

## IKO Policy regarding Dan Promotion Examination

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From: IKO Honbu

Dear IKO Branch Chiefs,

Osu,

IKO Kyokushinkaikan Black Belts are recognized throughout the world for their high standard of technique, strength and perseverance. IKO Honbu strives to maintain this exceptional standard and would like to make current Dan examination regulations clear for all our members.

The following is the guidelines for Dan examinations:

- IKO Branch Chiefs who are 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan or above, may test his own IKO registered students pursuing 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Black Belt. The 1<sup>st</sup> Dan candidate trying for promotion must be an IKO Kyokushinkaikan registered 1<sup>st</sup> Kyu Brown Belt with an official 1<sup>st</sup> Kyu Certificate in order to be eligible. Once the candidate satisfies the standards for 1<sup>st</sup> Dan, the IKO Branch Chief must submit the subsequent 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Registration Form to IKO Honbu in order to formally recommend the candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> Dan.
- IKO Branch Chiefs who are 4<sup>th</sup> Dan or above, may test his own IKO registered students pursuing 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Black Belt. The candidate must be an IKO Kyokushinkaikan registered 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Black Belt with an official 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Certificate in order to be eligible. Once the candidate satisfies the standards for 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan, the IKO Branch Chief must submit the subsequent 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Registration Form to IKO Honbu in order to formally recommend the candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan.
- IKO Branch Chiefs who are 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan may not conduct Dan examinations. IKO Branch Chiefs must him/herself prepare for and test to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan as soon as possible, in order to provide testing and growth opportunities for their own Branch students - as stated in the IKO Bylaws accordingly.
- IKO Honbu-Direct Dojo Operators may not conduct Dan examinations.
- Dan examinations for IKO members pursuing 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan must test before Kancho Matsui or IKO Honbu-appointed Officials.
- Dan examination for IKO members pursuing 4<sup>th</sup> Dan and 5<sup>th</sup> Dan, must test before Kancho Matsui or IKO Honbu-appointed Officials, and testing must be conducted at IKO Honbu in Japan, or at IKO International seminars/camps organized by IKO Honbu.

Please make a note of the above policies and prepare your members accordingly. Thank you, Osu.

IKO Honbu