

# Constitutional 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 Executive Committee 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 Wado Ryu 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.

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.

### Minimum Levels of Responsibility (Insurable & legal Requirements) Expected from Members.

- ✚ **Clubs** (a Club under one Leading/Senior Instructor & Committee); by law must have a separate constitution and a set of rules & regulations for self-administration, governance, and responsibility.
- ✚ **Groups** (two or more Clubs acting under one Leading/Senior Instructor & Committee); by law must have a separate constitution and a set of rules & regulations for self-administration, governance, and responsibility.
- ✚ **Associations** (two or more Clubs with separate Leading Instructors & Committee); by law must have a separate constitution and a set of rules & regulations for self-administration, governance, and responsibility.
- ✚ **Federation** (two or more Associations in membership & Committee); by law must have a separate constitution and a set of rules & regulations for self-administration, governance, and responsibility.

## **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, Naponme, Kyuhonme, Jupponme.
- Wado syllabus Kata: Pinan; Shodan, Nidan, Sandan, Yodan, Godan; Ku-shanku, Naihanchi, Seishan, and Chinto.

## **THE MANAGEMENT WORKING COMMITTEE.**

The management committee typically oversees the administration, development, licensing, insurance, affiliations, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, Dan Grade Registration and promotion of Karate within the B.W.F.

1. Chairman: Paul Elliott (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Kyoshi.
2. Vice Chairman: Ian Hunter (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Kyoshi.
3. Lead Designated Safeguarding Welfare Officer Elizabeth Rayman 1<sup>st</sup> Dan.
4. General Secretary: Julie Jeffries 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan.
5. General Secretary Assistant: Hayley Jeffries 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan.
6. Treasurer/ Licencing Officer: Oren Teichmann (4<sup>th</sup> Dan) Tashi

## **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. Patron: HRH Prince George Karageorgevitch 1<sup>st</sup> Dan.
2. Chairman: Paul Elliott (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Kyoshi.
3. Vice Chairman: Ian Hunter (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Kyoshi.
4. General Secretary: Julie Jeffries 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan, assisted by Hayley Jeffries 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan.
5. Director of Health & Safety: Ian Hunter (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Kyoshi.
6. Licencing Officer: Oren Teichmann (4<sup>th</sup> Dan) Tashi.
7. Treasurer: Oren Teichmann (4<sup>th</sup> Dan) Tashi.
8. Disclosure Barring Service: Paul Elliott (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Kyoshi. (temporary)
9. Events Coordinator: David Oakley 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan
10. Designated Safeguarding Welfare Officer: Elizabeth Rayman 1<sup>st</sup> Dan. Deputy Paul Elliott (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Kyoshi.
11. Legal Officers: Neil Bennett 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan, Elizabeth Rayman 1<sup>st</sup> Dan.
12. Affiliations Officers: Paul Elliott Kyoshi, Kevin Hamilton-Stewart Kyoshi.
13. Director of 1st Aid Coaching: Derry Jarvis 1<sup>st</sup> Dan.
14. Group Insurance Officer: Paul Elliott (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Kyoshi & Oren Teichmann (4<sup>th</sup> Dan) Tashi.
15. Marketing & Adverting Coordinator. David Oakley 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan
16. Website Manager: Peter Collier 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan

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 Management & 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.*

**General Secretary:** *Responsibilities: To assist with all the administrative affairs of BWF. 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.*

### **Designated Safeguarding Welfare 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.*

**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.*

### **Marketing & Advertising Coordinator.**

The Association Marketing & Advertising Coordinator is responsible for promoting the karate association's brand, events, programs, and initiatives to its target audience. This is a crucial role in promoting the association's brand and activities, attracting new members, sponsors, and partners, suggesting events, and ultimately contributing to its growth and success.

### **Website Manager:**

Responsible for overseeing the development, maintenance, and optimization of a website focused on Karate. You will work closely with the **MANAGEMENT WORKING COMMITTEE** to ensure the website effectively serves its purpose of providing valuable information, resources, and community engagement related to Karate.

### **British Wado Federation (BWF) Regional Representatives/Branches**

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. Each Regional Representative would be responsible for their own Region and strictly follow the requirements and procedures within the BWF Constitution.

BWF Branch/Representatives' responsibilities to include:

- ✚ Create a Regional Committee, consisting of Chairman, Secretary, Events Coordinator, Treasurer (if required), Child Protection Officer, etc.
- ✚ Organise BWF Regional Events, if & when required, such as Wado Competitions, Wado Events, Wado Courses, etc.
- ✚ Do all such things that would benefit the smooth running of the BWF within the designated region.

