



## **American Amateur Karate Federation**

NATIONAL TRADITIONAL KARATE GOVERNING BODY OF THE UNITED STATES

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# **TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION GUIDE**

## **Coach Certification**

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**AAKF TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS GUIDE**  
**FOR**  
**COACH CERTIFICATION**

**I. GENERAL**

To be officially qualified to coach in an official event, an individual must have an AAKF Certified Coach's license; also, an AAKF Ranking Examiner must have an AAKF Certified Coach's license.

**II. QUALIFICATIONS OF CERTIFIED COACH**

- A. Hold proper rank as shown in Section III below (Classes of Certified Coaches & Requirement Chart).
- B. Have completed an AAKF Certified Coaches Course and successfully taken the Certified Coaches examination.
- C. Hold certification in CPR, or verified equivalent level of ability by the respective country.
- D. Have participated in and competed an AAKF sanctioned Judges Seminar & hold Judges Ranking as shown in Section III below (Classes of Certified Coaches & Requirement Chart).
- E. Submit recommendation from respective Regional Director.

**III. CLASSES OF CERTIFIED COACHES AND REQUIREMENT CHART**

| Class    | Required Qualification |                      | Application Required | Fee Required | Renewal Term           | Required Active Experience |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
|          | Rank                   | Judges (Kata/Kumite) |                      |              |                        | Coach                      |
| <b>1</b> | Sho-Dan                | Classes 1/1          | Yes                  | Yes          | Every 2 calendar years | 1 year                     |
| <b>2</b> | Ni-Dan                 | Classes 2/2          | Yes                  | Yes          | Every 2 calendar years | 3 years                    |
| <b>3</b> | San-Dan                | Classes 3/3          | Yes                  | Yes          | Every 2 calendar years | 6 years                    |
| <b>4</b> | Yon-Dan                | Classes 4/4          | Yes                  | Yes          | Every 2 calendar years | 8 years                    |

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|-------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
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| 5     | Go-Dan                 | Classes 5/5             | Yes                  | Yes          | Every 2 calendar years | 10 years                   |
| 6     | Roku-Dan               | Classes 6/6             | Yes                  | Yes          | Every 2 calendar years | 12 years                   |
| 7     | Sichi-Dan              | Classes 7/7             | Yes                  | Yes          | Every 2 calendar years | 15 years                   |

#### IV. REGISTRATION

##### A. Registration

Through the respective AAKF Regional Office, send the following documents and fees to the AAKF National Office:

1. Completed AAKF Certified Coaches Registration Form.
2. Copy of certification of passing AAKF Certified Coaches Examination.
3. Copy of certification of successful completion of AAKF sanctioned Judges Seminar.
4. Copy of CPR certification within respective states.
5. Registration fees, as decided by the AAKF Board of Directors.

##### B. Diploma

The AAKF National Office will issue the appropriate diploma.

#### V. TERMS OF RENEWAL

**A. The term of a Certified Coach is two calendar years or less, beginning from initial date of registration to the end of the following year.**

**B. For renewal before the end of the term, the individual must send the following documents and fees to the AAKF National Office through their respective Regional Office:**

1. Completed AAKF Certified Coaches Renewal Application Form.

2. Copy of certification of completion of AAKF sanctioned Judges Seminar or Judges Refresher Course.
3. Verification of completion of any Technical requirements as determined by the AAKF Technical Committee.
4. Renewal fees, as decided by the AAKF Board of Directors.

*Remark:*

*Three (3) months after the end of a term, new registration is required and the candidate must complete a new registration procedure as outlined in Section III (Chart for the Expired Class).*