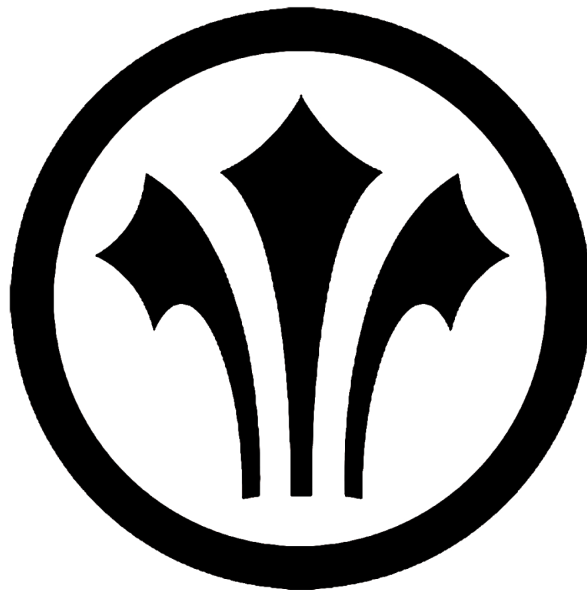


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About the regulations

Foreword

These examination regulations apply to the “Shobukan Inyo-Ryu Battojutsu” department of the International Allstyle Federation of Martial Arts e.V. (IAF) and represents the current requirements for the respective members of this group.

The structure of these examination regulations is specifically designed in such a way that there are no precise requirements for the necessary techniques, but only roughly descriptions of the requirements for the examinations. In my opinion, this freedom must exist for the examiner (s). This document is binding, but doesn't provide a technical description, which would guide students in carrying out the techniques precisely. The trainer supports the student in executing the techniques, but each Budoka will also later have his own style for the technical details in a certain way. It depends on the fact that everyone has a different physique and their own physical limitations.

Therefore I hope to give the IAF examiners in the Battojutsu area a clear structure to assess the individual level of experience of the person being examined.

Another very important point: Please don't take the graduations, the belts and the structure too seriously! They are athletic graduations, not academic degrees. In addition, the purpose behind it is rather to show foreign training partners and trainers in advance what you can in principle and how much you can expect from a course, for example. Also, my Dan (unfortunately) does not make me a better person. As a black belt, I try to adapt myself to the ideal of an exemplary master. Hopefully you also strive for it ...

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Changes from last regulations

1. **This paragraph**
2. **Removed Glossary** (not relevant in this document)



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3. **No more waiting time from 6th to 5th Kyu** (to not punish someone who is eager to undergo examination)
4. **First Aid:** No compulsory up-to-date certificate. It's about knowledge, not formality
5. 6th Kyu:
 - a. Removed Stances, because of Kamae-no-Kata
 - b. **Kata Yon-Giri added!**
6. 5th Kyu:
 - a. Kihon is now optional, because of Kata Ju-Giri
 - b. **Kata Yon-Giri added!** (repetition does not hurt)
7. 3th Kyu:
 - a. **Kata Happo-Giri added**
8. 2nd Kyu:
 - a. **Kata Ju-ni-Giri added**
9. 1st Kyu:
 - a. **Kata Ju-ni-Giri added** against different weapons
10. Small changes
 - a. Corrected minor mistakes and added more descriptions
 - b. Clarification about voluntary additions to examination: They must not have any impact on the result
 - c. Tables are grey now



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Examination conditions

Examination registration and deadlines

An exam date can be set by each examiner and must be given at least one week in advance so that the examinees have the opportunity to register. Every member of the IAF e.V. can register for the exam, provided that the time interval between the last Battojutsu exam is observed.

6th Kyu	5th Kyu	4th Kyu	3rd Kyu	2nd Kyu	1st Kyu	Dan
None	None	6 months	6 months	6 months	6 months	1 year
Special regulation						

As can be seen from the table, the 6th and 5th Kyu are filed together. The time interval between the last passed examination in Battojutsu must be observed. Failed exams do not count.

Conditions

The examination fees are to be paid at the latest at the examination, even if the examinee does not appear. The amount of the fees is determined by the examiner before registration. Every examinee has the opportunity to warm up right before his exam in order to reduce the risk of injury.

