

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
OF CONFERRING MASTER RANKS  
IN OYAMA INTERNATIONAL KARATE FEDERATION**

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§ 1

General

1. Terms and conditions of conferring master ranks in OYAMA International Karate Federation, hereinafter referred to as "the Terms and Conditions" determine the conditions of taking the master examination and training and qualification requirements and criteria for nominations for particular master ranks (dan).
2. These terms and conditions apply to all members of OYAMA International Karate Federation (in brief: OYAMA IKF) hereinafter referred to as "Federation" including mainly:
  - a. Large national sport associations or national associations led by their managers, hereinafter referred to as Country Representatives, in brief "CR".
  - b. Branch organizations led by their leaders, hereinafter referred to as Branch Chiefs in brief "BC".
  - c. Single clubs or karate schools, hereinafter referred to as "Clubs"
3. These terms and conditions are automatically binding for persons belonging to the aforementioned members of the Federation, in particular: participants of sport trainings and master examinations, hereinafter referred to as "competitors", for examination committee members, trainers, instructors, referees, activists and other persons responsible, among others, for preparation, organization, conducting, supervising and documenting master examination

§ 2

Conditions for taking the exam for master rank 1<sup>st</sup> dan

1. 18 years of age.
2. Holding the training rank 1<sup>st</sup> kyu.
3. Time of grace period from the last exam - minimum 1 year.
4. A positive opinion of their club head and CR or BC obtained in writing.
5. The candidate must be fit and able to perform all required techniques, combinations and kata to 1<sup>st</sup> kyu inclusively and additionally *Seienchin, Taizan and Soki* kata.
6. The candidate must be fit and able to perform 15<sup>th</sup> examination fights with sparing partners changing every 2 min.
7. The candidate should document their participation in sports competitions as participant, referee or their co-organizer and take part in training seminars.
8. Meeting the organizational and financial conditions, stipulated in § 18 and § 19 of these terms and conditions.

§ 3

Conditions for taking the exam for master rank 2<sup>nd</sup> dan

1. 21 years of age.
2. Holding the master rank 1<sup>st</sup> dan.
3. Time of grace period from the last exam minimum 3 years.
4. A positive opinion of their club head and CR or BC obtained in writing.
5. The candidate, in the grace period mentioned in passage 3, should document their participation in sports competitions as a participant, referee, coach or their co-organizer and take part in training seminars.
6. The candidate must be able to teach and explain basic techniques and kata contained in the training and qualification requirements of the Federation.
7. The candidate must be fit and able to perform all required techniques, combinations and kata to 1 dan inclusively and additionally *Kanku-Dai and Shotei* kata.
8. The candidate must be able to perform 20 examination fights involving other examined persons and sparing partners.
9. Meeting the organizational and financial conditions, stipulated in § 18 and § 19 of these terms and conditions.

§ 4

Conditions for taking the exam for master rank 3<sup>rd</sup> dan

1. 25 years of age.
2. Holding the master rank 2<sup>nd</sup> dan.
3. Time of grace period from the last exam minimum 4 years.
4. A positive opinion of their club head and CR or BC obtained in writing.
5. Management of own club or conducting trainings in it as an unassisted instructor.
6. The candidate, in the grace period mentioned in passage 3, should document their participation in sports competitions as a participant, referee, coach or their co-organizer and take part in training seminars.
7. The candidate must be fit and able to perform all required techniques, combinations and kata to 2<sup>nd</sup> dan inclusively and additionally *Koryu Gojushiho* kata.
8. The candidate must be able to perform 23 examination fights involving other examined persons and sparing partners.
9. Meeting the organizational and financial conditions, stipulated in § 18 and § 19 of these terms and conditions

§ 5

Conditions for taking the exam for master rank 4<sup>th</sup> dan

1. 30 years of age.
2. Holding the master rank 3<sup>rd</sup> dan.
3. Time of grace period from the last exam minimum 5 years.
4. A positive opinion of their club head and CR/BC obtained in writing.
5. Management of own club, branch of a large club or conducting trainings in this club as the head of technical training minimum 4 years.
6. The candidate, in the grace period mentioned in passage 3, should document their long-term participation in sports competitions as a participant, referee, coach or their co-organizer and take part in training seminars.
7. The candidate must be fit and able to perform all required techniques, combinations and kata to 3<sup>rd</sup> dan inclusively and additionally three *Sai Kihon Kata*.
8. The candidate must be able to perform 25 examination fights involving other examined persons and sparing partners.
9. The candidate must obtain positive decision of the Management Board of the Federation.
10. The Management Board of the Federation shall issue a decision concerning the candidate taking into account their results at organizational, training and sports work.
11. The possible participation of the candidate in works of the authorities of the national organization and of the Federation will be taken into account.
12. Meeting the organizational and financial conditions, stipulated in § 18 and § 19 of these terms and conditions.

