Kyokushin Karate Adult Rank Syllabus



IKOK ADULT RANK SYLLABUS AGES 13 & UP

This rank syllabus lists the minimum standards that must be met for each rank level. The Adult Rank Syllabus is to be followed for students ages 13 and up. Students are required to meet all of the standards of their current rank <u>as well as those of all previous ranks</u>. For example, under the rank of green belt, only green belt standards are listed. However the student is also responsible for meeting all requirements under yellow, blue, orange etc.

10th KYU – ORANGE BELT

Stability Level

2 - 3 Months Consistent Training To Qualify

GENERAL

Basic understanding of dojo etiquette.

FITNESS

Some gains in flexibility.

STANCES

Yoi / Fudo Dachi Heisoku Dachi Heiko Dachi Musubi Dachi

BLOCKS

Jodan Age Uke Gedan Barai

STRIKES - TSUKI & UCHI

Oi & Gyaku Tsuki; all levels

KICKS

Hiza Geri Kin Geri

KATA

Kihon Kata Ichi (Gedan Barai) Kihon Kata Ni (Age Uke) Kihon Kata San (Mae Geri) Taikyoku Sono Ichi

9th KYU – ORANGE BELT / BLUE STRIPE

Stability Level

3 – 6 Months Consistent Training To Qualify

GENERAL

Basic knowledge of Kyokushin history and Mas Oyama.

FITNESS

Basic proficiency in taiso and some gains in overall strength and flexibility.

STANCES

Sanchin Dachi Zenkutsu Dachi

BLOCKS

Chudan Soto Uke Chudan Uchi Uke

STRIKES - TSUKI & UCHI

Seiken Ago Uchi Morote Tsuki; all levels

KICKS

Chudan Mae Geri Kansetsu Geri

KATA

Kihon Kata Yon (Mae Geri / Chudan Tsuki) Kihon Kata Go (Uchi Uke) Kihon Kata Roku (Soto Uke) Taikyoku Sono Ni

8th KYU - BLUE BELT

Fluidity & Adaptability Level 6– 9 Months Consistent Training To Qualify

GENERAL

Written and Oral Testing. Knowledge of Kyokushin history and Mas Oyama.

FITNESS

Participate fully in taiso and additional gains in overall strength and flexibility.

STANCES

Kumite Dachi Kokutsu Dachi Neko-Ashi Dachi

BLOCKS

Morote Chudan Uchi Uke Uchi Uke-Gedan Barai

STRIKES - TSUKI & UCHI

Tettsui: Oroshi / Yoko / Hizo / Kome Kami

KICKS

Jodan Mae Geri Chudan Mawashi Geri

KATA

Taikyoku Sono San Sokugi Taikyoku Sono Ichi

KUMITE

2 Matches

TAMESHIWARI

Tettsui; 1 board

7th KYU – BLUE BELT / YELLOW STRIPE

Fluidity & Adaptability Level 9 – 12 Months Consistent Training To Qualify

GENERAL

Increased knowledge of Japanese; able to perform techniques on command.

FITNESS

Participate fully in taiso; gains in overall strength in 2-minute drills.

STANCES

Kiba Dachi

BLOCKS

Shuto Mawashi Uke

STRIKES - TSUKI & UCHI

Jun Tsuki

Tate Tsuki; all levels

KICKS

Mae & Yoko Keage Teisoku Soto Mawashi Sokuto Uchi Mawashi

KATA

Sokugi Taikyoku Sono Ni Pinan Ichi

KUMITE

3 Matches

6th KYU - YELLOW BELT

Assertion Level

12 - 18 Months Consistent Training To Qualify

GENERAL

Written and oral testing. Recite dojo kun.

FITNESS

Strength and flexibility gains.

STANCES

Tsuru Ashi Dachi

BLOCKS

Juji Uke; gedan / jodan Shuto Juji Uke; gedan / jodan Osae Uke Sukui Uke

STRIKES - TSUKI & UCHI

Uraken: Shomen / Sayu / Hizo / Oroshi / Mawashi Nukite; all levels

KICKS

Jodan Mawashi Chudan Yoko Geri

KATA

Pinan Ni

Sokugi Taikyoku Sono San

KUMITE

4 matches

SELF-DEFENSE

4 defenses against grabs / attacks.

