



DAN GRADING REGULATIONS
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I. Rules content and modification

This regulation particularly precises:

- 1) The modus operandi
- 2) Administrative requirements of the FWE Technical-Committee
- 3) Content of the DAN Grading examinations
- 4) Forms of organization, attribution and equivalence about DAN

The presence of half the members of the FWE Technical-Committee is required to modify the legislation.

The decisions to modify the regulations are taken by a majority of two thirds of the vote validly cast.

The FWE Technical-Committee may propose to evolve the rules and exams content.

Its proposals will be submitted to the FWE Administration-Committee vote.

II. The FWE Technical-Committee

1) FWE Technical- Committee role

It has to:

- 1) To ensure the full value of the DAN, in their progression, their hierarchy, their harmony, in order to maintain the qualifications, responsibilities and representation of Wado karate.
- 2) To authenticate the DANs
- 3) To examine and deliver DANs
- 4) To consider individual cases and resolve any litigation submitted to him.
- 5) To arrange the DAN grading examinations.

The list of the members who can sit in the examination board (jury) is determined by the FWE Technical-Committee and then validated by the General Assembly of the FWE.

2) FWE Technical-Committee composition

- 1) A president/chairman is appointed after consultation of the FWE Administration-Committee.
- 2) The secretary is designated by the FWE Technical-Committee.
- 3) The members are elected by the General Assembly of FWE.
- 4) The elected members must have the minimum rank of 6th Dan.
- 5) Any person who may assist the operation of the FWE Technical-Committee may be invited to the sessions of FWE Technical-Committee and DAN grading.

3) Operating of the FWE Technical-Committee

The FWE Technical-Committee meets at least once a year at the call of its president/chairman or at the request of at least one third of its members.

The agenda is set by the office of the FWE Technical-Committee.

The meeting, the agenda and the documents needed to inform the members of the FWE Technical-Committee are sent by mail or electronically to them, normally fifteen days before the date of the FWE Technical-Committee meeting.

The FWE Technical-Committee meets validly with the presence of half of its members.

Voting by proxy or by mail is not accepted.

III. DAN Grading

1) Dan-Grading application file

Candidates must imperatively send an application form (to be found at WE website) thirty days before the examination date fixed by the FWE Technical-Committee.

In case of late submission, the file is automatically enrolled in the next session.

The registration file includes:

- 1) A registration form completed clearly (application form (to be found at WE website)).
- 2) Photocopy of his identity card and authenticated photocopies of his DANs from his National federation.

Entire file must be sent to the General Secretary of the FWE Administration-Committee.

2) Age requirements for DAN grading

- 1) For the exam of the 1st DAN, and at the examination date, candidates must be aged 14, must have brown belt 1st kyu and must have 3 years of practice certified by their federation.
- 2) For the exam of the 2nd DAN, and at the examination date, candidates must be aged 18, and must have 2 years of practice between the passage of the 1st DAN and the 2nd DAN.
- 3) For the exam of the 3rd DAN, and at the examination date, candidates must be aged 21, and must have 3 years of practice between the passage of the 2nd DAN and the 3rd DAN.
- 4) For the exam of the 4th DAN, and at the examination date, candidates must be aged 25, and must have 4 years of practice between the passage of the 3rd DAN and the 4th DAN.
- 5) For the exam of the 5th DAN, and at the examination date, candidates must be aged 30, and must have 5 years of practice between the passage of the 4th DAN and the 5th DAN.
- 6) For the exam of the 6th DAN, and at the examination date, candidates must be aged 41, and must have 6 years of practice between the passage of the 5th DAN and the 6th DAN.
- 7) For the exam of the 7th DAN, and at the examination date, candidates must be aged 60, and must have 7 years of practice between the passage of the 6th DAN and the 7th DAN.

3) Frequency of the DAN Gradings

The examinations for obtaining DANs will take place once a year, during the European Cup of Wado-Kai Europe.

4) Validation of DAN Grade

To be valid, the DANs must:

- 1) be validated by the FWE Technical-Committee.
- 2) be registered in the European file of the FWE
- 3) signed by the FWE President and the president /chairman or secretary of FWE Technical-Committee.

5) High DANs (6th DAN, 7th DAN and above)

For having the right to access the 6th DAN, the candidate must justify at least of 20 years of practice with the 1st DAN black belt and must fulfil the conditions of practice time about the 5th DAN.

For the 7th DAN, he must fulfil the conditions of practice time about the 6th DAN.

Then, he can apply to the FWE Technical-Committee by depositing his candidacy 90 days before the examination date:

- 1) An application form in accordance with the model built by the FWE Technical-Committee
- 2) A technical dissertation established in 3 copies and written with the help of a dissertation manager, holder of a 7th DAN minimum.

6) Exceptional DAN

People who performed functions or who exceptionally served to the karate or to the FWE, can apply for having an exceptional DAN.

The candidate for obtaining an exceptional DAN must enter an application form of the FWE Technical-Committee. This form, completely filled and with the needed justifications is transmitted by the candidate to the FWE Technical-Committee.

The decision of the FWE Technical-Committee is taken by an absolute majority of valid votes cast. The vote takes place with secret tickets.

No person can obtain more than one exceptional DAN.

A candidate cannot transmit more than one form per year, date to date.

When a new form is presented, it must have new elements.

7) DAN grading for members of FWE committees

Because of the constraints of their elected office, presidents or members of the FWE Committees will benefit appropriate examinations.

8) Judges of examinations (Jury)

To judge a DAN, the member of the jury must be at least one DAN above, and have been selected by the FWE Technical-Committee.

9) General rules

The candidates for examination wear a Karate-Gi.

The legislation and the examination content are the same for men and women.

All the examination takes place without audience. Only one teacher of candidate is accepted.

10) Administrative procedure during a controversy

The person who wants to debate the results of a DAN grading, must within thirty days from the publication date of the results of the examination, adress his claim to the chairman of the FWE Technical-Committee prior to any other use.

The chairman of the FWE Technical-Committee has a period of thirty days from the date of the receipt of the appeal for giving a reasoned answer. Any claim is sent to the president of the FWE Technical-Committee by letter with acknowledgment receipt. This claim must include the name, address and statement of facts, methods and conclusions of the person who fills the appeal.

IV. Contents of DAN Grading Examinations



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Wado Kai Europe Dan Grade Syllabus