## § 6

### Master rank 5<sup>th</sup> dan

Godan (5<sup>th</sup> dan) similarly as subsequent high master ranks is completely different from the previous ones. The Management Board of the Federation, when deciding on the nomination of the candidate, is not guided by how long he is a holder of the 4<sup>th</sup> dan rank. Probably up to 10% holders of 4<sup>th</sup> dan could receive 5<sup>th</sup> dan and Shihan title (Master) for many years of exceptional organizational, training and sporting activities for Oyama in their club, country and continent. The following criteria are of a critical importance for the Management Board of the Federation in nominating a given candidate for master rank 5<sup>th</sup> dan.

1. 40 years of age.
2. Having the master rank 4<sup>th</sup> dan.
3. Being CR/BC of the Federation or management of own club, branch of a large club or conducting trainings in this large club as the head of technical training.
4. The candidate should document their long-term participation in sports competitions as a participant, referee, coach or their organizer and take part in training seminars.
5. The candidate must be practicing and fit karate fighter and demonstrate selected kata to 4<sup>th</sup> dan inclusively during the test.
6. The candidate must obtain positive decision of Hanshi Jan Dyduch.
7. Hanshi Jan Dyduch, on behalf of the Federation and of his own, confers 5<sup>th</sup> dan to the candidate for many years of exceptional organizational, training and sporting activities for Oyama karate in the club, country and continent.
8. Meeting the organizational and financial conditions, stipulated in § 19 of these terms and conditions.

§ 7

Master rank 6<sup>th</sup> dan

The following criteria apply to candidate nominated by the Board of the Federation to master rank 6<sup>th</sup> dan.

1. Holding the master rank 5<sup>th</sup> dan.
2. Management of own club.
3. Being CR or BC of the Federation, and in the case of large national organization, holding therein one of the positions: technical training manager, personnel training manager, sports training manager or main referee and have a documented minimum 5-year the course of activity in a given area.
4. The candidate must be practicing karate fighter, fit and able to conduct training involving holders of 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> dan in scope of techniques, combinations and Oyama karate.
5. The candidate must obtain positive decision of Hanshi Jan Dyduch.
6. Hanshi Jan Dyduch, on behalf of the Federation and of its own, confers 6<sup>th</sup> dan for many years of exceptional organizational, training and sporting activities for Oyama karate in the club, country and continent.
7. Meeting the organizational and financial conditions, stipulated in § 19 of these terms and conditions.

§ 8

Master rank 7<sup>th</sup> dan

The following criteria apply to candidate nominated by the Management Board of the Federation to master rank 7<sup>th</sup> dan.

1. Holding the master rank 6<sup>th</sup> dan.
2. The candidate should be a member of the Management Board or the Audit Committee of the Federation for minimum 5 years.
3. Being CR or BC of the Federation, and in the case of large national organization, the candidate should hold therein one of the positions: technical training manager, personnel training manager, sports training manager or main referee and have a documented minimum 5-year the course of activity in a given area.
4. The candidate must obtain positive decision of Hanshi Jan Dyduch.
5. Hanshi Jan Dyduch, on behalf of the Federation and of its own, confers 7<sup>th</sup> dan for many years of exceptional organizational, training and sporting activities for Oyama karate in the club, country and continent.
6. Meeting the organizational and financial conditions, stipulated in § 19 of these terms and conditions.



## The highest master ranks

### § 9

#### Master rank 8<sup>th</sup> dan

The following criteria apply to candidate nominated by the Management Board of the Federation for master rank 8<sup>th</sup> dan

1. Holding the master rank 7<sup>th</sup> dan.
2. The candidate hold the position of member of the Management Board of the Federation at least for the period of one term of office.
3. The candidate must be practicing karate, fit and able to conduct training involving holders of up to 7<sup>th</sup> dan inclusively, in the scope of techniques, combinations and kata of Oyama karate.
4. Hanshi Jan Dyduch applies for assigning master rank 8<sup>th</sup> dan on General Meeting of the Delegates of the Federation, taking into account their excellent results at organizational, training and sporting work for the development of Oyama on the international stage.
5. The General Meeting of the Delegates of the Federation confers 8<sup>th</sup> dan rank by way of a resolution.

### § 10

#### Master ranks 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> dan

1. The candidate must hold the position of the President of the Federation.
2. The General Meeting of the Delegates of the Federation confers the rank, by way of a resolution, for excellent organizational, training and sport merits for the development of Oyama karate on the international stage.

## § 11

Due to the very important interest of the Federation, the President of the Federation may exempt the candidate nominated for ranks from 4<sup>th</sup> dan to 7<sup>th</sup> dan inclusive, from the obligation to fulfil some formal requirements, specified in these terms and conditions.

### Ranks verification

## § 12

Verification examination for master ranks up to 4<sup>th</sup> dan inclusively, obtained in other disciplines or federations of contact karate, are carried out by CR or BC at the request of the examined person.

## § 13

The CR and BC decide on the scope and method of conducting the verification test each time.

