo.org.uk

Receipt of application will be confirmed and after verification of the information supplied and that the criteria has been met, the application form will be passed to the Promotions Commission together with an appointed member of the High Grade Review Panel (HGR), who before making any deliberation, will seek the opinion of the full HGR Panel. After the Commission recommendation and on BJA Chairman's approval, the application will be sent to the EJU, the BJA will pay all EJU fees. Applications for 8th Dan and above will then if approved by EJU be forwarded by the EJU to the IJF.

Should an application be rejected by the BJA, EJU or IJF, the National Promotions and Gradings Manager will inform the applicant and provide feedback on reasons for rejection.

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