



Southeastern United States Kendo Federation

Promotion Policies & Regulations





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Section I: SEUSKF REGULATIONS FOR CONDUCTING PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS

****All rules and regulations are subject to change****

Article 1 In general, SEUSKF policy is governed by AUSKF promotional exam policies. Any additional requirements are detailed in the SEUSKF Promotional Policies and Regulations document. All examinees must be current members of the AUSKF/SEUSKF to test. If membership status is unclear, please contact the SEUSKF Treasurer to confirm the student's status.

Article 2 SEUSKF members must have paid their dues to the Treasurer at least 30 days prior to testing at a shinsa. If an examinee is not a current member of the AUSKF and they participate in a shinsa, they will have their awarded rank revoked.

Article 3 Examinees should use the name registered under the AUSKF. Do not use nicknames or change/abbreviate their name from one application to another. (i.e. if the registered name is listed as John Doe, then the menjo will be printed as John Doe). If there are any discrepancies between name as registered at the AUSKF and menjo application, the AUSKF version will be used.

Article 4 Promotional examinations conducted by the SEUSKF shall be held before a PANEL consisting of qualified examiners. Qualified examiners are defined in Section 4 of this document.

Article 5 Any promotional exam under the SEUSKF may not use any non-AUSKF member as an examiner unless specific permission is granted by the President of the AUSKF and President of the SEUSKF. All PANEL members must be approved by the SEUSKF Vice-President of Promotions and SEUSKF President prior to the day of examination.

Article 6 A SEUSKF candidate seeking to take a promotion examination for the rank of 4 Dan and below outside the SEUSKF shall be required to obtain the approval of the SEUSKF President and the approval of the President of the regional Federation that will be conducting the promotional examination. This can be accomplished by e-mail or letter



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between the member organizations.

Article 7 Candidates seeking to take a Promotional Examination outside the United States with a member federation of Federation International Kendo [FIK] shall be required to take the following steps:

- Examiners selected to be on the PANEL for SEUSKF promotional examinations shall be required to attend a minimum of one (2) training seminars for examiners on required subject matters considered during the promotional examinations.
- (Suspended until such time as a program is in place to implement this requirement.)

Article 8 Examiners selected to be on the PANEL for SEUSKF promotional examinations shall be required to attend a minimum of one (1) training seminars for examiners on required subject matters considered during the promotional examinations. (Suspended until such time as a program is in place to implement this requirement.)

Article 9 The SEUSKF promotion examinations shall be limited to KYU through 4 DAN. Promotionals for ranks higher than 4 DAN will be conducted by the AUSKF.

Article 10 Ranks 4 KYU and above require the candidate to pass both Kendo and kata portion of the examination (Ranks 4 KYU through 2 KYU are required to perform all, or part, of the Bokuto ni yoru kendo kihon waza keiko ho (BKKK) and 1 KYU and above are required to do all or part of the kendo no kata. Specifications may be found in Section II and Section III).

Article 12. Candidates that pass an examination except for the kata portion are allowed to re-test the kata at a future date within one year. Only the kata portion will be re-tested. The testing host may still charge a promotion fee even if it is just for the kata portion of the exam. If more than one year passes after a failed kata exam, the entire promotional exam must be done.

*Please note that BKKK, unlike the Kendo no Kata for 1 Kyu and above, is not pass/fail (examinees are only graded on the jitsugi and kirikaeshi portions of their examination).



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Article 13 Candidates should fill out the approved SEUSKF promotional form and enter in all applicable information as requested and detailed in the exam form instructions. Things candidates need to pay extra attention to the following:

- A Sensei must SIGN and PRINT clearly their name on all shinsa applications. In case of e-file application online, there will be an alternate procedure to verify sensei endorsement.
- Examinees must PRINT their name LEGIBLY on the shinsa application. In case of e-file application online, there will be an alternate procedure to verify examinee endorsement.
- Shinsa applications must include the AUSKF ID number on the application.
- The examinees' Sensei must write in the requested rank of the examinee.
- No open 'KYU' ranks will be accepted on a shinsa application.
- Highest rank a candidate with no previous rank may test for is 2 KYU.
- Candidates should not skip ranks (i.e. 3rd KYU to 1st KYU)
- All examinees must remove their nafuda (zekken) and cover-up any nametag(s) on their bogu/hakama/kendogi.
- All examinees taking the exam for 1 KYU or higher must turn in their written exam the day of the testing.
- All testing fees must be paid by the registration deadline.
- All menjo fees must be paid the same day of the deadline. Each event will determine deadline dates in advance.
- Examinees should use the name registered under the AUSKF. Do not use nicknames or change/abbreviate their name from one application to another. (i.e. if the registered name is listed as John Doe, then the menjo will be printed as John Doe)

Section II: REGULATIONS FOR KYU PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS

Article 1 KYU promotional examinations of the SEUSKF shall be in accordance with the regulations set forth below.

