



American Amateur Karate Federation

NATIONAL TRADITIONAL KARATE GOVERNING BODY OF THE UNITED STATES

TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION GUIDE

Judge Certification

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AAKF TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS GUIDE
FOR
JUDGE CERTIFICATION

I. GENERAL

AAKF Qualified Judges must judge all AAKF official competitions.

II. TYPE, CLASS AND AUTHORITY OF QUALIFIED JUDGES

A. Type

There are two types of Qualified Judges: Kumite and Kata

B. Class

Each type of Qualified Judge has a Class from 1-7.

C. Authority

1. Because of varying qualifications, a Kata judge cannot judge a Kumite event or vice versa, however, the same individual can qualify to judge both Kumite and Kata.

2. Classes Authority

A. Class 6, 7

Class 6 and 7 Judge can serve as Kan-sa (Arbitrator) or Shu-shin (Referee) of National and International competitions and any other judging activities.

B. Class 5

Judge can serve as Shu-shin of Regional or as Fuku-shin (Corner Judge) of National competitions.

C. Class 4

Class 4 Judge can serve as Fuku-shin of Regional completion and Shu-shin of National competitions.

D. Class 3

Class 3 Judge can serve as Shu-shin of Regional competitions.

E. Class 2

Class 2 Judge can serve on Shu-shin of Regional competition for 1st Kyu and lower.

F. Class 1

Class 1 Judge can serve as Shu-shin of Regional competition for 3rd Kyu and lower.

III. JUDGES REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS (Kumite and Kata)

A. Class 7

1. Two or more years of experience as Class 6 Judge.
2. After receiving Class 6 qualifications, completion of the AAKF Judges' Promotion Course and successful completion of Class 7 Judge's examination.
3. Go-Dan or higher rank registered with the AAKF.

B. Class 6

1. Two or more years of experience as Class 5 Judge.
2. After receiving Class 5 qualifications, completion of the AAKF Judges' Promotion Course and successful completion of Class 6 Judge's examination.
3. Yon-Dan or higher rank registered with the AAKF.

C. Class 5

1. Two or more years of experience as Class 4 Judge.
2. After receiving Class 4 qualifications, completion of the AAKF Judges' Promotion Course and successful completion of Class 5 Judge's examination.
3. San-Dan or higher rank registered with the AAKF.

D. Class 4

1. Two or more years of experience or Class 3 Judge.

2. After receiving Class 3 qualifications, completion of the AAKF Judges' Promotion Course and successful completion of Class 4 Judge's examination.
3. Ni-Dan or higher rank registered with the AAKF.

E. Class 3

1. One year or more of experience or Class 2 Judge.
2. After receiving Class 2 qualifications, completion of the AAKF Judges' Promotion Course and successful completion of Class 3 Judge's examination.
3. Sho-Dan or higher rank registered with the AAKF.

F. Class 2

1. One year or more of experience or Class 1 Judge.
2. After receiving Class 1 qualifications, completion of the AAKF Judges' Promotion Course and successful completion of Class 2 Judge's examination.
3. 1st Kyu or higher rank registered with the AAKF.

G. Class 1

1. Completion of the AAKF Judges' Promotion Course and successful completion of Class 2 Judge's examination.
2. 3rd Kyu or higher rank registered with the AAKF.

IV. REGISTRATION OF JUDGES QUALIFICATION

A. Registration

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

1. Completed Qualified Judge Registration Form.
2. Copy of certification of passing of Qualified Judges Examination.
3. Qualified Judge's Registration fees, as decided by the AAKF Board of Directors.

Remark:

- 1) *Individual must register for Kumite and Kata separately.*

- 2) *In the case of attaining a higher class rating, a new registration must be submitted; there are no refunds of fees if previous term has not expired prior to moving to a higher class.*

B. Diploma

The AAKF will issue the appropriate Diploma

V. TERMS OF RENEWAL

A. The Term of a Qualified Judge is for a period of two calendar years or less, beginning from the initial date of registration to the end of the following year.

B. Renewal

For renewals before the end of the current term, send the following documents and fees through the respective Regional Office to the AAKF National Office.

1. Completed AAKF Qualified Judge Renewal Application Form.
2. Copy of certification of completion of the AAKF sanctioned Judges' Seminar or Judges' Refresher Course.
3. Verification of any technical requirements as determined by the AAKF Technical Committee.
4. Renewal fees, as decided by the AAKF Board of Directors.

Remark:

- 1) *Three (3) months after a term has expired, the registrant must begin a new registration procedure for expired Class as shown in Qualified Kata & Kumite Judges Requirement Chart.*
- 2) *Upon renewal, the AAKF will issue the appropriate diploma.*

QUALIFIED KATA & KUMITE JUDGES' REQUIREMENT CHART

| Class | Required Qualification | Application Required | | Fees Required | | Renewal Term | | Required Active Experience | |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------|--------|---------------|--------|------------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|
| | | Kata | Kumite | Kata | Kumite | Kata | Kumite | Kata | Kumite |
| 1 | 3 rd Kyu | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Every 2 calendar years | | None | |
| 2 | 1 st Kyu | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Every 2 calendar years | | 1-year after Class 1 | |
| 3 | Sho-Dan | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Every 2 calendar years | | 1-year after Class 2 | |

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|-------|------------------------|----------------------|--------|---------------|--------|------------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|
| | Rank | Kata | Kumite | Kata | Kumite | Kata | Kumite | Kata | Kumite |
| 4 | Ni-Dan | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Every 2 calendar years | | 2-years after Class 3 | |
| 5 | San-Dan | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Every 2 calendar years | | 2-years after Class 4 | |
| 6 | Yon-Dan | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Every 2 calendar years | | 2-years after Class 5 | |
| 7 | Go-Dan | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Every 2 calendar years | | 2-years after Class 6 | |