

The Rules & Regulations of



The

British Wado Federation National Governing Body 英国和道空手道連盟 - 本部

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The British Wado Federation is a Full Member of the
International Wado Federation



Established by Gary E Swift Hanshi in 1982 from the foundations of the
Alliance of International Wado-ryu (AIWa)

The *British Wado Federation* is the only National Governing Body/Alliance for Autonomous Clubs, Groups and Associations recognised by the International Wado Federation.
EXPLANATIONS, REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION

The *International Wado Federation* is the only World Governing Body/Alliance of the British Wado Federation.

Note: To ensure the 'ethos' of the Federation remains consistently for the benefit of the Associate Members, the President has the authority to include facilities, adjustments as & when required. The Committee may suggest/propose changes; however, these must be forwarded to the Chairman to be considered at the relevant Annual General Meeting and/or Emergency Meeting/s. To ensure that Committee Members are not 'agenda driven', membership to the BWF Committee will only be accepted from members who *DO NOT* belong to, *or involved with*, any other Wadoryu Governing Body Committee, or within a committee of a Karate/Sporting Controlling Organisation or Body, of any kind, outside of the International Wado Federation.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To preserve both the traditional development and the evolution of Wado Karate. We strive to accomplish this in an environment free of intimidation, politics, and other negative distractions. We further seek to foster a spirit of fellowship and understanding by welcoming all like-minded individuals, regardless of race, gender, ethnic background, national origin, or physical handicap. All accepted member-groups will be granted 'self-development' to encourage positive growth within their own autonomous infrastructure, without interference from the British, European or International Wado Federation.

As the British Wado Federation is non-profit, therefore does not have the need for a *Treasurer*, it must be remembered that the BWF have no central funds or means to offer financial support to any members. All members are accepted as autonomous, self-running, independent and self-funding 'Associate Members' under the non-controlling umbrella of the British Wado Federation.

The British Wado Federation is a non-profit umbrella for autonomous 'professionally run' (*amateur and/or professional*) Karate Schools/Organisations and not a commercially motivated or profit-based karate business. The BWF hold no control or responsibility for members within the umbrella group.

TECHNICAL CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE IWF

The following technical criteria are essential to all organisations **BEFORE** they wish to be accepted as members into the International Wado Federation Headquarters as accepted Wado practitioners. **These are the minimum requirements, for international members, as laid out by Ohtsuka Hironori Meijin in 1963.**

- Wado Tai Sabaki
- Wado Kihon Waza
- Wado Kihon Gumite: Ipponme, Nihonme, Sanbonme, Yonhonme, Gohonme, Ropponme, Nanahonme, Napponne, Kyuhonme, Jupponme.
- Wado syllabus Kata: Pinan; Shodan, Nidan, Sandan, Yodan, Godan; Ku-shanku, Naihanchi, Seishan, and Chinto.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Patron: HRH Prince George Karageorgevitch 1st Dan.
2. Chairman: Paul Elliott (8th Dan) Kyoshi.
3. Vice Chairman: Ian Hunter (8th Dan) Kyoshi.
4. General Secretary: Julie Jeffries 3rd Dan, assisted by Hayley Jeffries 3rd Dan.
5. Director of Health & Safety: Ian Hunter (8th Dan) Kyoshi.
6. Licencing Officer: Oren Teichmann (4th Dan) Tashi.
7. Treasurer: Oren Teichmann (4th Dan) Tashi.
8. Criminal Records Bureau: Applications to be made online through government links.
9. Events Coordinator: *Vacant*
10. Child Protection: Elizabeth Rayman 1st Dan.
11. Legal Officers: Neil Bennett 2nd Dan, Elizabeth Rayman 1st Dan.
12. Affiliations Officers: Paul Elliott Kyoshi, Kevin Hamilton-Stewart Kyoshi.
13. Director of 1st Aid Coaching: Derry Jarvis 1st Dan.
14. Group Insurance Officer: Oren Teichmann Tashi.
15. Yūdansa Registrations: Gary E Swift Hanshi.

Membership to the Executive Committee will be accepted from members who DO NOT belong to any other Governing Body outside of the International Wado Federation. For a more detailed explanation of BWF Committee roles, etc., please refer to the latest BWF Constitution.

Duties of the Executive Committee.

Chairman: *Responsibilities: Oversee and assist all 'extra' activities & events of BWF. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of the BWF.*

Vice Chairman: *Responsibilities: To assist the Chairman in the smooth running of his activities. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of the BWF.*

Licence Officer/Treasurer: *Responsibilities: To issue optional Licencing & Insurance to BWF Associate members. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWF.*

Assistant Administration Officer: *Responsibilities: To assist with all the administrative affairs of BWF. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWF.*

Events/Activities Coordinator & Officers: *Responsibilities: Organise and administer events as & when required, such as competitions, Yūdan Shinsa, regional events, etc. The organisation of the BWF National Championships. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWF.*

Treasurer & Insurance Officer: *Responsibilities: Oversee, maintain and record the inward & outgoing finances of the BWF with special attention towards the Annual Insurance Payments required for adequate cover for all licencing and block insurance facilities, etc. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWF.*

Yūdansa Registrations: *Responsibilities. Liaise with the relevant 'Activities Officer' for the organisation of the Regional BWF Yūdan Shinsa. Record and Register all Yūdansa within*

membership of the BWF for registration within the IWF. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWF.

