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DATE: November 5, 2005
TO: All CKF Members
FROM: Roy T. Asa, CKF President
SUBJECT: 2005 CKF Kendo, Iaido and Jodo Grading Application Information

The following dates have been selected for the 2005 CKF Kendo, Iaido and Jodo Grading Examinations.

Western Grading Committee (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan)

Kendo Examination (1st Kyu, 1st Dan to 5th Dan)

- Date: Saturday, November 26, 2005
- Place: Steveston Martial Arts Centre, Richmond, BC
4111 Moncton St., Richmond, BC
- Time: Registration: 12:30 p.m.

Iaido Seminar

- Date: Saturday, Dec 3, 2005
- Place: Steveston Martial Arts Centre, Richmond, BC
- Time: 10:00 noon a.m.

Iaido Examination (1st Kyu, 1st Dan to 5th Dan)

- Date: Sunday, Dec 4, 2005
- Place: Steveston Martial Arts Centre, Richmond, BC
- Examination Start Time: 1:00 p.m.

Eastern Grading Committee (Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Maritimes)

Iaido Examination (1st Kyu, 1st Dan to 5th Dan)

- Date: Saturday, Dec 3, 2005
- Place: Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre
6 Garamond Court, Toronto, ON
- Time: Registration: 12:00 noon
Examination Start Time: 1:00 p.m.

Kendo Examination (1st Kyu, 1st Dan to 5th Dan)

- Date: Sunday, Dec 4, 2005
- Place: Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre
- Time: Registration: 8:00 a.m.
Examination Start Time: 9:30 a.m.

Jodo Seminar & Examination (1st Kyu Only)

- Date: Sunday, Nov 13, 2005
- Place: Renseikan Dojo
1885 Clements Rd., Unit #211, Pickering, ON
- Jodo Seminar: 9:00 a.m.
- Examination Start Time: 1:30 p.m.

Central Grading Committee (All Canada, 6th Dan and Above)

Kendo and Iaido Examination (6th Dan and above)

The central grading committee examinations for Kendo 6th Dan and above will take place following the Eastern Grading Committee examinations referred to on page one above.

There will be no grading for Iaido 6th Dan and above this December.

For Shogo examination (6th Dan or higher only), contact the CKF for more information.

Application Procedures

In order to operate smoothly, the CKF has set up the following procedures.

We request that each club fill out the attached application forms in BLOCK LETTERS or TYPED with the club president or instructor's signature. Please collect the appropriate examination fees and submit them as a group, along with the application forms to:

For Western Kendo Grading Applications

Mr. Y. Taguchi
3112 East 15th Ave, Vancouver, BC V5M 2L2
Tel: 604-437-5987, Fax: 604-437-4626
E-mail: ytaguchi@shaw.ca

No later than November 12, 2005

For Western Iaido Grading Applications

Mr. J. Nadeau
1685 Cornell Avenue, Coquitlam, BC V3J 3A2
Tel: 604-520-6068
E-mail: iaido_exam@hotmail.com

No later than November 12, 2005

For Eastern and Central Kendo and Iaido Grading Applications

Mr. Roy Asa
Canadian Kendo Federation
3571 Stouffville Road
Stouffville, ON, L4A 7X5
E-mail: rtasa@kendo-canada.com

No later than November 25, 2005

For Jodo Grading Applications

Mr. Ward Jardine
1885 Clements Rd., Unit #211
Pickering, ON L1W 3V4
E-mail: classes@renseikan.com

No later than November 6, 2005

Note: For Jodo grading ONLY, forms and fees may be brought on the day of the grading.

CKF GRADING - RULES AND REGULATIONS

Grading Committees

There are two Regional Examination Committees; The Western Grading Committee and the Eastern Grading Committee. Each Committee is to be composed of a minimum of five examiners and each committee member will hold a rank of 5th Dan or higher.

- CKF members located in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan wishing to challenge 1st Kyu, 1st Dan to 5th Dan will be examined by the Western Grading Committee.
- CKF members located in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes wishing to challenge 1st Kyu, 1st Dan to 5th Dan will be examined by the Eastern Grading Committee.

