

NATIONAL GRADING POLICY DOCUMENT



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1. JSA GRADING COMMISSION:

1.1 STRUCTURE

- 1.1.1 The Grading Commission consists of four or five members excluding the Coordinator who is the Chairman.
- 1.1.2 The Grading Coordinator is appointed by the JSA Education and coaching Director.
- 1.1.3 The Grading Coordinator can select his own committee members provided they are not all from the same region – subject to approval by Education and Coaching Director and ratified by council..
- 1.1.4 The Coordinator of Grading reports to the JSA Education and Coaching director on the activities of the Grading Commission. All correspondence will be copied to the JSA secretary

1.2 GRADING COMMISSION MEMBERS

(ANNEXURE A)

2. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

2.1 GRADING COMMISSION

- 2.1.1 The Grading Commission controls the whole grading network of JSA.
- 2.1.2 It is the responsibility of the Grading Commission to update the Grading Policy Document. JSA Council must approve policy changes before they are accepted as policy.
- 2.1.3 The Grading Commission's main task is to facilitate Gradings and Kata competitions in JSA by:
 - 2.1.3.1 Running requested grading/syllabus courses on a National and Provincial level.
 - 2.1.3.2 Nominating suitable coaches for these courses.
 - 2.1.3.3 Providing and training Grading Masters to conduct Dan Gradings.
 - 2.1.3.4 Organizing, training and appointing Kata Judges for Kata events.
 - 2.1.3.5 Annually submitting a budget to the Technical Director for submission to the National Treasurer.
 - 2.1.3.6 Considering and evaluating recommendations on grading related items by Provincial Coordinators.
- 2.1.4 The Grading Commission also handles the following functions.
 - 2.1.4.1 Continuously evaluating and updating grading syllabi.
 - 2.1.4.2 Coordinating testing and upgrading of grading masters.
 - 2.1.4.3 Recommending upgrading of JSA members with senior grades.
 - 2.1.4.4 Considering and recommending the awarding of honorary grades according to laid down criteria.
 - 2.1.4.5 Organizing National grading courses and Dan gradings.
 - 2.1.4.6 Approving and formalizing the promotion of grading masters.
 - 2.1.4.7 Considers any applications for any special dispensation or concessions with regard to the set syllabus.

2.2 PROVINCIAL GRADING COORDINATORS (ANNEXURE B)

- 2.2.1 Provincial contact takes place through the Provincial Coordinator of Grading, who takes responsibility for grading in his/her Province.
- 2.2.2 It is the duty of each Province to make sure that grading information is kept up to date.
- 2.2.3 The National Coordinator of Grading must be informed as soon as possible of any changes.
- 2.2.4 It is the duty of the Provincial Grading Coordinator to forward an updated list of (a) Kyu grading masters and (b) applications for upgrading of status within the Dan Grading Master to the National Grading Coordinator.

3. DAN GRADING MASTERS (ANNEXURE C)

3.1 LEVELS OF GRADING MASTERS

3.1.1 The following five (5) categories of Grading Masters are acknowledged by Judo South Africa:

	Grading Master	Recommended by	Approved by
3.1.1	Junior Kyu Grading Master	Provincial Club	Province
3.1.2	Kyu Grading Master	Provincial Club	Province
3.1.3	Junior Dan Grading Master	Province	JSA Grading commission
3.1.4	Dan Grading Master	Grading Commission	JSA Council
3.1.5	Senior Dan Grading Master	Grading Commission	JSA Council

3.2 APPOINTMENTS

3.2.1 The Grading Commission controls the appointment of Dan Grading Masters.

3.2.2 Practical monitoring will be done by the Grading Commission.

3.2.3 Grading examiner qualifications are renewable every three years by attending a National Course. Failing this, the grading status of the member concerned will lapse until he/she has attended an approved National Dan Grading Course.