Legal Officer & Adviser: *Responsibilities: Ensure that all the necessary legal implications are correctly in place for the protection of BWF, BWF Committees, Instructors and all Registered & Licenced Members. Confirm legal legitimacy of all application forms and administration, etc. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWF.*

Child Protection Officer: *Responsibilities: Ensure the necessary implementations are in place for the safeguarding of young and vulnerable people within membership of BWF. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWF.*

CRB/DBS Officer: *Responsibilities: Ensure that the CRB/DBS facilities are available to all members of BWF. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWF.*

Affiliation Officers: *Responsible for the receipt of Affiliation Applications. To work together to investigate and vet all BWF affiliation applications for legitimacy and authentication, prior to forwarding to the Registrations Officer to 'certify and welcome', etc. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWF.*

Director of 1st Aid Coaching: *Responsibilities. To organise and make available 1st Aid Courses for all BWF Instructors & Members on a reasonably regular basis or when required. Do all other such things, related to the position, required to assist in the smooth operation and running of BWF.*

THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

1. Gary E Swift Hanshi. Representing the South/Southwest of England.
2. Ian Hunter (8th Dan) Kyoshi. Representing the South/Southeast of England.
3. Kevin Hamilton-Stewart (8th Dan) Kyoshi. Representing the North of England.
4. Paul Elliott (8th Dan) Kyoshi. Representing the South/Southeast of England.

Membership to the Technical Committee will be accepted from members who **do not** belong to any other Governing Body outside of the International Wado Federation, due to any conflict of interests.

NB: Committee positions are honorary & unpaid; members give their time freely. The IWF, EWF and BWF are non-profit organisations.

British Wado Federation (BWF) Fully Regionalised

All aspects of the British Wado Federation are 'fully regionalised', including Technical implications (courses, etc.) as well as Judges for the Regional BWF Yūdan Shinsa. The BWF Regional Chief Examiners include Gary Swift Hanshi and Nick Smith Kyoshi covering the Southwest, Paul Elliott Kyoshi covering the South/Southeast and Kevin Hamilton-Stewart Kyoshi covering the North/Northeast. Each Technical Director will be responsible for their own Region and strictly follow the requirements and procedures of the BWF Yūdan Shinsa. As from June 2018 **ALL ASPECTS** of the BWF will be regionalised under these (and more when available) Senior Yūdansha. All courses requiring senior BWF Yūdansha are also under the control of the aforementioned **BWF Regional Senior Instructors**.

1. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

If an applying organisation can 'confirm' qualifications in Wadoryu Karate then the organisation can affiliate direct to the International Wado Federation as an *already established* Wado organisation. However, if a non-Wado organisation wishes to pursue Wado qualifications & training in Wadoryu Karate, in order to become a Wado organisation, then the application must go under their *National or Continental Representative/s* for technical direction, support and guidance. If a National Representative is unavailable then an already established IWF Association or Group may be accepted to help with the transition to Wado Karate.

Non Wado Applications.

Applications from non-Wado sources may be considered, as long as those applicants are able to satisfy the BWF Technical Committee that they will be under the 'direction & protection' of an already established association/group within membership of the BWF. Until the transition to Wado has been successful all Yūdansha ranks & levels will be considered as 'honorary' in status. Non-Wado groups who apply for this type of affiliation will be required to transfer totally to Wado within 12-months of initial honorary membership acceptance.

2. ASSOCIATE & ALLIED MEMBERS

Types of Membership:

- 1. Allied Member (see conditions below):** Fully Autonomous with own Constitution, Insurance, Operational & Administrative Policies and Syllabus, etc.
- 2. Associate Member (see options below - UK only):** Fully Autonomous with own Constitution, Operational & Administrative Policies and Syllabus, etc. Associate members have full access to all facilities.*

NB: Associate & Allied Chief Instructors have sole responsibility for their own group & individuals, therefore the International Wado Federation, and/or subsidiary affiliations, will not be held responsible or liable for any Club, Association or Group in membership. It is the responsibility of each Association/Group in membership to ensure that all their members are adequately insured and cared for. All technical Kyū/Dan grading standards and progression are the full responsibility of the relevant Chief Instructor for his/her own Group/Club. Grades may **not** be recognised outside of the Associate/Allied member Group, although they may be 'registered' within the International Wado Federation (application forms available from the BWF & IWF websites). It is also the responsibility of each Chief Instructor/Director to ensure that all instructors are adequately insured, possess CRB (or equivalent) and have 1st Aid Certification. Each club must have a designated 1st-Aid Officer and Covid-19 Officer present at all times.

ALLIED MEMBERS

Allied Membership' to the **International Wado Federation**. Allied Members are self-governing 'autonomous' members and will be considered 'Allied Members' to the **International Wado Federation**. The **International Wado Federation** will have no control over Associate or Allied Members as they will have their own Constitution or Rules & Regulations for self-governance within their own Group/Association. NB: UK affiliations will have automatic 'allied' membership to the **British Wado Federation (BWF)**.

NB: 'All-Styles' and 'Mixed Martial Arts' qualifications will not be accepted as qualifications of Wado Karate. **Only credible Wado karate clubs and groups will be accepted into IWF membership.** You may not have to leave your existing affiliation (*if any*) to join the **International Wado Federation**.