As in training, all safety guidelines must be observed! This means that the examinee must not be under the influence of impairing medication, drugs, alcohol or otherwise impaired. The examinee must also bring their own equipment for the exam and must be in the best possible condition. Only for security reasons may the examiner refuse the examinee or cancel/terminate the exam.

The examinee should appear in the correct suit (black gi and hakama, corresponding obi). All Dojo rules are to be observed especially during the exam.

Content

The compulsory program for the respective degree must be part of the exam. In addition, the optional program may be queried, should this improve the clarity of the performance. This applies to both the theoretical and the practical part.



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Apart from the above-mentioned program, no further testing is allowed (meaning this will not influence the results) and no direct feedback from the examiner should take place during the ongoing exam, as otherwise the result will be biased.

Procedure

In the practical part, each technique (kihon) and each kata or partial kata can be repeated once. In this case, only the second attempt counts, regardless of whether it was better or worse. This second attempt may only be refused for security reasons.

Completion

After the examination, the examiner records the result in any case in a protocol, which he stores safely in order to possibly present it to the Dan collegium at any time upon request. If the exam is passed, the examiner will enter it in the IAF passport and fill out a certificate. The result is also communicated to the umbrella organization and the change announced.

Contesting the exam

If the examinee has doubts about the accuracy of his exam result, he can file an objection with the responsible department head. The examination can then be repeated once, taking into account the present examination protocol and in attendance of two other examiners or experienced students (sempai). For this, however, the examinee must again bear the costs. For the repetition of the exam, the program may be changed entirely at the discretion of the examiner, e.g. to a practical part in a duel (Kumitachi).

Additional requirement - First aid

For every coloured belt test in the Kyu area, proof must be provided that a first aid course has been completed (as with the European class A / B driving license). From the Dan degree, a certificate for first aiders must be available.



Program for Kyu grades

Belt colors

The table below shows which belt must be worn from which grade. The obligation is necessary to enable a rough assessment of the level of performance of the respective student.

Kyu level	6th Kyu	5th Kyu	4th Kyu	3rd Kyu	2nd Kyu	1st Kyu
Color	White	Yellow	Orange	Green	Blue	Brown
Belt						

Program 6th Kyu (white)

As the first exam, the 6th Kyu reflects the beginner. Therefore, the theoretical knowledge and, above all, safety issues should be well learned. Practical techniques tend to be of secondary priority. This should give the student the opportunity to evolve safely and well prepared with a common basis in the club. The exam should be taken with the Bokuto - a katana is not yet used.

In the practical part, the focus should be on reasonably correct execution of the technique and sequence, not on the strength or fluidity of the movement.

Compulsory program - Theory:

- Good knowledge of the safety guidelines and laws
- Good knowledge of etiquette and dojo rules
- Folding the Hakama and the Gi

Compulsory program - Kihon with bokken (morote):

cuts / thrusts:

- Osae Giri
- Kesa Giri
- Yoko Giri
- Kiriage
- Tsuki (Chudan)

Practical compulsory program - Kata with bokken:

- Kamae no Kata
- Kata Yon-Giri (both sides)

Optional program:



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- History of the Japanese sword fight
- Bushido codex

Program 5th Kyu (yellow)

The exam for the 5th Kyu should show that the member is ready for training with the katana. Therefore, this is the first test that is taken with the katana itself. It is recommended that the examinee can demonstrate knowledge of first aid. After passing the exam, the member may wear the yellow belt. From then on, the student can also train unsupervised with the sharp katana.

Compulsory program - Theory:

- Sword care

Compulsory program - Kata:

- Kata Ju-Giri
- Kata Yon-Giri (both sides with bokken)

Optional program - Kihon:

- Repetition of Kihon 6th Kyu with the katana
- Nuki
- Jodan Jiburi
- Honte-Noto

Program 4th Kyu (orange)

The 4th Kyu should, like all other exams, represent a consolidation of what has already been learned. There are also new aspects, such as the first series of kata here. For this degree, the focus of the assessment is on the correct and safe execution of the techniques, not on strength, fluid movements or the like.

