

*This amendment to the JFA National Grading Policy was accepted by the National Board of Directors at their November 2008 meeting*

**Judoka with a disability or disabilities**

**Grading up to and including 1st Kyu.** In recognition of special needs Judoka, Grade Examiners can use their own discretion and good judgment within the spirit of the Judo when issuing Kyu grades to Judoka with a disability.

**Dan Gradings.** Applications to the J.F.A. Inc State Grading Commissions will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Please note: Special Needs Judoka graded with this consideration must at all times wear the J.F.A. Special Needs Judoka badge on their right Shoulder indicating their special needs when training or competing to ensure the safety to themselves and others. The design of the Badge is available from the J.F.A. Website.

[This amendment will be added to the 2008 National Grading Policy in at 3.2 with the badge Design](#)