Additional conditions of membership: The International Wado Federation accepts organisations that have a democratic structure and that a board of directors are freely elected. All members must accept these rules and conditions of the IWF when applying for membership.

In respect to violation of Law/s, or Child Protection issues, etc., the relevant Associate Member Group will no longer be considered part of the International Wado Federation; *effective immediately upon awareness of such knowledge by the Committee of the IWF.*

Clarification: Autonomous/Independent Wado Groups are those accepted on the basis that they are self-governed by their own Wado Constitution and/or Rules & Regulations and administration. The International Wado Federation reserves the right to reject/refuse applications without giving a reason.

- (a) **Allied Members** are **self-governing** 'autonomous' members and will be considered 'Allied Members' to the IWF. The IWF will have no control over Associate Members as they will have their own Constitution/Rules & Regulations, Insurance Procedures and Member Protection Policies, etc., (including Child & Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy) for self-governance within their own Group/Association. As they are 'allied' they will have no access to promotion or other entitlement facilities within the IWF.
NB: Allied Members will be required to conform to the Legal System of the UK by supplying insurance cover for ALL club members and supplying access to the relevant CRB/DBS Certification for instructors. For Chief Instructors considering the BWF for any grade advancements, it is essential that they become licenced individual members to the IWF. Only licenced members would be eligible to grade under the BWF/IWF.
- (b) **Associate Members.** All Associate Members may apply for (and have possession of) an up-to-date BWF recognised licence membership, as a minimum requirement for Associate Membership, as long as it does not violate the double-licencing rules of International Sport Karate. Under **International Sport Karate Regulations, Individual Members are NOT permitted to be 'double-licenced'**. By possessing a BWF Licence this would also allow the relevant Chief Instructor to be eligible for any BWF approved promotion he would wish to pursue. All BWF Licenced Members would also be eligible for IWF promotion as they would be considered '*registered individual*' Licenced Members of the International Wado Federation. If the individual is licenced elsewhere then this grading facility would not be the responsibility of the BWF but the licencing authority that issued the original licence.
- (c) Upon a Chief Instructor's IWF/BWF Licence becoming invalid (out-of-date by more than 6-months), then the Chief Instructor *and relevant organisation* would be deemed 'resigned' from BWF Licenced Associate Membership and therefore would be placed on Allied Membership to the IWF.
- (d) All Associate/Allied Members must be practising Wado Karate prior to consideration for membership with the IWF-HQ. However, if an organisation, not familiar with the style of Wadoryu, wishes to pursue IWF Wado qualifications & training, in order to become an official Wado organisation, then the application must go under their relevant *National or Continental Representative/s* for technical direction, support and

guidance. If a National Representative is unavailable then an already established IWF Association or Group may be accepted to help with the transition to Wado Karate (see Section 4).

- (e) BWF Promotional Facilities are available to all members. However, applications for promotion will only be accepted from organisations who have been in membership to the IWF/BWF for at least 12-months, which would be after the 12-month probation period.
- (f) As the International & British Wado Federation is non-profit, and therefore does not have the need for a *Treasurer*, it must be highlighted that the IWF have no central funds or means to offer financial support to any members. All members are accepted as autonomous, independent and self-funding.
- (g) As members of the IWF are self-governing the IWF cannot accept responsibility for any member-group or individual in Associate or Allied Membership.
- (h) It is the responsibility of each Association/Group in membership to ensure that all their members are adequately insured. It is also the responsibility of each Chief Instructor/Director to ensure that all instructors are adequately insured, possess CRB/DBS (or equivalent) and also 1st Aid Certification.

NB. As Associate Members run their own affairs: In the event of and in respect to violation of National Law/s, or Child Protection issues, the relevant Associate Member will no longer be considered part of the International Wado Federation; as with immediate effect

3. AFFILIATION IMPLICATIONS TO MULTI-STYLE & SPORT GOVERNING BODIES

In the event that an IWF Member Group also requires further affiliation with a Sport-Karate or Multi-Style Governing Body, etc., which has strict guidance in reference to single body/country membership, the following recommendations/implementations must be considered. If the member country can only affiliate one organisation, and there is ALREADY an IWF organisation in membership, then there can only be two successful solutions for those in IWF National Membership who wish to also join;

1. Leave the IWF to join the relevant National Governing Body independently. OR
2. Stay in the IWF and join the relevant NGB as members (or through an established IWF Member that is already in membership) to the said NGB.

Because IWF has only interests in Wado Karate, and not 'all-styles' or 'sport-karate' outside of Wadoryu, we allow only 'Wado' organisations to join. Because of this the problem does not affect the IWF as a World Governing Body. However, if other IWF Wado organisations wish to also join other organisations, such as an 'all-styles sport-karate organisation', which only allows ONE organisation from each WGB to join, such as the restrictive practises within the WKF (specifically with considerations to the WKF Statute 21.9), etc., then they must attempt to work around this and work together to become ONE 'national' group.

This situation is only compounded when groups wish to join numerous Governing Bodies(?), especially all-styles, which have opposing agendas. Thankfully, there are numerous NGB's that cater for associate membership, such as the WKC, WUKF, WUKO, etc., so members can also choose the organisations that are more accommodating to them (if they wish to choose to do so).

