

U.S. Kodokan Committee

PROPOSED NEW TIME IN GRADE REQUIREMENTS

CLASSIFICATION OF JUDO KA

Class	Qualifications
A	Team Member of the Olympic, World Championship, and/or Pan American Games.
B	Placing 1 st , 2 nd , or 3 rd at the U. S. Senior National and any other point receiving tournament.
C	Placing 1 st , 2 nd , or 3 rd in a regional championship in the Black Belt Division.
D	Placing 1 st , 2 nd , or 3 rd in a local championship in the Black Belt Division.
E	Competes in any tournament 3 times or more a year in the Black Belt Division.

MINIMUM TIME IN GRADE

Grade	A	B	C	D	E
Sho Dan	Non	Non	Non	Non	1 Year
Ni Dan	½ Year	1 Year	1½ Years	2½ Years	4 Years
San Dan	1 Year	2 Years	2½ Years	3½ Years	6 Years
Yon Dan	1½ Years	3½ Years	4 Years	5½ Years	9 Years
Go Dan	3 Years	5 Years	6 Years	8 Years	12 Years
Roku Dan	5 Years	7 Years	9 Years	12 Years	-----

MASTER COMPETITORS (35 YEARS & ABOVE) and NON-COMPETITORS MINIMUM TIME IN GRADE

Grade	Former A	Former B	Former C	Former D	Former E
Sho Dan	Non	Non	2 Years	3½ Years	5½ Years
Ni Dan	2 Years	4 Years	5½ Years	6½ Years	8 Years
San Dan	4 Years	6 Years	7½ Years	9 Years	12 Years
Yon Dan	6 Years	8 Years	10 Years	12 Years	-----
Go Dan	8 Years	10 Years	12 Years	-----	-----
Roku Dan	10 Years	12 Years	15 Years	-----	-----