IAIDO TEST REQUIREMENTS

2nd Kyu

Prerequisites: At least 4 months of practice and 60 practice days

Test Requirements
- Starting bow and sword preparation
- 100 suburi/dojo-specific warmup routine
- Noto movements from MSR Shoden and Chuden, and one other recognized Iaido school (*)
- From MSR Shoden: Shohato and Koranto
- Final bow and putting sword away

1st Kyu

Prerequisites: 2nd kyu or equivalent, at least 8 months of practice, and 90 practice days since the last test

Test Requirements
- Starting bow and sword preparation
- 100 suburi/dojo-specific warmup routine
- Noto movements from MSR, Shoden, Chuden, and Okuden, and two other recognized Iaido schools (*)
- From MSR Shoden: Shohato, Sato, Uto, Atarito, Koranto
- Final bow and putting sword away

Shodan

Prerequisites: 1st kyu or equivalent, at least 2 years of practice, and 180 practice days since the last test

Test Requirements
- MSR Shoden (12 movements)

Nidan

Prerequisites: MSR Shodan or equivalent, at least 2 years of practice, and 180 practice days since the last test

Test Requirements
- MSR Chuden (10 movements)
- 1 recognized series from another recognized school (*)

Sandan

Prerequisites: Nidan or equivalent, at least 3 years of practice, and 270 practice days since the last test

Test Requirements
- MSR Okuden Kugeza (8 movements)
- MSR Okuden Tachiwaza (11 movements)
- 1 recognized series selected by the chief examiner on the day of the test from a list of two (*)

Yondan

Prerequisites: Sandan or equivalent, at least 4 years of practice, and 360 practice days since the last test

Test Requirements
- 1 recognized series selected by the chief examiner on the day of the test from a list of three or four series (*)
- 2 recognized series selected by the candidate
- 3 katas movements selected from MSR; 2 selected by the chief examiner on the day of the test and 1 selected by the candidate

Godan

Prerequisites: Yondan or equivalent, at least 5 years of practice, and 450 practice days since the last test

Test Requirements
- 1 recognized series selected by the candidate
- 2 recognized series selected by the chief examiner on the day of the test from among the curriculum

Notes

(*) The series or movements required are determined in advance by the candidate's main instructor, subject to the approval of the chief examiner(s).

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