So, as an example. If groups within IWF in India wish to stay in the IWF AND wish to join the AIKF (India's WKF representative) they may need to affiliate to IWF-India, as they are the IWF Representatives who are also in membership to the National Governing Body (All India Karate Federation) under the World Karate Federation.

NB: As the IWF/BWF is 'Wado Specific', and does not belong to ANY 'Multi-Art' or 'Sport-Karate' world governing body, it does not violate any membership statutes laid down within WGB Sport-Karate/Multi-Art Constitutions or Rules & Regulations, etc.

4. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

All individual members will be the responsibility of each member Association Chief Instructor/Head Coach.

5. AFFILIATED CLUBS

- (a) All Clubs are the responsibility of each member Association Chief Instructor, and must train in a traditional/recognisable form of Wado Karate (or intend to do so within 12-months from initial membership acceptance, under the technical direction of a regional BWF-Branch).
- (b) International Clubs may also need to affiliate to their own National Governing Body in their host country (if there is one or a need to do so).
- (c) The running of the Club is the sole responsibility of the Registered Leading Instructor.

6. AIMS

The aims of the IWF are to:

- (a) Foster, develop and encourage the art of the Wado Karate system founded and developed by Ohtsuka-Hironori (10th Dan) Meijin.
- (b) Allow access to the progression of all IWF Chief Instructors within IWF membership.
- (c) Supply members' optional services, such as registration and authentication.
- (d) Allow access to all associated tuition, courses, competitions and tournaments.
- (e) Act as an information exchange centre to & for all members.
- (f) Discourage malpractice and abuse of Wado Karate.
- (g) Do all such other things that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the aims of the IWF.

7. CRB/DBS Criteria (UK only)

The following offences will be considered.

- Murder.*
- Rape.*
- Robbery. **
- Sexual Crime.*
- Convictions involving children or vulnerable adults (in any form).*
- Crimes involving violence. **
- Crime involving drugs. **
- Crimes involving dangerous weapons (bladed weapons and firearms, etc.). *

*** Following receipt of the DBS/Disclosure, the following offences shall be regarded as *totally unacceptable* for consideration into membership.**

**** Following receipt of the DBS/Disclosure, the following offences shall be reviewed and assessed *individually* for consideration.**

Outcome

In the event of an unacceptable report, after consideration of the individual application, the individual will not be granted any qualification, appointment, award, position or membership, BWF will inform the respective member that it may not be granted membership.

8. WADO RANKING SYSTEM

Recommended/Traditional Wado Kyu Grade Ranks.

- 9th Kyu.
- 8th Kyu.
- 7th Kyu.
- 6th Kyu.
- 5th Kyu.
- 4th Kyu.
- 3rd Kyu.
- 2nd Kyu.
- 1st Kyu.

IWF Yūdan Grade Ranks (does not affect member constitution/rules).

Includes official intervals/minimum training requirements for Yūdan applicants:

- SHODAN; From 1st Kyū to 1st Dan. (1st Kyū to 1st Dan = 9 months). **Minimum age 10.**
- NIDAN; From 1st Dan to 2nd Dan. (1st Dan to 2nd Dan = 24 months). **Minimum age 14.**
- SANDAN; From 2nd Dan to 3rd Dan. (2nd Dan to 3rd Dan = 3 years). **Minimum age 18.**
- YODAN: From 3rd Dan to 4th Dan = 4 years. **Minimum age 25.**
- GODAN: From 4th Dan to 5th Dan = 5 years.
- ROKUDAN: From 5th Dan to 6th Dan = 6 years.
- SHICHIDAN: From 6th Dan to 7th Dan = 7 years.
- HACHIDAN: From 7th to 8th Dan = 8 years.

9. ASSOCIATE CHIEF INSTRUCTORS

Associate Chief Instructor Grade Progression

As long as the Registered Member/Chief Instructor (if of 3rd Dan or above) has remained in unbroken IWF Licenced Membership, for at least 12-months, all requests for promotion (through award or exam) will be considered from the relevant Association's Technical/Executive Committee/s. Once this application has been received, by any member of the IWF Technical Executive Committee, promotion will be considered/reviewed and awarded/granted (if accepted) where necessary to the aforementioned Chief Instructor. All applications must be implemented from the 'Member Association Committee', in writing, and also conform to the strict *official IWF time intervals* prior to application. Only grades received by legitimate Wado organisations and authorities will be accepted by the IWF for registration.

Any 'Chief Instructor', under the rank of 3rd Dan, must apply to their/a local IWF/BWF Branch Representative for application into a 'physical grading'.

All IWF members wishing to pursue Yūdansa Registration/Progression of 4th Dan & above must have attained the recommended minimum time intervals (see Section 11).

The IWF Executive/Technical Committee has the authority to promote any grade (if eligible) up to and including 9th Dan. The IWF-HQ Executive/Technical Committee must have a quorum of at least four members for any promotion to be accepted and validated.

NB: All BWF 'time-served' implications MUST be considered at all times prior to consideration. However, the following recommendations may also be implemented in extenuating circumstances.

In the event that an applicant has accumulated an excess of any 'time-served' period, within a previous Yūdan grade, he may be considered for advancement & assessment earlier (although no earlier than 12-months from present grade date).

