

# GUIDE TO KATA FOR GRADING PURPOSES



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

The Promotion Commission policy is that Kata examinations cannot be taken on the same day as participating on a kata coaching course, unless they have undertaken some level of pre course training or are deemed suitable by the Kata Examiner.

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

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

### Competitive Dan Grade promotion

The attendance certificate does not exempt competitive Dan grades from the kata part of the Competitive Skills Examination, which was previously called 'Theory'. However, holders of a level 1 kata certificate and above can claim an exemption by producing it for the SE during the Skills exam.

### Technical Dan Grade promotion

The attendance certificate does not exempt Technical Dan grades from the kata part of the Technical Dan grade examination. However, holders of a level 1 and above Nage-No-Kata certificate are exempt from the Technical Dan Grade examination, section 7.

Similarly, holders of a level 1 and above Katame-no-kata certificate are exempt from the Technical Dan grade Examination, section 8 and holders of a level 1 and above Gonosen-no-kata are exempt from Section 9.

Section 9 Gonosen-no-nata can also be substituted by examination or attendance certificates in Kime-no, Goshin-jutsu, Koshiki-no or Ju-no-kata

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

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