



# UNITED STATES JUDO ASSOCIATION

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## USJA Senior Recommendation for Validation of Judo Rank Effective - January 1, 2015

This corresponds to the USJA Judo Technical Manual and Study Guide with Senior Rank Promotion System

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| Name: First Middle Last (Print) |                      | DOB Mo/Day/Yr     | USJA Mbr #                          |             |
| Address                         |                      | City              | State                               | Zip         |
| Email                           | Tel: Home            |                   | Cell                                | Date of BGS |
| Name of Club                    | Head of Club         |                   | Tel: Head of Club                   | Their Rank  |
| Rank Applying For               | Study time Required* | Study time Actual | Date you started your study of Judo |             |

\*Required for Dan Rank

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The "USJA Request for Validation of Judo Rank" form has instructions for completion and lists all current validation fees. The examiner(s) will complete the "USJA Request For Validation Of Judo Rank" form, recommend the new member to the rank they believe the new member is qualified to hold, and send it with the appropriate validation fee to the USJA National Office for processing. **The candidate must be tested to the requirements in effect for all ranks up to & including proposed. Documentation must be typed & sent to the National Office.** Upon receipt of the documented information and validation form with associated paperwork the USJA National Office will forward to the PB for review. If approved a new card and rank certificate will be issued. **A person can only be validated once. That becomes the date of their valid promotion. Validation of Judo Rank is only for those that lack credentials of valid judo rank recognized by the International Judo Federation IJF. Once they have a valid rank they cannot be validated. When validating you must include the competed tests for all ranks up to & including proposed**

When considering someone for validation remember this requires documentation on many years of studying Judo and although significant just because someone excels in competition this is only part of the requirements that must be met. There must be a equivalent time equal to the time one who have spent going through each rank up to the recommended rank. All forms and documents must be typed unless waived in writing by the PB.

Equivalent time This is the recommended minimum the applicant must have spent in the study of judo from the start of their study to the date of the recommendation for Validation.

| Rank                | Min study time | Rank                | Min study time | Rank                | Min study time |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Kyu | 2 months       | 5 <sup>th</sup> Kyu | 5 months       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Kyu | 10 months      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu | 16 months      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kyu | 2 years        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Kyu | 3 years        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Dan | 4 years        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan | 6 years        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan | 10 years       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Dan | 15 years       |                     |                |                     |                |

**Testing: Every person recommended for validation must be tested and meet all requirements. You must attach the full test including skill and vocabulary or recommendation will be denied.**

**You must attach a detailed list of your training, studying and competition.**

**Training and Study. List the names of all dojo you trained. Include the dates, head instructor name and telephone**

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Name of dojo                                      Dates from to                                      Head Instructor                                      Telephone

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Name of dojo                                      Dates from to                                      Head Instructor                                      Telephone

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### **USJA REQUEST FOR VALIDATION OF JUDO RANK**

| Rank validation sought by candidate | Required rank and number of examiners                     |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Kyu grades</b>                   | one 1 <sup>st</sup> dan or above                          |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> dan</b>           | one 3 <sup>rd</sup> dan or above                          |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> dan</b>           | two 4 <sup>th</sup> dans or above                         |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> dan</b>           | two 5 <sup>th</sup> dans or above                         |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> dan</b>           | two 6 <sup>th</sup> dans* or above and approved by the PB |

#### **VERIFICATION- examination and certification of eligibility.**

Those signing below have active USJA membership and required judo rank, certify they tested/witnessed and/or verified the applicant's documentation, and state the applicant is qualified for promotion. Do not sign below unless you approve of this promotion and/or have tested, witnessed, verified documentation or have firsthand knowledge of the applicant and eligibility for this promotion. For Validation you must test for all ranks up to including the recommended one.

**SIGN OFF ONLY IF THE CONDITIONS ABOVE ARE MET. YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES THAT YOU TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY FEEL THE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AND THE APPLICANT IS QUALIFIED. THE APPLICANT AND EVERYONE SIGNING OFF ARE ETHICALLY BOUND BY THIS CERTIFICATION.**

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Applicant Name (print)                      Signature                                      Rank                                      Date

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Head Coach Name (print)                      Signature                                      Rank                                      Date

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CRE Name (print)                              Signature                                      Rank      CRE (level)                      Date

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CRE Name (print)                              Signature                                      Rank      CRE (level)                      Date

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CRE Name (print)                              Signature                                      Rank      CRE (level)                      Date

{If addition sign off required use additional page(s)} \*Yodan ranks require sign off by Upgraded CRE

If emailing please use: support@usja.net

**The acronyms appear in the Guide and Recommendation for Promotion**

Please refer to USJA Judo Technical Manual and Study Guide with Senior Rank Promotion System for USJA's PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS. I can be purchased on the USJA's website.

CHECK LIST

- \_\_\_ RFP form complete make sure you have correct form this form and all documents must be typed
- \_\_\_ Sign off by applicant, Head Coach, examiners having required rank, active membership and BGS  
As required. Include judo rank, examiner level. Yodan must be signed off by Upgraded CRE
- \_\_\_ Include any documentation required including copies of all tests including proposed. All documents must be typed
- \_\_\_ Meets or exceeds TIG or points
- \_\_\_ All claimed USJA Certifications up to date and current
- \_\_\_ Attached documentation verifying points
- \_\_\_ Active USJA membership annual or SLM
- \_\_\_ Member of chartered USJA club
- \_\_\_ Processing Fee enclosed as required amount \$ 35. After approval Validation Promotion fee due see below
- \_\_\_ Photo (Passport type)
- \_\_\_ Copy of all certifications such as coaching, referee etc. that are not USJA certifications
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Life Membership Fee

**Process Fee \$35:** All validation for promotions require a process fee in addition to promotion fee. This must be paid with RFP when submitting paperwork for promotion. If your RFP is incomplete or otherwise invalid you must comply with request for additional requirements and respond within 60 days or your RFP is considered withdrawn. If you are asked for additional information and you resubmit but fail to include this you will be notified again and an additional Process fee will be required. When resubmitting you MUST include everything not just what may be missing. A video of skills and Kata highly recommended  
Any notes or comments the applicant wishes to make:

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+++++ Validation Fees Dan ranks Includes Black Belt card but not Process Fee.

**6<sup>th</sup> Kyu to 4<sup>th</sup> - \$50      3<sup>rd</sup> Kyu - \$70      2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu - \$90      1<sup>st</sup> Kyu - \$110**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Dan - \$300      2<sup>nd</sup> Dan - \$350      3<sup>rd</sup> Dan - \$400      4<sup>th</sup> Dan - \$450**

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Payment Fee Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Charge my Credit Card Type: Master Card \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_

Name on Card (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Date it expires \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Acc. Holder \_\_\_\_\_ Return Certificate to Club Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_\_\_

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Office: Process fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Photo \_\_\_\_\_ Promotion Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Back Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LM Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ SLM Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ BGS \_\_\_\_\_ Verified Rank and Mbr of sign off \_\_\_\_\_ Date sent to TE \_\_\_\_\_