These are IWF 'recommendations', which may not necessarily be implemented within member associations/groups' constitution/s or Rules & Regulations. However, the IWF decision of any progression will take into consideration any 'shortfalls' or 'anomalies' prior to a final decision, and 'may' also include lost opportunities for past grade promotion/s. All grade progression will be depending on correct IWF 'time-served' protocols implemented by member groups.

Protocols

As long as the Registered Member/Chief Instructor has remained in [unbroken] IWF Licenced Membership for at least 12-months, all requests for promotion (through award or exam) by the IWF will be considered from the relevant Association's Technical/Executive Committee/s. Once this application has been received, by any member of the IWF Technical Executive Committee, promotion will be considered/reviewed and awarded/granted where necessary to the aforementioned Chief Instructor. All applications must be implemented from the 'Member Association Committee', in writing, and also conform to the strict *official time intervals* prior to application. Only grades received by legitimate Wado organisations and authorities will be accepted by the IWF.

The IWF Executive/Technical Committee has the authority to promote any grade (if eligible) up to and including 9th Dan. The IWF-HQ Executive/Technical Committee must have a quorum of at least four members for any promotion to be accepted and validated.

NB: All 'time-served' implications MUST be adhered to at all times prior to consideration.

These are IWF 'recommendations', which may not necessarily be implemented within member associations/groups' constitution/s or Rules & Regulations. However, the IWF decision of any progression will take into consideration any 'shortfalls' or 'anomalies' prior to a final decision, and 'may' also include lost opportunities for past grade promotion/s. All grade progression will be depending on correct 'time-served' protocols implemented by the International Wado Federation (see Yūdan Grade Ranks, above).

To Clarify. A 3rd Dan (or higher) Chief Instructor is eligible to grade up to and including his own grade. This way having control over their own membership and allow an 'examiner level' system to be implemented,

There are 4 options for progression for a Chief Instructor (if of 3rd Dan & above) of a Group/Association.

In the event that an IWF Licensed Chief Instructor becomes eligible for promotion or progression, this can be done as follows:

1. Apply to the [nearest] IWF Representative/Branch to proceed through them for a 'physical grading'. *This would be the British Wado Federation (BWF), in respect to the UK* (Also applies for under 3rd Dan progress).
2. Apply to the [nearest] IWF Representative/Branch, using the application forms provided on the IWF Website/s, for an *honorary* promotion.
3. Apply direct to the IWF-UK in the UK, for an *honorary* promotion, using the forms provided on the IWF Website/s.
4. Allow your *own* Committee (which must consist of the minimum; President/Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.) to award/promote to the eligible rank/title and apply for registration, through IWF-HQ using the form/s provided on the IWF Website/s.

NB: Officially there are no physical Wado 'gradings' after 3rd Dan, unless requested/required. This does not affect the Group/Association's own Syllabus, Constitution or Rules & Regulations.

The **Chief Instructor** of the member group, if of Sandan (3rd Dan) or above, will be entitled to grade his/her own membership up-to-and-including their own grade. Upon qualification/certification, from the IWF President, he may also be entitled to grade up-to-and-including ONE grade below his own, any member within the International Wado Federation not in membership to his own group, if invited to do so.

NB. Further clarification. As with all World Governing Bodies, there is nothing wrong with Associations within their own constitutions and grading facilities, using the facilities of other member-associations, in order for their own promotion, etc. For example, for Chief Instructor progressions, a higher ranked Chief Instructor from another IWF association may be able to accommodate a promotion, as long as it is well within their grading power to do so. However, if no such accommodation exists between associations, the British Wado Federation has promotional provisions, available for Chief Instructor progression, which use any of the following JKF-Wadokai, Wado Renmei, Wado Academy, etc., grading structures. Please contact the BWF for a copy of the relevant grade syllabus required. An Association's own committees may also accommodate promotion within their own organisation, if they do not follow any of recognised 'mainstream' Wadoryu styles, etc. However, it must be emphasised that all Chief Instructor promotions must also follow the strict 'time-served' regulation (unless said promotion is 'internal'), contained within the BWF Constitution for said promotion to be recognised and accepted by the International Wado Federation Governing Body.

10. REGISTRATION

All BWF awarded Dan grades are registered with the IWF Registration Officer. An official Registration Application Form is available for this and must be sent to the IWF Licence Officer when completed.

11. BWF CHARGES

1. There are no charges for **Allied Affiliation Membership**, within the **International Wado Federation** and, subsequently, the **British Wado Federation**. However, for **Associate Affiliation Membership**, the Chief Instructor (at least) may need to possess an International Wado Federation Licence, for proof of membership and use of the facilities for personal/individual grade progression, etc., especially if considering

- utilising the official BWF/IWF Yūdan Grade Panel facilities. See Section 5b.
2. Yūdan Shinsa Administration & Registration £75.
 3. Optional **British Wado Federation** Yūdan Grading/s & Promotions. IWF Licence required for each applicant. Application form required. **British Wado Federation** Yūdan Gradings; **BWF Licenced/Associate Member**; @£150. Option-2 **Allied Member** @£250. Includes, upon a success, signed certificates (BWF & IWF) and a silk black-belt, where appropriate, for Shodan. It will be the responsibility of the **applicant** to ensure that he has Uke (partner/s) present to assist him/her in the grading.
 4. **Private BWF Yūdan Gradings** will be charged @£350 per student (Includes signed certificate; and a silk black-belt, where appropriate, for Shodan in the event of a pass). Expenses: If venue is over 100 miles away a charge of 45p per mile added for the extra travelling miles as expenses by the Regional Chief Examiner. It will be the responsibility of the **applicant** to ensure that he has Uke (partner/s) present to assist him/her in the grading. The applicant must also supply the venue for the 2-hour grading/assessment.
 5. **Club Instructor/s Insurances**, if applied for, are included with licence.
 6. **Associate Members (optional 2-scheme insurance/liability options)**. Associate Members are self-governing 'autonomous' members and are insured through the British Wado Federation for cover in the practise of 'Traditional Wado Karate' within their own club/s only.