## **THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

1. Technical Director. Gary E Swift Hanshi.
2. Gary E Swift Hanshi. Representing the South/Southwest of England.
3. Ian Hunter (8th Dan) Kyoshi. Representing the South/Southeast 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.

## **1. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

If an applying organization can 'confirm' qualifications in Wado Ryu Karate, then the organization can affiliate direct to the International Wado Federation as an *already established* Wado organization. However, if a non-Wado organization wishes to pursue Wado qualifications & training in Wado Ryu Karate, to become a Wado organization, 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, if 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 Yūdansa 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 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Certification. Each club must have a designated 1<sup>st</sup>-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 organization, not familiar with the style of Wado Ryu, wishes to pursue IWF Wado qualifications & training, in order to become an official Wado organization, 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 organizations who have been in membership to the IWF/BWF for at least 12-months, which would be after the 12-month probation period.
- (f) 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Wado Ryu, 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 Kyū.
- 8th Kyū.
- 7th Kyū.

- 6th Kyū.
- 5th Kyū.
- 4th Kyū.
- 3rd Kyū.
- 2nd Kyū.
- 1st Kyū.

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

Includes official intervals/minimum training requirements for Yūdan applicants through BWF/IWF:

- 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 12.**
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> Dan to 6<sup>th</sup> Dan = 6 years.
- SHICHIDAN; From 6<sup>th</sup> Dan to 7<sup>th</sup> Dan = 7 years.
- HACHIDAN; From 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Dan = 8 years.
- KYUDAN; From 8<sup>th</sup> Dan to 9<sup>th</sup> Dan = 9 years.

## 9. ASSOCIATE CHIEF INSTRUCTORS

### Associate Chief Instructor Grade Progression

As long as the Registered Member/Chief Instructor (if of 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan, must apply to their/a local IWF/BWF Branch Representative for application into a 'physical grading'.

All IWF members wishing to pursue Yūdansha Registration/Progression of 4<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> Dan. The IWF-HQ Executive/Technical Committee must have a quorum of at least four members, which **must include at least one Director**, for such a promotion to be accepted and validated.

NB: All BWF 'time-served' implications **MUST** be considered 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Technical Committee, 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 no regulatory violation 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' Wado Ryu styles, etc. However, it must be emphasised that all Chief Instructor promotions must also follow the strict 'time-served' regulation, contained within the BWF Constitution for said promotion to be recognised and accepted by the International Wado Federation Governing Body (unless said promotion is 'internal', or following their own constitution). **Internal grades will not be registered with the IWF, due to IWF's strict conditions of Yūdansha Registration.***

## 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.**

GROUP MEMBERSHIP	COST PER ANNUM (start date required)
Club/Group Liability Cover for 1- 25 Members	£100
Club/Group Liability Cover for 1- 50 Members	£200
Club/Group Liability Cover for 1- 75 Members	£250
Club/Group Liability Cover for 1-100 Members	£300
Club/Group Liability Cover for 1-125 Members	£350
Club/Group Liability Cover for 1-150 Members	£400
Club/Group Liability Cover for 1-175 Members	£450
Club/Group Liability Cover for 1-200 Members	£500
Approximate Membership Numbers	Total Amount:
Numbers of Juniors (4-17)	
Numbers of Adults (18-70)	

7. **British/International Wado Federation Individual Licence** @£30.00/£25.00 (renewal) per person (UK only).\*
8. 3. Optional **International Wado Federation Individual Licences** @£25 per annum; available via Application Form through the BWF/IWF Licence Office. \*\*
9. Blank IWF Yūdansha 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**



Chairman: Paul Elliott (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Kyoshi.



Vice Chairman: Ian Hunter (8<sup>th</sup> Dan) Kyoshi.



Lead Child Protection Officer Elizabeth Rayman 1<sup>st</sup> Dan



General Secretary: Julie Jeffries 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan.



General Secretary Assistant: Hayley Jeffries 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan.



Oren Teichmann (4<sup>th</sup> Dan) Tashi

This constitution has been agreed by the MANAGEMENT WORKING COMMITTEE on the 05/01/2024.

## Additional Information.

# The Procedures of



# The British & International Wado Federation Technical Committee

英国和道空手道連盟 - 本部

Valid from 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (Amendment Version-4)

**The International Wado Federation**

Established 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.**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The IWF-TC will be dedicated to preserving the traditional technical maintenance of authentic Wado Karate within the British & International Wado Federation. We strive to accomplish this in an environment free of negative distractions. We further seek to foster a spirit of fellowship and understanding by welcoming all like-minded individuals.