3.3 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

QUALIFICATION	Junior Kyu Grading Master (1)	Kyu Grading Master (2)	Junior Dan Grading Master (3)	Dan Grading Master (4)	Senior Dan Grading Master (5)
Grade requirement	Sho-Dan	Sho-Dan	Ni-Dan	San-Dan	Yon-Dan
Coaching Level	Level 2 (Club coach)	Level 2 (Club coach)	Level 2 (Club Coach)	Level 3 (Provincial coach)	Level 3 (Provincial coach)
Referee Status	Local	Local	Local	Provincial	Provincial
Age	18	20	23	30	35
Time in previous	0 years	1 year	1 year	2 years	5 years
Examining hours since previous status	0 hours	10 hours	20 hours	40 hours	80 hours
Course Attendance	Provincially 2 yearly	Provincially 2 yearly	Nationally 2 yearly	Nationally 3 yearly	Nationally 3 yearly
Recommended by	Province	Province	Grading Commission	Grading Commission	Grading Commission
Can grade up to	4 th Kyu	2 nd Kyu	1 st Kyu Junior Black belt (Observer/learner).	San Dan	All Grades
Conditions	Alone	Alone	Not alone.	Not alone.	Not alone.

3.4 OTHER CRITERIA

- All Dan Grading panels must consist of Grading Masters from more than one Province.
- At least one Grading Commission member must be present at all Dan gradings. He may act also as a grading master at the grading.
- All 1st Kyu gradings are controlled by the Provincial Grading Coordinator preferably overseen by Junior Dan or Dan grading masters from the relevant province

3.4.1	For Junior Black belt	Min 2 Junior Dan Grading Master or 1 Dan.and 1 Jnr. Dan Grading Master
3.4.2	For Sho-Dan	Min 2 Dan Grading Masters
3.4.3	For Ni-Dan	Min 2 Dan Grading Masters
3.4.4	For San-Dan	Min 2 Dan Grading Masters + 1 senior Dan Grading Master. Or 2 Snr DGM
3.4.5	For Yon-Dan & higher	Min 3 Senior Dan Grading Masters.

3.5 NATIONAL DATABASE OF DAN GRADES & GRADING MASTERS

3.5.2 The National Grading Coordinator is responsible for providing the Technical Director after each National Dan Grading & National Course with updated information with regard to Dan Grades & Dan Grading Masters. (Addendum 7)

4. GRADING SYSTEM - KYU & DAN GRADING SYLLABI (Addendums 1.1 & 1.2)

- 4.1 The purpose of the grading system is to visibly indicate the knowledge of the judo player by the colour of the belt he/she wears.
- 4.2 A complete syllabus has been compiled for each grade and is intended to progressively and systematically develop the player's knowledge and understanding of judo.
- 4.3 In order to qualify for upgrade, it is required that a candidate will give a practical demonstration of all the required techniques in the JSA approved syllabus relevant to the rank to which he/she is seeking promotion. Any exception to this rule will be motivated by the Provincial Grading Coordinator to the Grading Commission.
- 4.4 Recommended minimum age for Kyu grades are: (age as at 31 Dec of current year)
- | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 8 th Kyu | White/Yellow belt | 7 years of age |
| 7 th Kyu | Yellow belt | 7 years of age |
| 6 th Kyu | Yellow/Orange belt | 8 years of age |
| 5 th Kyu | Orange belt | 9 years of age |
| 4 th Kyu | Orange/Green belt | 10 years of age |
| 3 rd Kyu | Green belt | 11 years of age |
| 2 nd Kyu | Blue belt | 12 years of age |
| 1 st Kyu | Brown belt | 13 years of age |

MON Grade Indicators

4 th Kyu	Orange/ Green Belt	Two 20 cm green socks - one on each end of orange belt Or green line through entire orange belt
6 th Kyu	Yellow / Orange	Two 20 cm orange socks - one on each end of yellow belt Or orange line through entire yellow Belt
8 th Kyu	White / Yellow	Two 20 cm Yellow socks - one on each end of white belt Or yellow line through entire white Belt

- 4.5 The following grading system/rank structure, using different coloured belts to indicate progress, is applied in South Africa: (Full Belts)