TAMESHIWARI

Seiken; 1 board Mae Geri; 1 board

5th KYU – YELLOW BELT / GREEN STRIPE

Assertion Level

18 - 24 Months Consistent Training To Qualify

GENERAL

Increased knowledge of Japanese terminology. The ability to effectively explain / teach basic fundamentals of techniques to date.

FITNESS

Strength and flexibility gains.

STANCES

Moro Ashi Dachi

BLOCKS

Four basic blocks using Shuto / Haito Jodan Age Uke - Gedan Barai Chudan Soto Uke - Gedan Barai

STRIKES - TSUKI & UCHI

Shuto: Ganmen / Sakotsu Oroshi / Hizo / Naka / Sakotsu Uchi Komi

KICKS

Ushiro Geri

Combination Mae Geri - Ushiro Geri

KATA

Pinan San

Informal Sanchin (te waza, ashi waza and nogare)

KUMITE

5 matches

SELF-DEFENSE

6 defenses against grabs / attacks.

4th KYU - GREEN BELT

Emotion / Sensitivity Level 24 – 36 Months Consistent Training To Qualify

GENERAL

Written and oral testing.
Begin to assist teaching in the dojo.

FITNESS

Minimum 30 knuckle pushups, 50 sit-ups, 30 leg throwdowns, 30 squats

STANCES

Uchi Hachi-ji Dachi Kake Ashi Dachi

BLOCKS

Shotei Uke; all levels Mae Shotei Mawashi Uke

STRIKES - TSUKI & UCHI

Shotei Uchi; all levels Morote Haito Uchi

KICKS

Jodan Yoko Geri Jodan Ushiro Geri Ushiro Mawashi Combination Mae Mawashi - Ushiro Mawashi

KATA

Pinan Yon

Formal Sanchin (Ibuki and body testing)

KUMITE

6 matches

SELF-DEFENSE

8 defenses against holds, grabs, and strikes

TAMESHIWARI

2 boards with a hand technique 2 boards with a foot technique

3RD KYU – GREEN BELT / BROWN STRIPE

Emotion / Sensitivity Level 2 ½ - 3 Years Consistent Training To Qualify

GENERAL

Sufficient gains in speed and power in all techniques. Continued improvements and fine tuning of body mechanics in the execution of all techniques.

FITNESS

Minimum 40 knuckle pushups, 20 five-finger pushups, 75 sit-ups, 40 leg throwdowns, 50 squats

STANCES

All previous stances moving forward and backward with proficiency

BLOCKS

Koken Uke, all levels Sune Uke

STRIKES - TSUKI & UCHI

Haishu

Hiji; Oroshi / Chudan & Jodan Ate / Chudan Ushiro Ate / Age Uchi

KICKS

Mae Oroshi Kakato Geri

KATA

Pinan Go

KUMITE

7 matches

SELF-DEFENSE

10 defenses against holds, grabs, and strikes

TAMESHIWARI

2 boards with 2 hand techniques 2 boards with 2 foot technique

2nd KYU -BROWN BELT

Practical / Creative Level 3 ½ - 4 Years Consistent Training To Qualify

GENERAL

Written and oral testing.
Written paper on selected subject.
Sufficient ability, knowledge and command to run a class independently.

FITNESS

Minimum 50 knuckle pushups, 10 koken pushups, 20 five-finger pushups, 100 sit-ups, 50 leg throwdowns, 50 squats

STANCES

All stances to date
Tachi No Kata w/ full explanations of each element

BLOCKS

Kake Uke; all levels

STRIKES - TSUKI & UCHI

Hiraken Mawashi Uchi, all levels Koken; all levels Ryutoken

KICKS

Tobi Nidan Geri Tobi Mae Geri Kake Geri Chudan

KATA

Gekisai Dai

KUMITE

8 matches

SELF-DEFENSE

10 defenses against misc. attacks, adding takedowns / throws

TAMESHIWARI

3 boards with 1 hand techniques 3 boards with 1 foot technique

1st KYU – BROWN BELT / BLACK STRIPE

Practical / Creative Level 3 ½ - 4 Years Consistent Training To Qualify

GENERAL

Written and oral testing.