### **TECHNICAL CRITERIA**

The following required [minimum] technical criteria will be essential to all organisations **BEFORE** they wish to be accepted as members into the International Wado Federation Headquarters as *accepted Wado* practitioners.

Wado Tai Sabaki.

✚ Wado Kihon Waza

✚ Wado Kihon Gumite: Ipponme, Nihonme, Sanbonme, Yonhonme, Gohonme, Ropponme, Nanahonme, Napponme, Kyuhonme, Jupponme.

✚ Wado Kata: Pinan; Shodan, Nidan, Sandan, Yodan, Godan; Ku-shanku, Naihanchi, Seishan, Chinto, Bassai, Wanshu, Niseishi, Rohai, Ji'tte, Ji'han, Ji'in.

### **THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**The Organisation & Creation of the BWF/IWF-UK Technical Committee.**

**The Technical Committee** and/or the **Technical Committee Examination Board** will not be involved with the decisions made by the Executive Committee, as the Technical Committee would not have any controlling powers at any executive level.

The Technical Committee will be wholly responsible for organisation of the official BWF Competition Standards & Requirements.

The Technical Committee would be responsible for the Technical Standards & Syllabus Requirements for BWF/IWF Members wishing to pursue a **British Wado Federation Yūdan Shinsa** which, *as opposed to any 'Associate Level Grading'*, would be available to all IWF/BWF Licensed Members (in the event of those who may find it necessary to seek advancement-assessment, such as Associate Chief Instructors, etc.).

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

**(IWF International Yūdan Technical Examination Board)**

1. UK/USA/Canada Technical Director. Gary E Swift Hanshi.
2. European/Norway Technical Director. Kjartan Stornes Kyoshi.
3. Asia/Japan Technical Director. Ira F Watanabe Kyoshi.
4. *Yūdan Registrations Officer. Oren Teichmann Tashi.*

**(BWF Yūdan Technical Examination Board)**

5. Technical Director. Gary E Swift Hanshi.
6. Assistant Technical Director. Paul Elliott Kyoshi.
7. Ian Hunter Kyoshi.
8. *Yūdan Registrations Officer. Oren Teichmann Tashi.*

**(BWF Competition Committee)**

1. Tatami-Cho - Competition Director. Nicholas Smith Kyoshi.
2. *Committee (Judges & Referees) to be advised.*

**THE YŪDAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE DIRECTOR**

The Director of the IWF-TC is to be Gary E Swift Hanshi, whom will also be responsible as Chief Examiner of the IWF-TC Yūdan Assessment Panel (YAP) infrastructure, whilst in office. In the event of an emergency the Assistant Director shall assume complete control of all affairs appertaining to the IWF-TC, *whether temporary or permanent*

**THE BWF COMPETITION COMMITTEE DIRECTOR**

The Director of the BWF-CC will be Nicholas Smith Kyoshi, whom will also be heading as Tatami-Cho and responsible for all official competition events (whether regional or national) within the BWF.

**BWF/IWF Yūdan Shinsa Courses.**

At present courses are only available at the BWF-Honbu Dojo (organised by the IWF Technical Committee). However, more venues will be made available in the future as & when required. Dates & Times will be made available within the Wado News & Dates Newsletter, which will also be available on the websites and connected Social Media platforms, etc. These Technical & Advancement courses are open to all IWF Members, irrelevant of grade.

**The Yūdan Shinsa is made up of all the '5-K' requirements, sanctioned by the IWF, within Wadoryu.**

-  Kihon-Waza
-  Kumite-Gata
-  Kihon-Gumite
-  Kata
-  Jiyu-Gumite

**Application.**

All IWF Yūdan Shinsa Application Forms will be made available on the IWF & BWF Websites. All UK applications would be applied via the BWF Executive Committee. International applications may be applied via the IWF Technical Committee Director.

### **IWF Yūdan Shinsa Shinpandan.**

IWF Examiners minimum grade will be 7th Dan, and so far proposed for 2023, which are to include (due to locality); Gary Swift Hanshi, Paul Elliott Kyoshi, Ian Hunter Kyoshi, Kjartan Stornes Kyoshi.

There will be a strict syllabus for all IWF Yūdan Shinsa, shown below, which will also be available to download, along with the application form, on the IWF and BWF websites.

The Examination Board Member conditions will allow examination of BWF/IWF individuals only, but (to avoid conflicts of interest) would not be available for *Private Yūdan Shinsa* outside of their own groups or the IWF.

### **Shomeisho (Certification).**

Successful applicants will receive a framed IWF Yūdan Shomeisho at time of passing. All grades will be registered within the International Wado Federation through registration application by the Chief Examiner.