Insurance Cover Charges are based on the following criteria.

Option 1. Full Club Individual Licencing Office Scheme. BWF Licence £30/£25 per member. Members apply through the British Wado Federation for individual BWF Licences. All Club Level Instructors are included in the Club and Student Liability Insurance. **Important: All members must hold an up-to-date BWF Licence at all times, for valid club cover. Beginners must obtain their licences within 2-weeks of regular training and remain valid at all times.**

Option 2. Block Payment Scheme.

Club, Student Combined Liability Insurance Cover	Cost per annum
Liability Cover for 1-50 Members	£200
Liability Cover for 51-100 Members	£300
Liability Cover for 101-200 Members	£525

7. **British/International Wado Federation** Individual Licence @£30.00/£25.00 (renewal) per person (UK only).*
8. 3. Optional **International Wado Federation Individual Licences** @£20 per annum; available via Application Form through the BWF/IWF Licence Office.**
9. Blank IWF Yūdansa Certificates (A3) for association award/s. *Free to download from the BWF/IWF Websites.*
10. **Training Courses Conducted by BWF Instructors.** Private visits to a BWF/IWF Member Dojo. IWF Associations may invite IWF Committee Members to conduct Courses or Private Lessons at their own Dojo.
 - a. Unless previously arranged the charges may vary between Technical Committee Members. However, all travelling and accommodation expenses must be covered **PLUS** a 'donation' to the visiting Instructor will be a **minimum requirement**. Please also check with the relevant IWF Technical Committee Member to clarify for any further/additional charges, etc.
 - b. Visits to countries by the IWF Committee President and/or Representatives: If host countries wish to be visited by any member of the IWF Committee then

the host country must facilitate with costs for all transport requirements (flights, taxi, etc.), necessary visas, food, and accommodation (hotel, etc.).

- c. All training courses, conducted in the host country by IWF Committee Members, *will not be charged (unless previously requested)*. However, a 'donation' would be gratefully received near the end of the visit. Please contact the relevant IWF Committee Member for clarification of charges prior to booking.
- d. All transport costs and arrangements must be previously organised by the host Dojo/Country. Please check the website for current & available IWF Committee Members.

*** Insurance.**

* Optional Insurance and Licensing Facilities from the British Wado Federation (included in BWF Licence Office issued licence books/passports).

** IWF/EWF Licences do not include insurance.

Insurance Benefits.

United Kingdom National Benefits Insured: General Third Party Indemnity, Public Liability, Instructor Liability and Member to Member Liability; £10,000,000. BWF Insurance Covers ages 4 upwards.

For Full Synopsis, please refer to Master Policy.

REMEMBER: If you suffer from any medical condition, it is important to ensure that your instructor is aware of these. It is also advisable that ALL applicants (especially over the age of 40) should have a Medical Examination *BEFORE* commencing into any physical activity related to the Martial-arts.

Insurance cover is for Wado interaction between all BWF Licensed Member Clubs & Affiliated Associations.

CHARGES CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING AND MAY CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

Additional Information.



**The Būdan Grade Syllabus of the
British Wado Federation
Foundations Established in 1982**



'Peace within Mutual Harmony'

Includes All Grading Requirements from 1st Dan to 8th Dan

Technical Grade Syllabus as introduced by Ohtsuka Hironori Meijin

Optional British Wado Federation Yūdan Shinsa Examinations For BWF Autonomous Member Groups/Clubs

Official BWF Gradings.

Unless previously arranged, these practical Gradings will be conducted at: BWF Southern Region; Horsham (Sussex). BWF Southwestern Region; Plymouth (Devon). Applicants are charged £250 each, payable to the **British Wado Federation**, and will be awarded (upon a successful pass) a framed-certificate and new belt (if applicable).

Private Gradings (if to be held at another venue).

Unless previously arranged, applicants are charged £350 each, payable to the **British Wado Federation**, and will be awarded (upon a successful pass) a framed-certificate and new belt (if applicable).

Regional Chief Examiner's travelling expenses will be 45p per mile for gradings held at an Association's own facilities, to be calculated prior to application.

Associate Gradings.

In the event that BWF member associations wish to run their own Yūdan Shinsa (using their own associate syllabus), and wish to 'invite' certain BWF/IWF Committee Members as part of the 'panel', the Chief Examiner must be the designated *Associate Chief Instructor*. BWF Examiners will supply their own official BWF Examiner Sheets, as they would only be able to mark/score an identifiable/authentic Wadoryu performance; which consists of Kihon-waza, Kumite-waza, Kata, etc. All extra 'association-level' technical performances/aspects would not be assessed (*examiners cannot assess what they do not recognise*).