<u>Japanese</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>COLOUR OF BELT</u>
Kukyu	9 th Kyu	White Belt
Hachikyu	8 th Kyu	White/Yellow belt
Shichikyu	7 th Kyu	Yellow Belt
Rokyu	6 th Kyu	Yellow/Orange belt
Gokyu	5 th Kyu	Orange Belt
Yonkyu	4 th Kyu	Orange/Green belt
Sankyu	3 rd Kyu	Green Belt
Nikyu	2 nd Kyu	Blue Belt
Ikkyu	1 st Kyu	Brown Belt
Ikkyu	1 st Kyu+	Junior Black Belt (Black belt with 200mm White ends)
Shodan	1 st Dan	Black Belt
Nidan	2 nd Dan	Black Belt
Sandan	3 rd Dan	Black Belt
Yondan	4 th Dan	Black Belt
Godan	5 th Dan	Black Belt
Rokudan	6 th Dan	Red and White Blocked Belt
Shichidan	7 th Dan	Red and White Blocked Belt
Hachidan	8 th Dan	Red and White Blocked Belt
Kudan	9 th Dan	Red Belt
Judan	10 th Dan	Red Belt

NOTE: All red and white blocked belts and red belts (6th to 10th Dan) are non-competition grades and belts to be worn for ceremonial and coaching purposes only, eg. A 6th Dan doing Randori will wear his/her black belt. A red and white belt is only worn with a white Judo-gi

5. PROCEDURES – KYU GRADINGS, DAN GRADINGS / COURSES

5.1 KYU GRADINGS

- 5.1.2 All gradings up to 2nd Kyu (Yellow to Blue) are conducted at club level by qualified and approved JSA Kyu Grading Masters who must forward the results to the Province.
- 5.1.3 1st Kyu gradings are controlled on a Provincial basis and conducted by a minimum of 2 Kyu or Junior Dan Grading Masters.
- 5.1.4 Provinces must ensure that the approved JSA Kyu Grading syllabus is followed.

5.2 JUNIOR BLACK BELT GRADINGS

- 5.2.1 Junior Black Belt gradings are controlled on a National level and conducted by a minimum of 2 Junior Dan Grading Masters or 1 Dan Grading Masters and 1 Junior Dan Grading Master.
- 5.2.2 The grading fee is set annually by the Grading Commission as specified in **Addendum D**.

5.3 DAN GRADINGS & COURSES:

5.3.1 General:

- 5.3.1.1 Dan gradings are controlled by Judo South Africa and only ranks thus awarded will be recognized. Any JSA member who purports to hold a grade other than that awarded/recognized by J.S.A. may be liable to disciplinary action.
- 5.3.1.2 All Dan gradings are National events and open to any member of JSA who applies through, and is approved by, his/her Provincial Coordinator and Province and receives the approval of the Grading Commission.
- 5.3.1.3 A Dan Grading course and grading will be held annually in December in (1) the North and (2) the South. A minimum of 10 participants are required for a Dan Grading.
- 5.3.1.4 A Senior Dan Grading course and grading will be allocated to the North, the South or any other region on demand based on the highest number of eligible applicants, i.e 4th Dan upwards.
(4th Dan and higher grades are defined as “Senior Dan Grades”).
- 5.3.1.5 All Dan Gradings will be preceded by a standardization session/course for the grading masters.
- 5.3.1.6 All Dan grading participants (Uke & Tori) will wear white suits for the grading examination.

5.3.2 Applications:

- 5.3.2.1 Provinces must apply to host National Dan grading courses/gradings at least three (3) months before the proposed course/grading.
- 5.3.2.2 In the event of a Province asking for a Dan grading only, there should be at least 10 candidates for the grading which must be conducted by Grading Masters from at least two separate Provinces. A Grading Commission Member must be present at all Dan gradings.
- 5.3.2.3 Application forms from participants must reach the Provincial Coordinators at least six (6) weeks before the grading on the prescribed forms or they will be subject to a late entry penalty of R100 payable to the province..
- 5.3.2.4 A list of names sanctioned by the Province, stating date of current grade and age of candidates, must be submitted to the JSA Grading Coord four (4) weeks prior to the grading. Late entries will be accepted up to 1 week before the grading at an additional penalty fee of R300.
- 5.3.2.5 The JSA Grading Coordinator will check these names against national records for eligibility (i.e. licence, age, grade, etc.)
- 5.3.2.6 A list of names will be sent back to the Province approving the participation of the applicants qualified to grade.