Upon successful completion of the examination, each Regional Grading Committee, after examining the candidate will recommend them to the Central Grading Committee for their final approval and the granting of their degrees. The CKF President issues all grading certificates.

Any CKF member wishing to challenge 6th Dan and above will be examined by the Central Grading Committee.

Examination Components

The Kendo grading examination consists of two components: (i) observation of their Kendo (ii) Kendo Kata. Each component is judged on a pass or fail basis. Each candidate must successfully complete both components. A successful completion is determined by receiving 'pass' from at least 3 of the 5 or 4 of the 7 examiners.

The laido and Jodo grading examination consists of the observation of a candidate's kata. Successful completion is based on receiving a 'pass' from at least 3 of 5 or 4 of 7 examiners. A candidate must also exhibit proper etiquette. Failure to do so can result in a failed examination.

Qualifications

Applicants must be members in good standing of the Canadian Kendo Federation. This means that yearly membership fees must be paid in full in advance of grading.

Applicants (Kendo, laido and Jodo) must have the following periods of practice:

Dan/Kyu	Practice Periods	Minimum Ages
1 Kyu		
1 (Sho) Dan	Over 3 months after granting of 1 Kyu	14 Years and over
2 (Ni) Dan	Over 2 years after granting of 1 st Dan	16 Years and over
3 (San) Dan	Over 2 years after granting of 2 nd Dan	18 Years and over
4 (Yon) Dan	Over 3 years after granting of 3 rd Dan	21 Years and over
5 (Go) Dan	Over 4 years after granting of 4 th Dan	25 Years and over
6(Roku) Dan	Over 5 years after granting of 5 th Dan	30 Years and over
7 (Nana) Dan	Over 6 years after granting of 6 th Dan	36 Years and over
8 (Hachi) Dan	Over 10 years after granting of 7 th Dan	48 Years and over

Kendo Kata shall be examined as follows:

Kyu/Dan Applied for:	Examination Subjects
1 Kyu	Tachi 1 – 3 Bon
1 Dan	Tachi 1 – 5 Hon
2 Dan	Tachi 1 – 7 Hon
3 rd Dan & Up	Tachi 7 Hon & Kodachi 3 Bon

Iaido Kata shall be examined as follows:

Kyu/Dan Applied for:	Examination Subjects
1 Kyu & 1 Dan	5 ZenKenRen* of candidate's choice
2 Dan & Up	1 Koryu of candidate's choice 4 ZenKenRen* as selected by the examiners.

* Zen Nihon Kendo Renmei – All Japan Kendo Federation

Jodo Kata shall be examined as follows:

Kyu/Dan Applied for:	Examination Subjects
1 Kyu	3 Kihon, Seitei Kata #1-3 Jo and Tachi side
1 Dan	Seitei Kata 2 - 6 Jo and Tachi side
2 Dan	Seitei Kata 3 - 7 Jo and Tachi side
3 Dan	Seitei Kata 4 - 8 Jo and Tachi side
4 Dan	Seitei Kata 7 - 11 Jo and Tachi side
5 Dan	Seitei Kata 8 - 12 Jo and Tachi side

CKF Examination and Certificate Fee Schedule

Kyu/Dan applied for:	Examination Fees	Certificate Fees	Japanese Certificate*
1 st Kyu	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	N/A
1 st Dan	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.00	+ \$ 70.00
2 nd Dan	\$ 30.00	\$ 70.00	+ \$ 70.00
3 rd Dan	\$ 40.00	\$ 110.00	+ \$ 70.00
4 th Dan	\$ 40.00	\$ 275.00	
5 th Dan	\$ 40.00	\$ 375.00	
6 th Dan	\$ 40.00	\$ 500.00	
7 th Dan	\$ 40.00	\$ 650.00	

*All certificates for 4th Dan and up will be written in Japanese. All names on Japanese Certificates will be written in Roman alphabet unless otherwise specified on the application form.