Sufficient ability, knowledge and command to run a class independently.

Strong knowledge of all techniques and commands in Japanese.

FITNESS

Minimum 60 knuckle pushups, 40 five-finger pushups, 20 koken pushups, 125 sit-ups, 50 leg throwdowns, 50 squat kicks.

STANCES

The ability to move through all stances quickly, with ease and excellent form. Good transitioning through different stances.

BLOCKS

Tensho cover; inside and outside and varying applications

STRIKES - TSUKI & UCHI

Hitosashi Yubi Ippon Ken Naka Yubi Ippon Ken Oya Yubi Ippon Ken Toho Keiko

KICKS

Tobi Yoko Geri Jodan Uchi Haisoku Geri Oroshi Soto Kakato Geri Oroshi Uchi Kakato Geri

KATA

Yantsu Tsuki-No Kihon Katas 1 – 6 in ura

KUMITE

9 matches

SELF-DEFENSE

Defense against club, knife and multiple opponents

TAMESHIWARI

4 boards with 1 hand techniques 4 boards with 1 foot technique

(Note: Please consult the XXX Policy for Applying for and Administering Yudansha Grade Examinations.)

SHODAN – FIRST DEGREE BLACK BELT / ONE GOLD BAR

4 1/2 To 5 Years Consistent Training with a Minimum of One Year at the Rank of Ikkyu

Black Belt – A return to the beginning; starting in the Yudansha ranks. "Shodan" – Beginner's Grade; "Shoshin" – Beginner's Mind

Approved candidates shall submit an application and \$75 testing fee to their instructor. A copy of the application is to be forwarded to the area Branch Chief (if instructor is not a Branch Chief) and regional Director. Upon successful completion and promotion, the candidate will then be required to submit two passport photos and TBD for the Shodan certificate and embroidered obi from Honbu.

The Shodan test consists of the following. The test is typically administered on two days.

- Written Test; (must pass by 80% to be eligible for remaining parts of test)
- > Fitness, Kihon, Execution of all techniques, Oral Testing
- Kata
- Kumite
- > Self-Defense / Tameshiwari

General Requirements	 The applicant shall have a thorough knowledge of the history of Kyokushin Karate and Mas Oyama. The applicant shall have at least one year of assistant teaching. The applicant will have attended <u>all</u> current years' special trainings, including a tournament official's clinic. The applicant will have assisted in the organization and running of any dojo events or tournaments.
Resume & Report	 The applicant shall submit with the application, a four page minimum, typed report detailing their past history, present training, future plans, and the effect Karate has had in their life.
Certifications	CPR Certificate
Taiso	 75 knuckle pushups 50 five-finger pushups 20 koken pushups 150 sit-ups 50 leg throwdowns 30 reverse trunks 60 squat kicks Strength, endurance and cardiovascular exercises as also required
Thrusts & Strikes	Morote Haito Uchi; chudan & jodanUde Uchi
Blocking	 Morote Kake Uke; all levels Ryusui-uke; various kumite and Goshin-Jitsu applications Leg blocking in Kumite
Kicking	 Tobi Mawashi Geri Jodan Kake Geri Tobi Ushiro Geri

SHODAN (continued)

Kata	 Tensho Saiha Taikyoku Sono Ichi, Ni, and San in ura Demonstration of Bunkai for Taikyoku Ichi-San & Pinan Ichi - Go
Self-Defense	 Spontaneous defenses against all situations.
Tameshiwari	 5 boards Seiken Tsuki 3 boards Hiji 3 boards with Mae Geri, Mawashi Geri, Yoko Geri
Kumite	■ 10 – 15 matches at 1 ½ minutes (Kumite is optional for ages over 35)

NIDAN - SECOND DEGREE BLACK BELT / TWO GOLD BARS

8 Years Consistent Training with a Minimum of Two Years at the Rank of Shodan

Approved candidates shall submit an application and \$75 testing fee to their instructor. A copy of the application is to be forwarded to the area Branch Chief (if instructor is not a Branch Chief) and Regional Director. Upon successful completion and promotion, the candidate will then be required to submit two passport photos and \$TBD for the Nidan certificate and embroidered obi from Honbu.