5.3.3 FEES & COSTS:

- 5.3.3.1 The host Province is responsible for all expenses regarding visiting grading masters. The grading fees from the participants may be used to subsidize the costs. All JSA costs e.g. printing of certificates and mark sheets will be paid from the grading fees first.
Grading fees are set annually by the Grading Commission and ratified by the JSA Council (Annexure D).
10% or a minimum amount of R1000 from the grading fees will go to JSA for administration and grading commission costs.
- 5.3.3.2 Fees must be paid on the first day of the grading course

- 5.3.3.3 Course fees are payable by any judoka who participates in any way/for any purpose in a Dan/Senior Dan grading course.
- 5.3.3.4 Should a Province require the services of a JSA coach to prepare candidates; the Province is responsible for all costs incurred (travel, accommodation, meals & honoraria). The course fee accrues to the Province and is set by the Province.
- 5.3.4 **RATIFICATION:**
- 5.3.4.1 All results of gradings will be submitted to Council for ratification.
- 5.3.4.2 The rank of a grading candidate is only valid after ratification by the JSA Council.
- 5.3.4.3 A copy of the results will be sent to the Registrar for his records.
- 5.3.4.4 The official date of award will be the actual date of grading.

5.4 APPLICATION FOR DAN GRADING CERTIFICATES

5.4.1 JSA CERTIFICATES:

- 5.4.1.1 The Grading Fee will include the cost of one original JSA Dan Grading Certificate which will be issued to candidates on successful completion of the grading.
- 5.4.1.2 Replacement JSA Dan Grading Certificates will be furnished on production of satisfactory documentary proof of the Grade. An administrative fee of R100 is applicable.

5.4.2 IJF CERTIFICATES:

The President of JSA will apply to the AJU for **IJF** Grading Certificates provided that applications are:

- submitted, and supported, by the Province to the National Grading Coordinator.
- submitted by the prescribed closing date.
- accompanied by the prescribed fee.

5.4.3 KODOKAN GRADINGS:

Kodokan Grading may only be done by official Kodokan grading masters. Grading fees for Kodokan Gradings are set by the Kodokan or the Kodokan examiner present at the grading

5.5 FEE STRUCTURE FOR GRADINGS, COURSES & CERTIFICATES

Refer to **ANNEXURE D**.

5.6 DAN GRADING APPLICATION FORM

Refer to **ADDENDUM 4**.

6. GRADING REQUIREMENTS

6.1 CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION FOR PROMOTION

Every grade has specific minimum requirements with which candidates must comply before upgrading can take place. NB: The award of any J.S.A. grade will be subject to the applicant being in good standing with his/her province and with Judo South Africa. An appeal may be lodged with the Grading Commission in the event that an applicant believes he/she has been unfairly disadvantaged,

6.1.1 KYU GRADES

- 6.1.1.1 Minimum of 3 months waiting period between grades.
- 6.1.1.2 Must be a licensed member of Judo South Africa.

6.1.2 JUNIOR BLACK BELT

- 6.1.2.1 Must be a licensed member of JSA for the previous twelve (12) months.
- 6.1.2.2 There is no maximum age restriction for Junior Black Belt.
- 6.1.2.3 Perform 5 sets of Nage-No-Kata as Tori and Uke, scoring a minimum of 60% .
- 6.1.2.4 Successful candidate will wear a black belt with two 200 mm white ends.

