

2.3.2 Kyu Grading Examination Requirements and Procedures

- Beginners should be training for 5 months or more prior to their first grading examination. Other applicants should spend 5 months or more between gradings.
- The examiners qualification, size of examination panel and consent criteria is detailed in the AKR Standard Rules for Grading.

It is not necessary that the applicant be promoted one grade at a time. If their ability warrants, and by agreement of the examiners, the applicant may progress by more than one grade to a maximum of two grades. i.e. 6 kyu to 4 kyu. However, to obtain 1 Dan, the applicant must have held 1 kyu for 5 months or more.

Examination subjects are as follows:

Kyu Applied for	Examination Subjects	Examination Subjects
1 Kyu	Matches (Jitsugi), Nippon-Kendo-Kata	Tachi-no-Kata 1-3

2.3.2.1 6th kyu Technical Requirements

Candidates wearing Tare and Do.

- Correct hakama & keikogi
- Correct bogu
- Rei and sonkyo
- Ashi-sabaki
- Suburi

Kihon-waza to be demonstrated against motodachi,

- Kihon men
- Kihon kote
- Kihon do

2.3.2.2 5th kyu Grading Technical Requirements

Candidates wearing tare and do.

- Correct hakama & keikogi
- Correct bogu
- Rei and sonkyo
- Ashi-sabaki

Kihon-waza to be demonstrated against motodachi,

- Kihon men
- Kihon kote
- Kihon do
- Kiri-kaeshi

2.3.2.3 4th kyu Grading Technical Requirements

Candidates wearing full bogu and demonstrating against each other.

- Correct hakama & keikogi
- Correct bogu
- Kihon men
- Kihon kote
- Kihon do

Nidan-waza

- Kihon kote-men
- Kihon kote-do

- Kiri-kaeshi
- Kiri-kaeshi as motodachi
- Uchi-komi geiko

2.3.2.4 3rd kyu Grading Technical Requirements

Candidates wearing full Bogu and demonstrating against each other.

- Correct hakama & keikogi
- Correct bogu
- Kihon men
- Kihon kote
- Kihon do

Nidan-waza

- Kihon kote-men
- Kihon kote-do

Sandan-waza

- Kiri-kaeshi
- Kiri-kaeshi as motodachi
- Uchi-komi geiko

2.3.2.5 2nd kyu Grading Technical Requirements

- Kiri-kaeshi
- Kiri-kaeshi as motodachi
- Uchi-komi geiko
- Kakari geiko
- Ji geiko

2.3.2.6 1st kyu Grading Technical Requirements

- Kiri-kaeshi
- Kiri-kaeshi as motodachi
- Jitsugi
- Kata