



Canadian Kendo Federation
3571 Stouffville Road
Stouffville, Ontario, L4A 7X5
Tel / Fax: 905-887-0937
www.kendo-canada.com

CKF GRADING - RULES AND REGULATIONS

Grading Committees

There are two Regional Examination Committees; The Western Grading Committee and the Eastern Grading Committee. Each Committee (where applicable) is to be composed of a minimum of five examiners and each committee member will hold a rank of 6th Dan or higher.

CKF members located in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan wishing to challenge Kendo 1st Kyu, 1st Dan to 5th Dan and laido 1st Kyu, 1st Dan to 4th Dan will be examined by the Western Grading Committee.

CKF members located in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes wishing to challenge Kendo 1st Kyu, 1st Dan to 5th Dan and laido: 1st Kyu, 1st Dan to 4th Dan will be examined by the Eastern Grading Committee.

Any CKF member wishing to challenge 6th Dan and above will be examined by the Central Grading Committee. Any CKF member wishing to challenge Kendo 6th Dan and above and Renshi Shogo (1 full year after receiving 6th Dan) will be examined by the Central Grading Committee in Ontario. Contact CKF for more info.

Upon successful completion of the examination, each Regional Grading Committee, after examining the candidate will recommend them to the Central Grading Committee for their final approval and the granting of their degrees. The CKF President issues all grading certificates.

Examination Components

The Kendo grading examination consists of two components: (i) observation of their Kendo (ii) Kendo Kata. Each component is judged on a pass or fail basis. Each candidate must

successfully complete both components. A successful completion is determined by receiving 'pass' from at least 4 of the 5 or 4 of the 6 examiners.

The laido and Jodo grading examination consists of the observation of a candidate's kata. Successful completion is based on receiving a 'pass' from at least 4 of 5 or 4 of 6 examiners. A candidate must also exhibit proper etiquette. Failure to do so can result in a failed examination.

Qualifications

Applicants must be members in good standing of the Canadian Kendo Federation. This means that yearly membership fees must be paid in full in advance of grading.



Canadian Kendo Federation
 3571 Stouffville Road
 Stouffville, Ontario, L4A 7X5
 Tel / Fax: 905-887-0937
 www.kendo-canada.com

Applicants (Kendo, Iaido and Jodo) must have the following periods of practice:

Dan/Kyu	Practice Periods	Minimum Ages
1 Kyu		
1 (Sho) Dan	Over 3 months after granting of 1 Kyu	14 Years and over
2 (Ni) Dan	Over 2 years after granting of 1 st Dan	16 Years and over
3 (San) Dan	Over 2 years after granting of 2 nd Dan	18 Years and over
4 (Yon) Dan	Over 3 years after granting of 3 rd Dan	21 Years and over
5 (Go) Dan	Over 4 years after granting of 4 th Dan	25 Years and over
6(Roku) Dan	Over 5 years after granting of 5 th Dan	30 Years and over
7 (Nana) Dan	Over 6 years after granting of 6 th Dan	36 Years and over
8 (Hachi) Dan	Over 10 years after granting of 7 th Dan	48 Years and over

Kendo Kata shall be examined as follows:

Kyu/Dan Applied for:	Examination Subjects
1 Kyu	Tachi 1 – 3 Bon
1 Dan	Tachi 1 – 5 Hon
2 Dan	Tachi 1 – 7 Hon
3 rd Dan & Up	Tachi 7 Hon & Kodachi 3 Bon

Iaido Kata shall be examined as follows:

Kyu/Dan Applied for:	Examination Subjects
1 Kyu & 1 Dan	5 ZenKenRen* of candidate's choice
2 Dan & Up	1 Koryu of candidate's choice 4 ZenKenRen* as selected by the examiners.

* Zen Nihon Kendo Renmei – All Japan Kendo Federation

Jodo Kata shall be examined as follows:

Kyu/Dan Applied for:	Examination Subjects
1 Kyu	3 Kihon, Seitei Kata #1-3 Jo and Tachi side
1 Dan	Seitei Kata 2 - 6 Jo and Tachi side
2 Dan	Seitei Kata 3 - 7 Jo and Tachi side
3 Dan	Seitei Kata 4 - 8 Jo and Tachi side
4 Dan	Seitei Kata 7 - 11 Jo and Tachi side
5 Dan	Seitei Kata 8 - 12 Jo and Tachi side



Canadian Kendo Federation
3571 Stouffville Road
Stouffville, Ontario, L4A 7X5
Tel / Fax: 905-887-0937
www.kendo-canada.com

CKF Examination and Certificate Fee Schedule

Kyu/Dan applied for:	Examination Fees	Certificate Fees	Japanese Certificate*
1 st Kyu	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	N/A
1 st Dan	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.00	+ \$ 70.00
2 nd Dan	\$ 30.00	\$ 70.00	+ \$ 70.00
3 rd Dan	\$ 40.00	\$ 110.00	+ \$ 70.00
4 th Dan	\$ 40.00	\$ 275.00	
5 th Dan	\$ 40.00	\$ 375.00	
6 th Dan	\$ 40.00	\$ 500.00	
7 th Dan	\$ 40.00	\$ 650.00	

*All certificates for 4th Dan and up will be written in Japanese. All names on Japanese Certificates will be written in Roman alphabet unless otherwise specified on the application form.