

Section 5**Aikido Certification by Instructor and /or Examiners**

Recommendation by the Instructor: I certify that my student _____ has met all other requirements for this promotion and authorize him/her to be _____ examined and promoted to _____ in accordance with USJA policies and procedures.

Signature of Instructor _____

Date _____

Printed name of Instructor _____

Certification by the Candidate: I certify that all the answers and scores recorded on the rank exam were properly earned and that the indicated time in grade are correct and true.

Signature of Candidate _____

Date _____

Printed name of Candidate _____

Certification by the Examiners: We certify that the above named candidate _____ has not passed _____ has passed.

Rank Exam as administrated by me for the rank of _____

Signature of Examiner #1 _____

Date _____

Printed name of Examiner #1 _____

Rank of Examiner #1 _____

Signature of Examiner #2 _____

Date _____

Printed name of Examiner #2 _____

Rank of Examiner #2 _____

Signature of Examiner #3 _____

Date _____

Printed name of Examiner #3 _____

Rank of Examiner #3 _____

Section 6**Aikido History Must be Completed for all Promotions**

Date of 6th Class (Rokyu) _____

Date of 1st Degree (Shodan) _____

Date of 5th Class (Gokyu) _____

Date of 2nd Degree (Nidan) _____

Date of 4th Class (Yonkyu) _____

Date of 3rd Degree (Sandán) _____

Date of 3rd Class (Sankyū) _____

Date of 4th Degree (Yondan) _____

Date of 2nd Class (Nikyū) _____

Date of 5th Degree (Godan) _____

Date of 1st Class (Ikkyū) _____

Date of 6th Degree (Rokudan) _____

Date of 7th Degree (Shichidan) _____

Date of 8th Degree (Hachidan) _____

Date of 9th Degree (Kudan) _____

Return Certificate to: _____ Dojo/Club Instructor _____ Individual _____ Dojo/Club Secretary

Please charge my card: _____ Visa _____ Master Card _____ Discover _____ Check or Money Order Enclosed

Name as it appears on card (printed) _____

Card Number _____ Expiration Date: _____

Authorized Signature _____ Promotion Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

USJA Membership Enclosed: \$ _____

Section 7

Aikido Established Standards

- (1) All students must meet certain minimum requirements to become eligible for promotion. They must then pass an exam and be recommended for promotion by their instructor. All kyu and dan rank must be approved by the USJA Aikido Chairman. All recommendations for promotions by any instructor or examiner must have USJA Aikido certification.
- (2) All recommendations for promotions must be submitted to the USJA National Office on the proper recommendation for promotion form for approval. Candidates for all kyu promotions must be examined and approved by an instructor who is one or more ranks higher and be ratified by the USJA National Office. All promotions are reviewed by the USJA National Office to insure that all minimum promotion requirements have been met and have been properly documented.
- (3) All promotions for shodan or nidan must be examined and recommended by their instructor or a USJA Dan one rank higher in grade, than the rank applying for, before being approved by the USJA National Office.
- (4) All promotions for sandan must be examined and recommended by a USJA Senior, National or Master Rank Examiner. This additional requirement ensures that the candidates have a thorough knowledge of all USJA rank system technical requirements.
- (5) All promotions for yondan must be examined and recommended by a USJA National or Master Rank Examiner and further approved by the National Promotion Board.
- (6) All promotions for godan must be examined and recommended by a USJA Master Examiner and further approved by the National Promotion Board.
- (7) All promotions for rokudan must be examined and recommended by two USJA Master Examiners and further approved by the National Board.
- (8) All promotions to the rank of shichidan must be examined and recommended by three USJA Master Examiners, approved by the National Promotion Board and ratified by the USJA Board of Directors.
- (9) All promotions to the rank of hachidan and kudan must be examined and recommended by three USJA Master Examiners, approved by the National Promotion Board and ratified by the USJA Board of Directors.

Section 8**Aikido Additional Requirements**

- (1) A \$30.00 Non-refundable processing fee must accompany all promotion recommendations to yodan and higher. The remainder of the promotion fee must be remitted on notification of successfully passing to the rank applied for.
- (2) Minimum time as a USJA student and current membership in a USJA Chartered Club.
- (3) Minimum time in grade as a registered member of previous rank. If the candidate is a Life Member, that candidate must show continuous membership by sustaining their life membership with a \$25.00 donation every year since their last promotion.
- (4) A passport photograph of the candidate. The photograph may be in the form of an electronic file.
- (5) A synopsis of all Aikido related activities since the candidate's last promotion. The synopsis shall include but not be limited to the requirements listed in value of points and time in grade.
- (6) A completed rank examination with endorsement of Certified Rank Examiners must accompany application.
- (7) Instructor recommendation.
- (8) A completed and cleared background check, either through the USJA, USJI, or USJF if you are:
 - a. A Chair Person or member of a USJA Committee
 - b. A member of the USJA Board of Directors or a Corporate Officer
 - c. An applicant for USJA Instructor Certification - both new and renewing
 - d. An applicant for USJA Yudansha promotion to any rank of 1st Dan or higher

Please note! All examiners (Life Members Included) must be a current or sustained member with the USJA and belong to a USJA Chartered Dojo/Club and have an appropriate examiner status to recommend promotions.

Please note! All paper work must reach the National Office forty-five (45) days prior to the next scheduled promotion board meeting.