Official BWF Examiners have the right to refuse signatures on certification and/or licences. The full technical evaluation and decision must be decided by the Associate Chief Instructor.

Payments & expenses through previous arrangements with the relevant invited BWF Examiner/s.

Regional BWF Chief Examiners.

North: *Vacant*

South: Ian Hunter (8th Dan) Kyoshi, Paul Elliot (8th Dan) Kyoshi, Gordon Hoare (7th Dan) Renshi.

Southwest: Gary Swift (8th Dan) Hanshi.

Regional BWF Senior Examiners (5th Dan & over).

Regional BWF Examiners assist BWF Chief Examiners and would be under the direction of a Regional BWF Chief Examiner.

South/Southeast: James Charnaud 5th Dan, Barry Archer 6th Dan.

Southwest: Gary Swift Hanshi, Richard House 5th Dan.

North: Victor Tumilty 7th Dan, Cuthbert Tatters 6th Dan.

Prior requirements from applying association (please also refer to application form).

1. This facility is for those who possess Associate Member Status Only. *Allied Members are fully autonomous.*
2. Name & present grade of Applicant/s.
3. Grade Syllabus requirements (IWF/BWF generic Yūdan Syllabus).
4. BWF Recognised Licence Book.
5. Name and age of student.
6. Arranged and confirmed venue and date.
7. Written assurances that each applicant complies with all recommendations of eligibility (time served, technical and mental competence, etc.) set out by applying association.
8. It will be the responsibility of the **applicant** to ensure that he has Uke (partner/s) present to assist him/her in the grading.
9. Full payment payable to British Wado Federation, unless previously arranged.

Please contact BWF Technical Committee for requirements appertaining to a specific Wado style (Suzuki-ryu, JKF-Wadokai, Wado-Renmei, Wado Academy, etc.).

BWF Yūdan Shinsa Grade Sheet & Assessment.

Technical Grade Sheet

The Technical Grade Sheet consists of 5-sections, which will be marked to a score of up to 20-points, equalling to 100% in total. To pass the required grade the applicant would need to have attained an overall total score of at least 75%, this equates to an average of 15 points per section.

Below is a neutral (non-specific wado style) example.



British Wado Federation
Assessment Sheet for Yudan Shinsa



Examiner: *Gary Swift Kyoshi* Grade: *8th Dan* Date: *18/11/17*

Name and Grade Attempting	Kihon Waza	Kihon Gumite	Kata (syllabus)	Kata (applicant choice)	Jiyu Gumite
Joe Jitsu 5th Dan					

For example, below. Applicant 'Joe Jitsu' has completed his grading under assessment and has scored 85% in total, completing a successful pass.



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Joe Jitsu 5th Dan	18	12	18	17	18
					Total 85%

These include certain elements of the World Karate guidelines adopted by BWF.

PRACTICAL DAN	MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS	Exam & registration fee.
1 DAN	1 Kyū for 9 Months (age 10+)	See Charges
2 DAN	1 Dan for 2 years (age 12+)	See Charges
3 DAN	2 Dan for 3 Years (age 18+)	See Charges
4 DAN	3 Dan for 4 Years	See Charges
5 DAN	4 Dan for 5 Years	See Charges
6 DAN	5 Dan for 6 Years (age 35+)	See Charges
7 DAN	6 Dan for 7 Years (age 40+)	See Charges
8 DAN	7 Dan for 8 Years (age 50+)	See Charges
9 DAN	8 Dan for 9 Years (age 60+)	See Charges

International Wado Federation Grade Registration.

For International Wado Federation Grade Registration all completed grade sheets must be sent to the BWF Registration Office. 57 South Hill, Hooe, Devon. PL9 9PT.

Teaching Titles - Shogo

Martial Artists often use Sensei to distinguish instructors of a particular Ryu. Junior and Senior students are often organised via a senpai/kohai system. Other titles are conferred loosely and under no particular standardisation. They often follow the commonly used black belt or Dan system of ranking. The usage of these titles is quite common outside of Japan and is subject to much interpretation. Hanshi, and the lower level titles, Kyoshi, Renshi and Tashi, are what are known as Shogo, teaching titles. The following explanations assume that Judan (10th Dan black belt) is the top rank within a style. These are loosely defined:

Shogo; Instructor Rank Titles.

Meijin (名人) Grand Master (10th Dan).

Hanshi (範士) Model teacher (8th Dan & above).

Kyoshi (教士) Master instructor/teacher. This title is usually awarded to one who has achieved a rank of 7th or 8th Dan black belt (shichidan/nanadan (七段) or hachidan (八段). Kyoshi are typically regarded as those who have distinguished themselves as expert teachers or instructors.

Renshi (錬士) Senior Expert. Often refers to an advanced instructor. Renshi also means "one who has mastered himself." In many styles, it is awarded around the 5th Dan *godan* (五段) or 6th Dan *rokudan* (六段) black belt level.

Tashi (達士) Experienced Practitioner. Awarded to those of 3rd Dan to 5th Dan who show exceptional skill in their practical, technical and theoretical studies.

Technical Titles.