## § 14

The candidate subject to verification must meet the following formal conditions:

1. Be at the age intended to hold a parallel master rank in the Oyama karate discipline.
2. Document the fact of conferring the master rank, subject to verification.
3. Have at least 1 year of training experience in the Oyama karate discipline,
4. Obtain a positive decision of CR, BC and the President of the Federation in writing.

## § 15

1. After positive verification of the skills of the candidate with regard to the rank obtained in a different discipline or federation of contact karate, the candidate may proceed to another master examination of the Federation, after fulfilment of the terms stipulated for candidates to participate in examination for this rank.

2. With regard to the candidate referred to in passage 1, provisions of §11 of these terms and conditions may apply.

### Examination fights

#### § 16

1. Examination fights under master examinations take place according to regulations of the Federation with regard to running Semi-knockdown competition.
2. During examinations for master ranks, the examiner has the right to decrease the quantity of fights, as well as assign special or additional tasks in Kumite to the examined person.

#### § 17

1. The reduced limit of fights during master examination applies to persons who have reached the age of 40.
2. In special cases, the reduced limit of fights during master examination, may apply to a candidate with permanent movement disability, documented by a sports doctor.
3. The decision concerning reduction in the quantity of fights during master examination, is each time taken by the examiner, taking into account age and sex of the candidate, as well as opinion of a doctor and candidate's' supervisor, present during the examination.

#### § 18

### Organizational and financial conditions of taking a master examination

1. Timely submission of a complete set of the following documents:
  - a/ application for participation in the examination in the national language or in English,
  - b/ a photocopy of current individual license/membership card Oyama karate,
  - c/ 2 colourful ID pictures, signed on the reverse.
  - d/ certificate of payment for participation in the examination.
  - e/ a photocopy of a report of a sports doctor.
2. Making timely payment for participation in the examination.

3. Having a clean, white kimono, together with a set of current patches applicable in the Federation.
4. Having set of protectors compliant with regulations (helmet protecting among others, the back of the head, soft mitts, shank-foot protectors, mouthguard; additionally for women- breast guard /cups/, and for men – jockstrap).
5. Having own weapons to perform required Oyama kobudo kata (Tonfa, Bo and Sai).
6. Punctual showing up for every part of the examination.

#### § 19

##### Costs and charges

1. Costs of organization of master examination are each time determined by CR or BC in consultation with the President of the Federation.
2. Amounts of examination fees and fees for conferring ranks above 4<sup>th</sup> dan, are determined by the Management Board of the Federation.
3. Fees for participation in examination and on account of conferring ranks above 4<sup>th</sup> dan, are paid by the candidate before the examination, on dates stated by the organizer.

#### § 20

##### Participation in examination

1. Each master examination is of a closed nature.
2. During the technical test, only the following persons may stay in the examination room apart from the examined persons: the examination commission, a doctor and an authorised photographer.
3. During the fight test, apart from the examination commission the following persons may be additionally present: coaches and Oyama karate instructors, sparing partners instructors, doctors with medical protection team and guests invited by the organiser.
4. Recording of master examination in any form, without permission of the organizer of the examination is forbidden.

#### § 21

##### Master examination result

1. After the test, the examiner shall prepare a protocol.
2. Decision of the examiner is final and is not subject to appeal.
3. The candidate who did not fulfil technical requirements of the examination cannot be admitted to the practical part (Kumite). He or she can, free of charge and one time, take next master examination at the time, place and in the scope specified by the Management Board of the Federation.
4. Organizational costs related to participation of the candidate in the subsequent examination is covered by them.
5. The Management Board of the Federation announces the results of master examination and assigning ranks above 4<sup>th</sup> dan by way of internal correspondence and issues the official announcement to the public.

## § 22

### Certificates and master belts

1. The Federation has the exclusive right to issue master certificates and black belts OYAMA IKF.
2. Master certificates of the Federation are issued according to a strictly specified template and signed by Hanshi Jan Dyduch or in the case of § 10 by three authorized representatives of General Meeting of the Delegates of the Federation.
3. Presentation of the certificate and master belt should have official character and take place during important events and holidays.
4. Presentation is done by Hanshi Jan Dyduch or other representatives of the Federation.

### Rules for conferring honorary master ranks

## § 23

Honorary master ranks are conferred by the Management Board of the Federation upon a reasonable application of CR or BC.

## § 24

1. Honorary master ranks can be conferred only to persons who do not practice any sports and martial arts.
2. A person can receive honorary master rank only once.

#### § 25

The Management Board of the Federation keeps the register of conferred honorary master ranks.

#### § 26

The amount of fees for conferring honorary master ranks are determined by the Management Board of the Federation.

#### § 27

The Management Board of the Federation in consultation with the appropriate CR or BC may deprive the honorary master rank in the event of observing that the awarded person has become unworthy of holding this award.

#### Final provisions

#### § 28

In cases not regulated by these terms and conditions, provisions of the authorities of the Federation and the department competent for physical culture and sport of a given country shall apply.