The Nidan test consists of the following. The test is typically administered on two days.

- Fitness, Kihon, Execution of all techniques, Oral Testing
- Kata
- Kumite
- Self-Defense
- Tameshiwari

General Requirements	 The applicant shall have a thorough knowledge of the IKOK Policies and Regulations. The applicant will have attended <u>all</u> current years' special trainings, including the IKOK tournament official's clinic. The applicant will have assisted in the organization and running of any dojo events or tournaments. The applicant will have participated in conferences, tournaments, camps, demonstrations, and seminars.
Resume & Report	 The applicant shall submit with the application, a typed report detailing their past history, present training, future plans, effect Karate has had in their life, and reasons for Nidan application. A report on a specified Budo-related topic. Topic and length to be determined at time of application.
Certifications	 Current CPR Certificate IKOK Fukushin Certificate (Corner Judge)

NIDAN (continued)

Eligibility Criteria	 Exhibits high level of commitment to regular training. Teaches willingly and effectively in dojo classes. Has a minimum of two years of consistent training at the rank of Shodan. Experience as a tournament corner official (Fukushin). Is a IKOK member in good standing, consistently in compliance with all IKOK Policies and Procedures. If candidate is a dojo operator, he/she shall also be in compliance with all policies pertaining to dojo operations (such as student registration policies>)
Kihon and Self-Defense	 Demonstrated technical mastery in all previous rank requirements. Deep Understanding of Kata Bunkai for Ju –kyu through Shodan kata. Deeper understanding of Tensho kata and demonstration of applications in Goshin Jitsu
Kicking	 Tobi Ushiro Geri Jodan Ushiro Mawashi Geri Tobi Kaiten Uchi Mawashi Geri
Kata	 Kanku Gekisai Sho Seienchin Pinan Sono Ichi, Ni in ura Chion no Bo
Kumite	 20 matches at 1 ½ minutes (Kumite is optional for ages over 35)

SANDAN (SENSEI) - THIRD DEGREE BLACK BELT / THREE GOLD BARS

10 - 12 Years Consistent Training with a Minimum of Three Years at the Rank of Nidan

Approved candidates shall submit an application and \$75 testing fee to their instructor. A copy of the application is to be forwarded to and approved by the area Branch Chief (if instructor is not a Branch Chief), Regional Director and Executive Committee. Upon successful completion and promotion, the candidate will then be required to submit two passport photos and \$TBD for the Sandan certificate and embroidered obi from Honbu.

The Sandan test consists of the following. The test is typically administered on two days.

- Fitness, Kihon, Execution of all techniques, Oral Testing
- Kata
- > Kumite
- Self-Defense
- Martial Arts Theory and Strategy

General	 The applicant shall have a thorough knowledge of the IKOK Policies and
Requirements	Regulations
	The applicant will have attended all current years' special trainings, including the
	IKOK tournament official's clinic.
	The applicant will have assisted in the organization and running of any dojo
	events or tournaments.
	 The applicant will have participated in conferences, tournaments, camps,
	demonstrations, and seminars.
	■ The applicant shall be a role model within his/her dojo and communityIE: a
	Budo-ka
Resume & Report	 The applicant shall submit with the application, a typed report detailing their past
•	history, present training, future plans, effect Karate has had in their life, and
	reasons for Sandan application.
	 A report on a specified Budo, Heiho or Philosophical related topic. Topic and
	length to be determined at time of application.
Certifications	Current CPR Certificate
	 IKOK Fukushin Certificate (Corner Judge)
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Eligibility Criteria	Exhibits a high level of commitment to regular training (exemplary work ethic).
	 Extensive regular instructional experience at an advanced level.
	 Has a minimum of three years of consistent training at the rank of Nidan.
	 Experience as a tournament corner official in national and international events.
	 Is a IKOK member in good standing, consistently in compliance with all IKOK
	Policies and Procedures. If candidate is a dojo operator, he/she shall also be in
	compliance with all policies pertaining to dojo operations (such as student
	registration policies.)
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SANDAN (continued)

