



## **SUMMARY- BJC DAN GRADING PROCEDURE**

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**Authorised (NTC):**

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- 2.1) All BJC Dan grading must be conducted to the satisfaction of the BJC Chief Examiner.  
2.3) All BJC dan grades are expected to be of good character, to promote and to support the BJC Judo principles and encourage the growth of BJC membership.  
2.4) All Dan grades will be authorised by the signature of the President, on the bottom line, in the appropriate place, shown in the BJC licence. (see 13.2 – re entry in licences)  
3.1) Candidates must be 16 years of age or older. 3.2) Candidates must have held membership of the British Judo Council for at least twelve months prior to the date of dan grade. 3.3) Upon achieving BJC Dan grade status, candidates should not maintain judo Dan grade status in any other British Judo Organisation, except: The BJA (see 9 below). If it's for the sole purpose of competition.

### **4.0 Responsibilities of Dan Grades**

- 4.1) All Dan grades of the BJC are considered to be officers of the BJC and personal representatives of the President and shall behave in a suitable responsible manner. 4.2) BJC Dan grades will do their best to promote the virtues of the BJC and encourage new membership.  
4.3) BJC Dan grades are encouraged to pursue qualifications, posts and responsibilities, in all the technical and administration activities of the BJC. 4.4) Dan grades shall not promote membership to any other Judo or Martial Arts organisation, through their BJC position as this will be considered detrimental to the interests of the British Judo Council. 4.5) Existing Dan grades that operate in their own self-determined scope of activities, ignoring the BJC National technical policy, shall not be considered for further grading with the BJC.

### **5.0 Periods between grades** - Variation of these times are only permissible, for valid reasons, at the discretion of the President and the National Technical Committee. The recommended periods between grades are as follows:

- 5.1) Periods between **contest** grades: 

		<u>Min Age</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Kyu to 1 <sup>st</sup> Dan	1 year of continual membership	16 years
1 <sup>st</sup> Dan to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan	2 years of continual membership	18 years
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan	3 years of continual membership	21 years
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan to 4 <sup>th</sup> Dan	4 years of continual membership + F.P.J Level 1	25 years
4 <sup>th</sup> Dan to 5 <sup>th</sup> Dan	5 years of continual membership + F.P.J. Level 1 & 2	30 years
- 5.2) Periods between **non-contest** grades: 

		Minimum Age depends on grade at 35 years
1 <sup>st</sup> Kyu to 1 <sup>st</sup> Dan	3 years of continual membership + F.P.J. L 1 & 2	
1 <sup>st</sup> Dan to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan	6 years of continual membership + F.P.J. L 1 & 2	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan	9 years of continual membership + F.P.J. L 1 & 2	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan to 4 <sup>th</sup> Dan	12 years of continual membership + F.P.J. L 1 & 2	
4 <sup>th</sup> Dan to 5 <sup>th</sup> Dan	15 years of continual membership + F.P.J. L 1 & 2	
- 5.3) Periods between **non-contest grades – with supplementary awards**:  
1<sup>st</sup> Kyu to 1<sup>st</sup> Dan - 2 years of continual BJC membership + F.P.J. L 1 & 2 + Club Leader or Club; Referee or Timekeeper and Recorder.  
1<sup>st</sup> Dan to 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan - 4 years of continual BJC membership + F.P.J. L 1 & 2 + Club Coach or Area; Referee or Timekeeper or Recorder.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dan to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan - 6 years of continual BJC membership + F.P.J. L 1 & 2 + Shudosha I or National; Referee or Timekeeper or Recorder.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dan to 4<sup>th</sup> Dan - 8 years of continual BJC membership + F.P.J. L 1 & 2 + Shudosha II or Regional Referee or National Timekeeper and Recorder.  
4<sup>th</sup> Dan to 5<sup>th</sup> Dan - 10 years of continual BJC membership + F.P.J. L 1 & 2 + Shudosha III or International Referee or Tournament Administrator.
- 5.4) Non-contest 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Dan: Normally 15 years of continual membership. 5.5) Variation of 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Dan periods are only permissible, for special reasons, at the discretion of the President and those members of the National Technical Committee who are senior to the candidate.
- 5.5) All grading requires Kata to be pre-qualified or presented on the day of grading. The kata requirements are shown in latest issue of '130404 Senior Kata V0 1-2'.

### **6.0 Contest Examination**

- 6.1) Recommendations to 1<sup>st</sup> Dan contest are only permissible at Area grading or National Course or Courses held by: The President, Vice President, Deputy Vice President or a member of the National Technical Committee. 6.3) Contest promotion for all BJC grades requires winning against three of the same; grade, gender, and age group. 6.4) A minimum winning score of Wazari (7) at full time will constitute a win. 6.5) In general, we encourage and ask all BJC Examiners to look for wins by Nage waza (throws) with a good standard of throwing reflecting BJC Judo aims. However the minimum requirement will be one ippon win by Nage-Waza unless otherwise pre-specified by the Examiner. 6.6) Where 4 or more candidates enter, of equal grade, gender and age status – a pool is permissible.
- 6.7) Up to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan – line-ups and substitution of grades are permissible as follows:  
6.7.1) There must be at least one of the correct active contest grade.  
6.7.2) Substitute two of the next grade below for each unavailable correct grade.  
6.7.3) Further substitutions using the next tier of lower grades, is only permissible by approval of: The President, Vice President, Deputy Vice President or a member of the National Technical Committee, being in attendance at the grading.
- 6.8) Age considerations.  
6.8.1) For under 35 years – all line-ups must be selected from members of equal grade and gender, under 35 years, with active contest ability. This award will be termed as a 'Contest' grade (C).  
6.8.2) For over 35 years – all line-ups must be selected from members of similar age, equal grade and gender. On occasions younger grades may be used and other allowances may be made by approval of: the President, Vice President, Deputy Vice President or a member of the National Technical Committee, being in attendance at the grading. This award will be termed "Contest Veteran" grade (CV).