Article 2 KYU ranking shall consist of six (6) classes, 6th KYU to 1st KYU. The highest rank a candidate may test for without prior rank is 2nd KYU.; and the minimum practice interval between 2 KYU and 1 KYU is 3 months.

Article 3 Candidates for the KYU promotional examination shall be member of good standing of the SEUSKF and AUSKF (or other regional Federation recognized by the



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FIK).

Article 4 The KYU promotional examination shall be conducted by 4 Dan and above with a minimum of 5 Examiners.

Article 5 Examination fees for the KYU promotional examinations shall be set forth and stipulated by the SEUSKF / AUSKF.

Article 6 Bokuto ni yoru Kendo Kihon waza Keiko ho (BKKK)

- It is mandatory to have 2 KYU candidate demonstrate BKKK 1-9.
- Not needed for 1-KYU candidate (as they have to do Nihon Kendo Kata 1-3)
- BKKK testing by rank in the SEUSKF is seen below:

BKKK Kata	Requirements
4 th KYU	BKKK 1-3
3 rd KYU	BKKK 1-6
2 nd KYU	BKKK 1-9

*Please note that BKKK, unlike the Kendo no Kata for 1 Kyu and above, is not pass/fail (examinees are only graded on the jitsugi and kirikaeshi portions of their examination).

Section III: REGULATIONS FOR DAN PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS

Article 1 Candidates for the Dan promotional Examination shall:

1. Be a member in good standing of the SEUSKF affiliated with the AUSKF.
2. Satisfy the following requirements.

Rank	Practice Period	Minimum Age
1st Dan	Trained over 3 months after granting of 1st KYU	13 years and older
2nd Dan	Trained over 1 years after granting of 1st Dan	N/A
3rd Dan	Trained over 2 years after granting of 2nd Dan	N/A
4th	Trained over 3 years after granting of 3rd	N/A



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Dan	Dan	
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Article 2 Dan Promotional Examinations shall be conducted as set forth below:
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Rank	Examination Subjects and Requirements
1st KYU through 4 DAN	Kendo matches, Kendo Kata, Written Examination Must be an active, practicing kendoist with current year paid membership dues paid a minimum of 30 days prior to promotion event. Must submit and complete promotion request form. Promotion form must be signed by the sensei of the candidate's dojo. and approved by the SEUSKF VP of Promotions.

Article 3 Kendo no Kata requirements:

Kendo Kata	Requirements
1 st KYU	Tachi #1 through #3
1 st Dan	Tachi #1 through #5
2 nd Dan	Tachi #1 through #7
3 rd Dan through 7 th Dan	Tachi #1 through #7 and Kodachi #1 through #3

Article 4 SEUSKF 4 Dan requirements:

- SEUSKF specific rule: All candidates for 4 Dan must participate in at least one shinpan seminar either held regionally or nationally between the time they pass their 3 Dan exam and first take their 4 Dan exam. A certificate of participation will be used as proof of participation. Additionally, all candidates must have had shinpan experience at a tournament in the year prior to the test. Experience shall consist of 3 rotations or 9 matches. Forms for confirmation of these activities are available from the SEUSKF Secretary and a copy should be submitted with the promotion application.

Article 5 SEUSKF Examination, Minimum Passing Grade



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Examination	Examiners	Number	Criteria
KYU-1 Dan	4 Dan & over	5	Consent of min.3 Examiners
2 Dan	5 Dan & over	5	Consent of min 3 Examiners
3 Dan	5 Dan & over	5	Consent of min 3 Examiners
4 Dan	6 Dan & over	6	Consent of Min 4 Examiners

Section V: REGULATIONS FOR WRITTEN PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS

Article 1 A written kendo examination shall be required for the ranks of 1st KYU and above.

Article 3 Each candidate's answers to the written questions will be brought to the promotional examination for grading, or may be requested to be sent in with the promotional application form.

Article 4 The written examination for 1st KYU through 4th Dan will consist of two (2) questions and the candidate shall answer only one (1) question of their choice.

Article 5 The written kendo examination shall be completed and submitted in English language.

Article 7 The written kendo examination will be graded as either pass or fail by the PANEL.

