



SWKKF Grading Process Rokudan, Shichidan, Hachidan

The Grading Manual outlines the general pre-requisites for each rank; however, unlike the technical gradings for Shodan, Nidan, Sandan, Yodan and Godan, these higher ranks are honorary and based on past and current contributions to the SWKKF organization and his/her karate knowledge and abilities. In order to be eligible for grading to Rokudan, Shichidan, Hachidan the candidate has to be active on SWKKF Committees at the national level.

Purpose of Process

The purpose for the Grading Process for Rokudan, Shichidan and Hachidan is to make certain that ranking members of the SWKKF are recognized through rank advancement for their contributions combined with karate knowledge and abilities within the SWKKF.

Process

Below is the sequence of events, which must occur in order for advancement:

1. President and Chief Instructor will bi-annually create a list of potential candidates by reviewing all active karate-ka who meet the pre-requisites in the Grading Manual for each Rank of Rokudan, Shichidan and Hachidan.
2. President and/or Chief Instructor will contact the potential candidate's instructor to find out if they think the candidate would be a good candidate to recommend to the Senate for advancement.
3. If the Candidate's instructor agrees to recommend the candidate for grading to the Senate they must complete the Recommendation for Advancement in Rank Form (appendix A)
4. The Candidate can assist their instructor to complete the *Recommendation for Advancement in Rank Form* (appendix A).
5. The Instructor will submit the form to the President and/or the Chief Instructor one month in advance of any Senate meeting.
6. The suggested Grading will be added to the Senate Agenda for discussion.
7. The Senate members will review and decide through majority vote if the candidate will receive the rank.
8. Candidates will be informed of the Senate decision through either email or phone call.
9. Presentation of certificate will be made through a mutually agreed upon event.

Appendix A
 Recommendation for Advancement in Rank Form

Date:		Passbook #:	
Name of Candidate:			
Instructor Certificate:		Age:	
Advancement to Rank of:	<input type="checkbox"/> Rokudan <input type="checkbox"/> Shichidan <input type="checkbox"/> Hachidan		
Date of last Grading:			
Instructor's name:			
Training			
Average # hour/week		Average # months/year	
Teaching			
Average # hour/week		Average # months/year	
Please answer the following pertaining to the Candidate:			
1. Explain in detail the candidate's active involvement in the SWKKF. -			
2. Highlight the candidate's past involvement in the SWKKF. -			
3. Describe in detail reasons for candidate's advancement in rank. -			
Form completed by:			