Compulsory program - Kihon:

- Zenkutsu Dachi
- Kokutsu Dachi

Compulsory program - Kata:

- Kata Ju-Giri
- Kata Shodan

Optional program:

- Repetition of the theory
- Kamae no Kata



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Examination program 3rd Kyu (green)

From the 3rd Kyu and upwards one can expect more from the candidate. So either the strength or the fluid movement should be implemented in the kata (at least in the repetitions of the previous exams). Implementation of the breathing technique would also be desirable, but not yet a prerequisite.

Compulsory program - Kihon:

- Chudan Jiburi
- Gedan Jiburi

Compulsory program - Kata:

- Kata Ju-Giri
- Kata Shodan four cardinal points
- Kata Nidan
- Kata Happo-Giri

Optional program:

- Repetition of Kihon
- Repetition of the theory

Examination program 2nd Kyu (blue)

At the latest with the 2nd Kyu, there should be a certain amount of strength and flow of movement in the kata. You should also clearly see that the previous knowledge and skills have been strengthened. Since it is already content in the kata beforehand, the one-handed (right) executed Kihon should not be a problem.

Compulsory program - Kihon:

- Positions Katate
- cuts and Tsuki katate

Compulsory program Kata:

- Kata Nidan four cardinal points
- Kata Sandan
- Kata Ju-ni-Giri

Optional program:

- Repetition of the theory
- Kamae no Kata
- Kata Ju-Giri



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Program 1. Kyu (brown)

As the last Kyu before the higher Dan ranks, the 1st Kyu exam is an important transition. Here the member should not only show strength and flow of movement, but also the correct breathing technique / Kiai and at the latest now also the character suitability for senpai or co-trainer. The background knowledge should also be tested at the discretion of the examiner.

Compulsory program - Kihon:

- Repetition of Kihon - migi and hidari katate
- Gyakute Jiburi
- Gyakute Noto

Compulsory program Kata:

- Kata Ju-Giri
- Kata Sandan
- Kata Yondan four cardinal points
- Kata Ju-ni-giri (against different weapons)

Optional program:

- Repetition of the theory
- Kamae no Kata
- Kata Shodan

Examination program for Dan grades

Belt colors Dan grades

For the Dan grades, the same obligations to display the correct performance grade apply as for Kyu graduates. However, Dan bearers can choose the color of their Gi and Hakama themselves. The choice of weapons is also up to you.

Degree	first dan	dan 2.	3.dan	4.dan	5 dan+		
Color	Black	Black	Black	Black	White Red		
Belt							

Dan Exams in general

In any martial art a black belt acts as a role model. Combining dan with a coaching position is desirable, but not every good battojutsu-ka is a good coach at the same time. Since the exam for a Dan level is something special, it should definitely be coordinated with the Soke.



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A Dan examination without the participation of the Soke can only take place with the explicit consent of the Soke.

Since every Dan holder is different from others, the programs listed here are more of a rough framework than a finished program. This means that not everyone who knows the kata and techniques listed here is also suitable for the Dan.

Regarding the age limit: It is for good reason not explicitly regulated that a Dan holder must be over 18 years old. In addition to the examination program, a solid character and general professionalism are required. In exceptional cases, this may also be the case for people who are not of legal age, or for older people to be absent.

Program 1st Dan (black)

- Kata Godan
- All previous knowledge
- All other requirements (Kumitachi, Kihon)
- (Tameshigiri)

Program 2nd Dan (black)

- CuttingKata Rokudan
- All previous knowledge
- All other requirements (Kumitachi, Kihon)
- Cutting test (Tameshigiri)

Program 3rd Dan (black)

- Nuki Kata
- Jegaki
- Shinobu 1
- All previous knowledge
- All other requirements (Kumitachi, Kihon)
- Cutting test (Tameshigiri)

Program 4th Dan (black)

- Uke Nagashi
- Shinobu 2
- Tsukikage
- All previous knowledge
- All other requirements (Kumitachi, Kihon)
- Cutting test (Tameshigiri)



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Examination program 5 Dan (white-red)

- Taki-otoshi
- Shodan no Kata
- Nidan no Kata
- All previous knowledge
- All other requirements (Kumitachi, Kihon)
- Cutting test (Tameshigiri)

Further Dan grades

Further Dan grades are only awarded by the Soke.