Shihan (師範) refers to the senior instructor of instructors or expert teacher. This title is usually conferred at a Chief Instructor of 7th Dan (shichidan) or upwards ranking, usually by a senior leader or leadership within an organisation. This title is given to a senior instructor who has distinguished himself as a teacher of teachers.

Sensei (先生) is a Japanese title used to refer to or address teachers, professionals such as doctors and lawyers, politicians, clergymen, and other authority figures. It is also used to

show respect to someone who has achieved a certain level of mastery in an art form or some other skill: accomplished novelists, musicians, and artists are addressed with the title in this way; for example, Japanese manga fans refer to manga artist Osamu Tezuka as "Tezuka-sensei." *Sensei* is also one of the common Japanese martial arts titles used for Sandan & above. Other alternative Sensei titles include Shido, Shido-shi, Shido-in, etc. *Shishou* (師匠) is also used as a name for a martial arts instructor, although not used in Wadoryu.

Senpai/Senpei (先輩) is a Japanese term for a person in a club or other organisation, including a school or college, who is a senior (in other words, a member for longer or of a higher year) and mutually recognised as such. In Wadoryu someone from 1st Kyū to 2nd Dan may be referred to as Senpai. The junior counterpart is called kōhai (後輩). *Senpai* is often seen Romanized as sempai, in accordance with the initial version of the Hepburn Romanisation system.

Shogo Titles and Advancement Criteria.

Title	Wadokai Prerequisite adopted by BWF.
Tashi	3 rd Dan for at least 2 years and at least 25 years of age.
Renshi	4th Dan for at least 2 years and at least 35 years of age.
Kyoshi	Renshi for at least 5 years or 6th Dan [or higher] and at least 45 years of age.
Hanshi	Kyoshi for at least 10 years, or 8th Dan or higher and at least 55 years of age.

The History

In 1895 the Japanese government created the Dai Nippon Butokukai, the main function of which was to oversee all martial arts in the Japan. In 1899 they built the Butokuden to hold demonstrations, tournaments, collect weapons and all historical information on combative traditions. They were the very first to award the titles of Hanshi, Kyoshi, and Renshi in a martial arts fashion. Before that Kyoshi and Renshi were used by the military. Nowadays many Japanese martial-arts award the 'Shogo' titles amongst the most dedicated and valued members.

Hanshi: Hanshi translates to 'Role Model' someone of extreme skill and enlightenment that you are to 'model your life and practice after'.

Kyoshi: A Kyoshi was responsible, in feudal times, for the training of soldiers in war and tactics. A literal translation of "Kyo" means philosophy or professor. So in essence a Kyoshi is a person capable of 'teaching the philosophy of the martial arts'.

Renshi: A Renshi is, in an historical sense, a man who leads a group of soldiers by virtue of his superior technical ability. The literal translation of "Ren" Is polished or tempered "Shi" is a person or in this case a teacher so it translates to a 'skilled teacher'.

Tashi: Relates to an 'Experienced Practitioner'. The Shogo of Tashi would normally be awarded to those of 3rd Dan, and/or 4th Dan, who show exceptional skill in their practical, technical and theoretical studies.

After Japan became a Constitutional Monarchy at the end of the Tokugawa period, this ranking system replaced the traditional method of awarding a Menkyo Kaiden to students upon their mastery of a martial system. In family based systems, when the most capable student was not a blood relative. He would be formally adopted to continue the family tradition and become the next Soke. Soke is another title many use in an incorrect fashion.

Soke **does not mean** grand master or 10th Dan or for that matter a founder of a system. Soke originated as a Chinese word (Mandarin *zongjia*) with strong familial and religious connotations. Etymologically it is written with glyphs indicating a family that performs ancestor rites.

Competition Administration Officer Levels.

Judges, Chief Judge, Referees & Table Officials, etc.

Kata.
Judges/Chief Judges.

CAO Level 1:

Kata Coordinator.

Duties: Name check & categories, belt administration.

Responsibilities. To ensure competitors understand requirements for relevant Kata event. To ensure sufficient belts available for all competitors.

Requirements: A basic understanding of Wado Kata.

CAO Level 2:

Area Administrator.

Duties: Judge Administration (1 Chief Kata Judge, 2/4 Kata Judge).

Responsibilities: Understanding of all paperwork and basic running of passing through successful competitors to following round/s, etc. *Grade level not required.*

CAO Level 3.

Senior Administrator.

Duties: Include all of Level 1 & 2. Working knowledge of the Repechage system.

Responsibilities: Ensure the smooth running of table and all area coordination. *Grade level not required.*

CAO Level 4A.

Kata Judge.

Duties: Provisional/Arbitrational Judge (must hold a minimum grade of Shodan & above) – Pinan Kata (junior events).

Responsibilities: Understanding of requirements for judging a Kata event.

CAO Level 4.

Kata Judge.

Duties: Judge (1st Dan & above) - Pinan to Ku-Shanku Kata (junior & intermediate events).

Responsibilities: Understanding of requirements for judging a Kata event.

CAO Level 5.

Duties: Senior/Chief Judge (3rd Dan & above) - All Wado Kata (senior & advanced events).

Responsibilities: Understanding of requirements for judging a Kata event. *Must have a full & working knowledge and understanding of all required Wado Competition Kata.*

Kumite

Judges/Referees.

CAO Level 6.

Duties: Kumite Judge.

CAO Level 7.

Duties: Kumite Referee.