6.1.3 DAN & SENIOR DAN GRADES

- 6.1.3.1 Must have been a licensed member of JSA for the previous twelve (12) months.
- 6.1.3.2 Must train regularly and/or be actively involved in administrative, officiating and/or coaching capacity during waiting times and have the minimum points required to qualify for upgrading.
- 6.1.3.3 For Sho-Dan only, candidates must have the required (20 hours)

- Referee/Technical Officials' hours logged on his/her scorecard.
- 6.1.3.4 It is not a requirement to attend a Dan grading course before a Dan grading.
 - 6.1.3.5 Participants who participate in pre-grading courses should be reasonably familiar with the relevant Kata(s) before commencement. The course is aimed at improving the standard of participants as far as possible.
 - 6.1.3.6 For 1st Dan to 5th Dan, candidates must pass the relevant syllabus.
 - 6.1.3.7 For 6th Dan and above candidates must meet the criteria as contained in the grading policy document. Application forms must be recommended by the province or grading commission. The applicable grading fee must be paid to Judo SA.

6.1.4 UPGRADING (TO QUALIFY)FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

- 6.1.4.1 If the rules of an international competition specify that a competitor needs to be of a higher grade than the SA entrant holds, he/she will be allowed to wear the higher grade for that specific competition only.
- 6.1.4.2 In these cases, however, they will have to participate in a JSA grading examination on their return to confirm the grade. Failing this, the player's status will revert to his/her JSA registered rank.

6.1.5 GRADING IN OTHER COUNTRIES

- 6.1.5.1 Prior to leaving the country, an application must be made to the Grading Commission who will then approve or reject the application.
- 6.1.5.2 The application must state the reason for grading in another country, the syllabus on which the candidate will be evaluated and confirmation by the Judo Federation of the country concerned that it will accept the candidate for evaluation by official grading master(s) of that Federation.
- 6.1.5.3 Only gradings conducted by Associations affiliated to the IJF will be recognized.
- 6.1.5.4 Under no circumstances will JSA diplomas be issued to any person for a grading obtained in another country **unless the player produces** an IJF certificate as proof of the rank awarded. JSA Certificates may be issued in this case at a cost of R200.
- 6.1.5.5 IJF recognition and certificates must also be applied for through the countries where the grading took place. JSA will not apply for diplomas/certificates or recognition from the IJF on behalf of these persons.

6.1.6 UPGRADING WITHOUT EXAMINATION

6.1.6.1 HONORARY GRADES (NON-JUDOKA)

- 6.1.6.1.1 An honorary grade is a symbolic award and is not worn by the recipient.
- 6.1.6.1.2 An honorary black belt can be awarded for extra-ordinary service to the sport.
- 6.1.6.1.3 Applications received from Council will be considered by the Grading Commission.

6.1.6.2 COMPETITIVE ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 6.1.6.2.1 Olympic Games Participation: Upgrading without examination, but candidate must attend a National grading course.
- 6.1.6.2.2 The Head National Coaches may recommend to the Grading Commission the upgrading of competitive players to 1st and 2nd Dan only with a full motivation. (In cases where a player has won an International "A" or "B" tournament with at least 8 countries participating in the relevant weight category).

6.1.6.3 MERIT:

All upgradings without examination will be based on meritorious service/contribution to Judo South Africa and/or participation in judo at a significant competitive level. To be considered, a candidate must fulfill the following criteria as a minimum:

- 6.1.6.3.1 Provable past competitive performance.
- 6.1.6.3.2 Provable contribution to South African judo.
- 6.1.6.3.3 Supported by current points as per grading policy document.
- 6.1.6.3.4 Recommended by the Province.
- 6.1.6.3.5 Grading Commission may request candidate to attend a National Dan Grading Course.

6.2 (CRITERIA ON ELIGIBILITY) EVALUATION OF CANDIDATES**6.2.1 AGE**

6.2.1.1 A minimum age on the day of the grading is applicable (Refer to schedule below). However, a tolerance of two weeks will be allowed for those candidates turning the minimum age during the month of the grading (i.e. candidate's birth date two weeks before or two weeks after the date of the actual Dan grading),

6.2.2 TIME

6.2.1.1 A minimum waiting time (in years) between Dan grades is applicable even if the candidate has obtained the required points since his/her last grading. The only exception will be for competitors as per 6.3.1.