Kihon and Self-Defense	 Demonstrated technical mastery in all previous rank requirements. Deep understanding of Kata Bunkai for Ju –kyu through Nidan kata. Deeper understanding of physiology and mechanics of kihon and ability to teach same. Syllabus is an integral part of the candidate's being (mushin). Candidate adapts to unknown or rapidly changing situations with confidence, accuracy, and speed. Ability to teach syllabus to Nidan level, clearly and completely.
Kata	 Sushiho Garyu Pinan Sono Ni through Go in ura
Kumite	 30 matches at 1 ½ minutes (Kumite is optional for ages over 35)

YONDAN - FOURTH DEGREE BLACK BELT / FOUR GOLD BARS

16 – 20 Years Consistent Training with a Minimum of Four Years at the Rank of Sandan

The candidate shall be nominated by at least two members of the executive Committee, submit an application to the Regional Director, IKOK Executive Committee and a \$100 testing fee. Grading for Yondan and up must be conducted jointly by the IKOK Executive Committee and a International Honbu Representative. Upon successful completion and promotion, the candidate will then be required to submit two passport photos and \$TBD for the Yondan certificate and embroidered obi from Honbu.

The Yondan test consists of the following.

- Fitness, Kihon, Execution of all techniques, Oral Testing
- Kata
- Kumite
- > Self-Defense
- Martial Arts Theory and Strategy

General Requirements	 The applicant shall have a thorough knowledge of the IKOK Policies and Regulations. The applicant will have organized / attended all current years' special trainings, including the IKOK tournament official's clinic. The applicant will have organized / participated in conferences, tournaments, camps, demonstrations, tournaments, and seminars.
Resume & Report	 The applicant shall submit with the application, a typed report detailing their past history, present training, future plans, effect Karate has had in their life, major milestones achieved and reasons for Yondan application. A report on a specified Budo, Heiho or Philosophical related topic. Topic and length to be determined at time of application.
Certifications	 Current CPR Certificate IKOK Shushin Certificate (Center Judge)
Eligibility Criteria	 Exhibits a high level of commitment to regular training (exemplary work ethic). Extensive regular teaching experience at an advanced level. Has a minimum of four years of consistent training at the rank of Sandan. Experience as a tournament corner official at national and international events. Is a IKOK member in good standing, consistently in compliance with all IKOK Policies and Procedures. If candidate is a dojo operator, he/she shall also be in compliance with all policies pertaining to dojo operations (such as student registration policies.)
Kihon and Self-Defense	 Demonstrated technical mastery in all previous rank requirements. Deep understanding of Kata Bunkai for Ju -kyu through Sandan kata. Deeper understanding of physiology and mechanics of kihon and ability to teach same.

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YONDAN (continued)

Kata	 Seipai The candidate shall submit a type written research paper on one of the following kata: Sanchin, Tsuki-no, Gekisai Dai, Gekisai Sho, Saiha, Yantsu, Seienchin, Garyu, or Sushiho. The research shall include a review of all techniques contained in the subject kata, bunkai, a history of the kata's lineage (where, when and by whom developed), and its development to date. It shall also explore the underlying philosophical and technical principles that are being introduced in the kata. The bunkai portion of the report will be submitted in video format for review.
Jissen Kumite	 Understanding and application of body vital points with knowledge of the anatomy and physiology associated with each point. This knowledge must then be applied to Kyokushin kihon, kumite, and Goshin-Jitsu.