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6.9) BATSUGAN promotions: At certain designated events (i.e. 'Veteran & Grade' Championships) members who show exceptional ability in contest and achieve substantial ippon wins (5 or more), will be considered for promotion without further examination of syllabus or kata. Categories will be termed 'Contest' award (C) and 'Veteran' categories will be termed 'Contest Veteran' award (CV).

### **7.0 Non Contest examination:**

- 7.1 Non-contest Dan grades are only assessed at National Courses or Courses held by; The President, Vice President, Deputy Vice President or a member of the National Technical Committee, being in attendance at the grading.
- 7.2 Non-contest Dan grades, unless physically immobile, must demonstrate a practical Judo ability through demonstration of Kata and Syllabus to a quality that is expected from a teacher.
- 7.3 All non-contest Dan grades must hold as a minimum of Club Leader and FPJ Level 1 & 2 award.
- 7.4 Non-contest Dan grades are not available for physically able members under 35 years of age.
- 7.5 Non-contest awards will be denoted as (NC).

### **8.0 Candidate's personal history.**

- 8.1) When considering non-contest grades, some or all of the candidate's personal achievements in the BJC will be taken into account.
- 8.2) The BJC licence book provides for most of these records. (was 8.3)

### **9.0 Holding grades with other organisations.**

- 9.1) BJC Dan grades may hold membership with other Judo organisations, however upon achieving and accepting a BJC Dan grade they must support **only** the BJC, in the promotion of BJC principles and recruitment of judo memberships. 9.2) BJC members may attempt and achieve Dan grade status within the BJA system, for the purpose of entry to the National selections trials, organised under the BJA.
- 9.3) However, conflict of interests will prevent members from fully supporting both organisations. Therefore members should decide which is to be their active grade. 9.4) If it is to be the BJC then they should not pursue further Dan grades with the BJA. However if they wish to pursue a full career in the BJA, then BJC grades should be shelved. 9.5) A path to return to the BJC system at a later date will always remain available, without prejudice. 9.6) The BJC recognise authenticated BJA and KODOKAN grades on the mat. Such grades are not confirmed as BJC unless the member wishes to commit and pursue judo grades with the BJC.

### **10. Examiner's Authority & Recommendation**

- 10.1) All area grading must be notified in writing to the National Technical Committee at least three calendar months in advance.
- 10.2) This is to give the National Technical Committee the opportunity to send an observer.
- 10.3) Examination and recommendations will be made through the Area Technical Officer who is appointed, in writing, by the President in consultation with the National Technical Committee. Area Technical Officers must verify their authorisation upon request.
- 10.4) All Dan grade recommendations are to be sent to the Head Quarters Office and submitted for the attention of the President.
- 10.5) In principle, grading examiners can only assess to one grade below their own.
- 10.6) Area Grading Examiners are appointed and authorised, in writing, by the President and the National Technical Committee. Area Grading Officers must verify this authorisation on request.
- 10.7) Grading Examiners can make recommendations outside of their own area, but only with the agreement of the local Area Technical Officer.
- 10.8) Dan grading at Area level is restricted to the ATO's recommendation of **contest** 1<sup>st</sup> Dan. However, a BJC 6<sup>th</sup> Dan at an official BJC grading may recommend to contest 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan and a BJC 7<sup>th</sup> Dan at an official BJC grading may recommend to contest 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan and a BJC 8<sup>th</sup> Dan at an official BJC grading may recommend to contest 4<sup>th</sup> Dan.
- 10.9) Otherwise all non-contest Dan grades and contest 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan and above must be assessed at National Courses or at a grading held in the presence of the President, Vice President, Deputy Vice President or a member of the National Technical Committee, being in attendance at the grading.

### **11. Interviews.**

- 11.1) Grading to 6<sup>th</sup> Dan and above, may be subject to a prior interview with two or more of: the President, Vice President, Deputy Vice President or members of the National Technical Committee.
- 11.2) Candidates may be asked to forward details of their personal history prior to the agreed date and time of an interview.

### **12. Honorary Grades**

- 12.1) BJC honorary grades are generally reserved for non-judoka who have made a significant contribution to BJC judo.
- 12.2) Honorary black belt (1<sup>st</sup> Dan grade) is a 'one-off' lifetime award.

### **13. Signing and entry in the BJC Licence**

- 13.1) A Dan grade licence must not be signed before it has been authorised by the President. Upon authorising the grade, the President, on occasions, may give grading officers permission to sign licences before being posted to the President.
- 13.2) Details of 'Date and Place of Examination' must be advised by the assessor but must not be entered until after authorisation by the President. This is normally entered by the President upon signing.
- 13.3) Only those so authorised are permitted to sign in the applicable Dan grade space of the BJC licence.

### **14. Authorisation of Grade**

- 14.1) The final authorisation of all BJC Dan grades is confirmed by the President's signature or the signature of his appointed representative so delegated.