Article 8 The PANEL has the option of conducting an oral kendo examination in addition to the written examination.

Section VI: REGULATIONS FOR KENDO/IAIDO RANKING AND SHOGO TITLE CERTIFICATES

Article 1 All kendo/Iaido ranking certificates (menjo) shall be issued by the AUSKF or a member federation of FIK.



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Article 2 The SEUSKF shall submit the request for the kendo ranking certificates specifying to which regional kendo federation each of the kendo ranking certificates are to be sent to.

If the candidate is not a member of the Federation conducting the promotional examination, it is the responsibility of the regional kendo federation with whom the candidate is affiliated with to provide the host federation conducting the promotional examination the necessary information required for the promotional examination certificate to be issued by AUSKF.

Article 3 The Kendo/Iaido ranking certificates issued by the AUSKF shall be in the English language.

Article 4 A record of the Kendo/Iaido ranking certificates issued by AUSKF shall be placed into the AUSKF Promotional Examination Records, prior to the presentation of the certificate to the candidate. Candidates do not need to submit a picture of their menjo to the AUSKF membership website for rank verification anymore. However, the SEUSKF BOD recommends all members take photos of their menjos and store them in a safe location as well as any other ranking information (such as shinpan seminars and shinpan experience forms for 4 DAN candidates)

Article 5 Kendo ranking and Shogo Title certificates issued by other countries kendo federations shall be issued as set forth in the AUSKF Regulations for Conducting Promotional Examinations. Article 9.

Section VII: REGULATIONS FOR REVOKING OF RANK AND/OR SHOGO TITLE

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Article 1 Kendo ranks and/or Shogo Titles previously granted by the AUSKF may be revoked by the AUSKF Board of Directors.



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Article 2 The AUSKF Board of Directors shall appoint a seven (7) member Board of Inquiry to investigate any alleged grounds for revoking the kendo rank and/or Shogo Title of a member affiliated with the AUSKF. The AUSKF Vice President of P&E shall be the Chairman of the Board of Inquiry.

Article 3 The Board of Inquiry shall prepare a report of their findings and make a recommendation to the AUSKF Board of Directors whether or not the kendo rank and/or Shogo Title of the member affiliated with AUSKF should be revoked.

Article 4 The recommendation by the Board of Inquiry to revoke the kendo rank and/or Shogo Title of a member affiliated with AUSKF shall be reviewed by the AUSKF Board of Directors; approval of the Board of Inquiry recommendation for revocation shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum [as set forth in the AUSKF Bylaws] of the AUSKF Board of Directors.

Section VIII: REGULATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROVIDING PROMOTIONAL EXAMINERS

Article 1 The AUSKF shall provide each MKF affiliated with the AUSKF, financial assistance to provide qualified promotional examiners under the following guideline:

- AUSKF shall pay a percentage of the cost of transportation and hotel accommodations for the number of promotional examiners needed by each MKF affiliated with the AUSKF, upon receipt of a request for AUSKF assistance to provide qualified promotional examiners as follows: first examiner one hundred (100) percent, second examiner fifty (50) percent, additional examiners zero (0) percent.
- Other financial assistance required by a MKF affiliated with the AUSKF for the purpose of conducting a promotional examination shall require a written request to be submitted to the AUSKF Board of Directors, in advance of the MKF promotional examination to be conducted.



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Section VIII:

REGULATIONS FOR CONDUCTING IAIDO AND JODO PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS

Article 1 FIK regulations shall be in effect, the AUSKF Board of Directors may modify these regulations as it deems necessary.

Section IX: SCHEDULE OF TESTING/ CERTIFICATE / MENJO FEE FOR KENDO AND IAIDO AND JODO (Set by AUSKF)

Rank	Testing Fee	Menjo Fee
KYU 17 years and under	* \$30.00	\$20.00
KYU 18 years and above	* \$40.00	\$30.00
1-Dan	*\$50.00	\$50.00
2-Dan	*\$60.00	\$60.00
3-Dan	*\$70.00	\$80.00
4-Dan	*\$80.00	\$100.00
5-Dan	\$100.00	\$150.00
6-Dan	\$120.00	\$200.00
7-Dan	\$150.00	\$300.00

* AUSKF Administered Testing Fees

Menjo Replacement Request Fee	\$50.00
Foreign Promotion Application Request	\$100.00

Shogo	Testing Fee	Menjo Fee
Renshi	\$120.00	\$300.00
Kyoshi	\$150.00	\$500.00
Hanshi		\$700.00

Menjo Replacement \$ 50.00