



## BRITISH WADOKAI KARATE

All Kyu grade examinations will be monitored by qualified **British Wadokai** Yudansha who possess Examiners/Instructors certificates/qualifications.

Level 1/1a (1a; assisted/provisional); allows the examiner to grade up to 6th Kyu, Level 2; up to 3rd Kyu, Level 3; up to 1st Kyu. Level 4; entitlements are split into segments: Level 4a up to Shodan, 4b up to Nidan, 4c up to Sandan. Level 5; is reserved for the BWK President/Chief Instructor.

Before conducting a grading ensure that the correct grade fee has been paid to the Secretary/Treasurer. When the applicant has handed over his BWK Licence, also check to see if it up to date.

During assessment always take medical, age, mental & physical aspects into consideration at all times. For example if someone suffers from dyslexia he may find problems with coordination. He may find problems with, or incapable of, reciting the Dojo-kun. Remember, a fully 'able' person 'should' know his stuff! If he does not, then mark him accordingly.

**Faultless/Perfect:** Faultless is a '*non-grade specific*' mark given to a student for an outstanding 'faultless' demonstration of the required technique. For example, the equivalent to a technique that would be marked 10/10 during a Yūdan assessment. Very few (if any) would be considered/marked 'faultless' for any Kyu grade due to the level of perfection.

**Above Average:** An exceptional technique above the expected grade level requirements. A technique that you would expect to see demonstrated during a more advanced level.

**Average:** The expected level of performance related to the grade being attempted.

**Below Average:** Below average performance. A technique that shows little evidence of improvement, as required, since last assessment level.

**Wrong:** Inadequate performance for grade level. A technique that is incorrect or has been performed with multiple errors.

Score	Symbol
Faultless; 4	
Above Average; 3	
Average; 2	
Below Average; 1	
Wrong; 0	

### USEFUL COMMANDS/PHRASES FOR EXAMINERS

#### Commands.

Seiretsu = Line up in formal ranks. Shugo = Informal assembly. Seiza = Kneel. Kiritsu = Stand (*musubi-dachi*). Yohi = Ready/prepare (*hachi-ji-dachi*). Hadjime = Go/start. Yamae = Stop (return to hachi-ji-dachi). Naorei = Come to kiritsu to 'prepare to bow'. Rei = Bow. Tachi-rei = Standing bow. Hidari = Left. Migi = Right. Hidari-gamae-junzuki = Left straight-punch stance. Mawatte = Turning hand (turn). Mawatte-jodan-uke = Turn with head-block. Mawatte-chudan-soto-uke = Turn with outer-body block. Mawatte-chudan-uchi-uke = Turn with inner-body block. Mawatte-gedan-barai = Turn with lower-body sweeping block. Sonabade-ippou-toru-gyakuzuki = From the same position change-arms with reverse punch. Hidari-hanmi-gamae = left fighting stance. Hidari-shizentai = left natural position. Soroeu = Perform straight-through (command for kata, blocks, etc.). Shinpandan-ni-rei = Bow to referee. Otaga-ni-rei = Fighters bow to each other. Ban = Counting/command; ichi, ni, san, shi, goh = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

#### Stances.

Junzuki-dachi. Gyakuzuki-dachi. Junzuki-tsukkomi-dachi. Gyakuzuki-tsukkomi-dachi.

**Postures/positions** (these are *not* stances as they are considered positions of 'attitude').

Yohi (ready). Yamae (stop). Gamae (posture). Hanmi-gamae (half-body position, used in fighting position). Shizentai (natural standing position).

#### ABBREVIATIONS ON FAULTS

f = focus, ff = front foot (i.e. moves before techniques, etc), rf = rear foot (i.e. not straight, drags after technique, etc), grd = guard, hp = hand position/s, k = kiai/ki, z = zanshin, p = power, st = stance, t = technique. These abbreviations are not limited to those shown and may vary between examiners (examiners are also fully entitled to use their own abbreviations).

#### FAILURES

You must fail an applicant who; a. Does not take the grading seriously. b. Communicates to the Examiner/s or his partner, especially during pair-work. c. Talks or is unfocused through the grading. d. Has little or no knowledge of his requirements. e. Insufficient score on Grade Sheet for passing. f. Shows bad/incorrect etiquette.

Examiner Grade Level Entitlements; 1; 9<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> kyu. 2; 9<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> kyu. 3; 9<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> kyu. 4a; Up to 1<sup>st</sup> Dan. 4b; Up to 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan. 4c; Up to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan.

**For result reference. Please indicate 'class' of pass (or X for a failure) in 'Pass' Section on Sheet**

Grade	3rd Class Pass	2nd Class Pass	1st Class Pass
9th Kyu	10+	20+	30+
8th Kyu	12+	24+	30+
7th Kyu	12+	24+	30+
6th Kyu	25+	30+	45+
5th Kyu	25+	40+	60+
4th Kyu	25+	45+	65+
3rd Kyu	40+	65+	85+
2nd Kyu	40+	65+	85+
1st Kyu	45+	70+	95+