6.2.1.2 Waiting times between grades **must** be **active** years.

6.2.3 POINTS

6.2.3.1 Points can be obtained by any combination from the Tables in **Addendum 3**.

6.2.4 SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS

Promotion to	Minimum Age	Minimum Time & Points required since previous grading		
Junior Black Belt	14	6 months	&	50 points
Sho-Dan	16	1 year	&	100 points
Ni-Dan	18	2 years	&	150 points
San-Dan	21	3 years	&	200 points
Yon-Dan	25	4 years	&	250 points
Go-Dan	30	5 years	&	300 points
Roku-Dan	40	6 years	&	350-points
Sichi-Dan	50	7 years	&	400 points

6.3 CREDIT FOR COMPETITORS:

Credit shall be awarded to competitors according to the following table:

6.3.1 REDUCTION IN TIME

Achievement	Competition Grade	Remarks
Gold / Silver / Bronze	IJF "A"	75% Reduction on time.
Gold / Silver/Bronze	IJF "B"	50% Reduction on time.
Gold	IJF "C"	25% Reduction on time.

6.3.2 CREDIT FOR PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

Achievement	Credit Points	Remarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twice Senior National Champion. Member of National Team. Medal winner at Zone 6. Medal winner at African Championships or other continental tournaments. African Games participation. Commonwealth Games participation. 	Maximum 5% bonus on the total score awarded for the following sections of the relevant examination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Kata 2nd Kata & Syllabus. 	Waiting time between grades and point requirements still apply.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olympic Games Participation 	Upgrading without examination but candidate must attend a National grading course.	Waiting time between grades and point requirements still apply.

6.4 PASS REQUIREMENTS

- 6.4.1 Practical demonstration of the syllabus for any specific qualification is an important requirement.

Grade	1 st Kata	2 nd Kata	Syllabus	Pass Average
Junior Black belt	55%	N/A	N/A	55%
1 st Dan	60%	N/A	60%	60%
2 nd Dan	65%	60%	60%	60%
3 rd to 5 th Dan	65%	60%	60%	60%
Candidates >50yrs	N/A	65%	60%	60%

- 6.4.3 In the Kata section, a score of less than 40% for any of the group/sets will be regarded as a failure for that Kata regardless of the score in the other groups/sets. For the rest of the Syllabus, a score of less than 40% in any section may be regarded as a failure dependent on the scores attained in the other sections.
- 6.4.4 For all grades, an average score of (no more than) 5% below the pass mark in the Kata section **may, in certain circumstances**, result in the Grading Masters exercising their discretion to allow the candidate to continue with the demonstration of the remainder of the syllabus.
- 6.4.5 Uke should preferably not be more than one grade higher than Tori. (Applications for exceptions to this rule must be fully motivated in writing to the National Coordinator of Grading before the Dan Grading).
- 6.4.6 Unless under exceptional circumstances, motivated in writing and sanctioned in advance by the Grading Commission, no judoka may act as Uke in the same Kata for more than 2 candidates
- 6.4.7 Candidates under 40 years of age must also be able to act as Uke if grading for Sho-Dan.
- 6.4.8 Candidates older than 40 years, for Shodan only, may request in writing, in advance and subject to the unanimous approval of the Grading Panel officiating at the grading, to do only the Tori part. This will be subject to a demonstrated familiarity with the role of Uke (without falling).
- 6.4.9 Candidates older than 50 years:
- 6.4.9.1 Are not required to do the Uke part for their 1st Kata.
- 6.4.9.2 Are only required to do the relevant (2nd) Kata applicable to their grading, but a pass mark of **65%** is required.
- 6.4.9.3 May choose to do both Katas, and in this case the pass mark remains as per table below.
- 6.4.10 The following table indicates requirements in terms of KATA:

UPGRADING TO:	(1) Nage-No-Kata	(2) Katame-No-Kata	(3) Kime-No-Kata	(4) Goshin-Jutsu	(5) Juno-Kata
Junior Black	55%				
Sho-Dan	60%				
Ni-Dan	65%	60%			
San-Dan	65% Any first Kata (1 or 2)		65%		
Yon-Dan	65% Any first Kata (1, 2 or 3)			65%	
Go-Dan	65% Any first Kata (1, 2, 3 or 4)				65%
Candidates >50 Years					
Perform 2 nd Kata only as Tori & Uke.	65%	65%	65%	65%	65%

NOTE: All gradings will count out of 200 points calculated as follows:

Kata Average: 100 points (In the case were more than one Kata is performed the average will be calculated:

Syllabus Ave: 100 points (50 % each for Tachi Waza and Ne Waza)

**6.5 TABLE FOR ACCUMULATION OF QUALIFYING POINTS
(ADDENDUM 3)**

7. KATA COMPETITIONS

**7.1 KATA DIVISIONS & AGE GROUPS
(ADDENDUM 8)**

**7.2 CREATIVE KATA ENTRY FORM
(ADDENDUM 9)**

7.3 KATA JUDGES

7.3.1 SELECTION OF KATA JUDGES

- 7.5.1.1 The National Grading coordinator will select judges of the appropriate grade/level for the Kata being judged.
- 7.5.1.2. The Grading Commission will sanction the selection of Kata Judges at national events.

7.3.2 CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

- 7.5.2.1 After the competition, time will be allowed for the addition/calculation and re-checking of scores to be centrally carried out by the appointed officials/kata judges.
- 7.5.2.2 There may be no family or coach connection between judges and competitors
- 7.5.2.3 Judges to mark independently.
- 7.5.2.4 Judges to endorse mark sheets with their full names to enable analysis/identification
- 7.5.2.5 When there are 3 Kata judges the average of all three scores will be calculated.
- 7.5.2.5 When there are 5 Kata judges, the highest and lowest scores will be dropped and the remainder averaged.

**7.4 DAN GRADING & KATA MARKING SHEETS:
(ADDENDUM 2)**

8. PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING DAN GRADINGS & COURSES

- 8.1 The Provincial Coordinator of Grading shall have completed all documentation and arrangements prior to the arrival of the Commission's representative.
- 8.2 The coaches for a preparation course and the Grading Masters who will be officiating at the grading shall have been approved by the Commission prior to the commencement of that course or grading.
- 8.3 To ensure uniformity and to clarify any ambiguities, a standardization session for grading masters will be held prior to the commencement of a Dan Grading.
- 8.4 The venue, facilities and mats shall be of a standard and size conducive to the safe performance of Kata and other aspects to be demonstrated.
- 8.5 Applicants for a course or a grading shall to the satisfaction of the grading commission member responsible for that specific grading have produced all credentials, paid all relevant fees and observed all necessary requirements before commencement.
- 8.6 Any applicant who is found by the Commission's representative to have failed to fulfil his/her responsibilities in this regard may be disqualified.
- 8.7 Gradings shall be conducted in a dignified, orderly manner and without interference, comment or censure from the spectators or the participants. The Commission's representative may ask any person whose conduct is disruptive or against the spirit of Judo to leave the venue.

	8.8	Budget Requirements:	
		8.8.1	All funds generated in respect of or as a result of Dan Grading preparation courses and/or Dan Gradings shall be accounted for by the Province concerned.
		8.8.2	The financial responsibility of Judo South Africa shall be limited to
		8.8.2.1	in respect of courses
		8.8.2.2	in respect of gradings : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The travel and accommodation costs of the Commission's representative • The provision of JSA Certificates to be awarded to successful applicants
		8.8.3	Application for JSA Financial assistance or subsidies towards Dan Gradings and course must be made to the JSA Development Director who will make the recommendation to the education and coaching director and treasurer. In this case the relevant costs will be carried by Judo SA.