

Composition and Roles and Responsibilities of the JVI Kata Commission

The composition of the Kata Commission shall be composed of five members of which one shall hold the Chair. The members shall be elected by the General Committee. The Chair shall be elected by the members of the Kata Commission.

The Rank Accreditation Board (RAB) shall be responsible for the kata component of Dan gradings.

The principal areas of responsibility of the Kata Commission are:

A.

- To organize and conduct kata seminars
- To organize, conduct and judge kata competitions
- To qualify JVI members to be kata judges and assessors

and,

B.

- To assist the RAB in the assessment and testing of kata for Dan gradings, when requested.

Examination of kata as part of the Dan grading requirements shall be conducted by the RAB with the assistance from the Kata Commission as required.

Kata for Shodan, Nidan and Sandan

Kata for Shodan, Nidan and Sandan shall be assessed according to the principles in Appendix 1.

Assessment shall be by a panel selected by the Chairman of the RAB from members of the RAB. The Chairman of the RAB may request the assistance of JVI members who have been approved for kata assessment. The panel shall consist of two members for Shodan and Nidan and three members for Sandan. It is not compulsory that a dan grading applicant attend a kata seminar before presenting for examination by the RAB, however it is recommended.

The venue for kata assessment will be decided by the Chairman of the RAB; however an applicant may request that an assessment be at a kata seminar. If so the request must be sent to the RAB chairman, no less than three weeks before the kata seminar, for approval. The request must also be sent to the Chair of the Kata Commission. The kata must be assessed according to the principles in Appendix 1.

Also an applicant for a dan grading may request their kata to be approved by obtaining a score, as prescribed in Appendix 2, in JVI Kata Commission approved kata competitions.

Kata for Yondan, Godan and Rokudan

Kata for Yondan, Godan and Rokudan will be tested by the RAB with assistance from the Kata Commission as required and according to testing procedures. The test shall be at a venue chosen by the RAB which may be at a kata seminar. The request for the kata test shall be sent to the Chairman of the RAB no less than four weeks before the requested date, for approval.

Also an applicant for a dan grading may request their kata to be approved by obtaining a score, as prescribed in Appendix 2, in JVI Kata Commission approved kata competitions.

Instructors of 55 years and older, or injured

These applicants are not required to perform the katas, but may be requested to 'walk through' the katas.

They must also be able to demonstrate an in-depth knowledge through teaching the katas to in-experienced judoka.

Appendix 1

Assessment of Kata Principles

Presentation: Clean white judogi, without obvious wear or tear and size according to IJF shiai standards. A belt in good order and of length to IJF shiai standard.

Nage No Kata

2. **Etiquette:** Posture, bowing, moving, breakfalls and forward rolls.
2. **Nage principles:** Kuzashi, Tsukuri, Kake, breakfalls and forward rolls.
3. **Attack and defence:** Giving way, showing correct break of balance.
4. **Throwing:** Correct order and performance of each technique.
5. **Tori and Uke:** Working as a team.

Katame No Kata

1. **Etiquette:** Posture, bowing, moving.
2. **Understanding attack:** Defence by Uke and counter by Tori.
3. **Newaza:** Correct order and performance of each technique.
4. **Tori and Uke:** Working as a team.

Appendix 2

Kata competition marks to satisfy grading requirements

Grade	Kata	Currently competing	Non-competing
ShoDan	Nage No Kata	30	35
NiDan	Nage No Kata	40	45
	Katame No Kata	30	35
SanDan	Nage No Kata	50	55
	Katame No Kata	40	45
YonDan	Nage No Kata	60	60
	Katame No Kata	50	50
GoDan	Kime No Kata	40	45
RokuDan	Kodokan Goshin Jutsu Or Ju No Kata	40	45