### **IWF Yūdan Shinsa Venue.**

All BWF Yūdan shinsa will be conducted at Horsham, Sussex. IWF [international] venues will be available as & when required.

## **The Yūdan Grade Syllabus of the British & International Wado Federation Foundations Established in 1982**

Includes All Grading Requirements from 1st Dan to 8<sup>th</sup> Dan

### **Optional IWF Yūdan Shinsa Examinations Available for IWF Autonomous Associate Member Groups/Clubs**



### **KIHON-WAZA 基本技**

1. Kette-junzuki
2. Kette-gyakuzuki
3. Kette-junzuki-no-tsukkomi
4. Kette-gyakuzuki-no-tsukkomi
5. Tobikomizuki-jodan
6. Nagashizuki-jodan
7. Mawashigeri-jodan
8. Sokuto-jodan
9. Ushirogeri-chudan

### **KATA 形**

*See requirements below within the 'additional elements'.*

### **JYU-GUMITE 自由組手**



Following pages include additional elements appertaining to specific Yūdan level.

SHODAN 壹段

KUMITE GATA 組手形

Ipponme, Nihonme, Sanbonme, Yonhonme, Gohonme

KIHON-GUMITE 基本組手

Ipponme, Nihonme, Sanbonme, Yonhonme

KATA 形

Ku-Shanku, Naihanchi, Seishan, Chinto, Bassai, Wanshu

NIDAN 貳段

KUMITE GATA 組手形

Ropponme, Nanahonme, Napponne, Kyuhonme, Jupponme

KIHON-GUMITE 基本組手

Ropponme, Nanahonme, Napponne, Kyuhonme

KATA 形

Ku-Shanku, Naihanchi, Seishan, Chinto, Niseishi, Rohai

SANDAN 參段 YODAN/YONDAN 肆段 GODAN 伍段 ROKUDAN 陸段

SHICHIDAN/NANADAN 漆段 HACHIDAN 捌段

KUMITE GATA 組手形

All

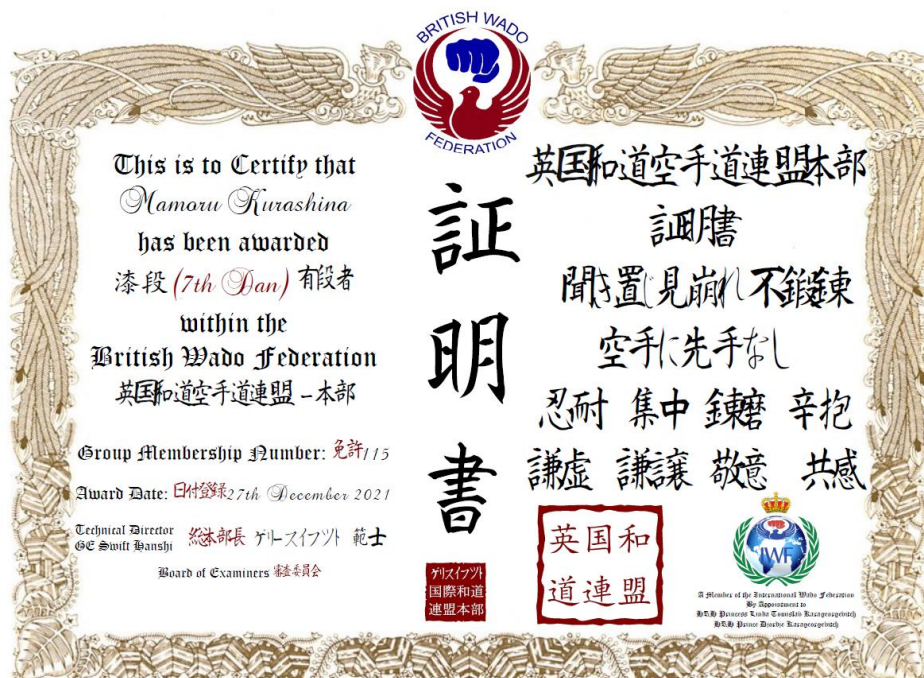
KIHON-GUMITE 基本組手

All

KATA 形

Ku-Shanku, Naihanchi, Seishan, Chinto, Ji'tte, Ji'han, Ji'in.


British Wado Federation Yūdan Award Shomeisho



## International Wado Federation Yūdan Award Shomeisho



## Grade Assessment Sheets Pattern for BWF Yūdan Shinsa

 British Wado Federation Assessment Sheet for Yudan Shinsa		Examiner: _____		Grade: _____		Date: _____	
Name and Grade Attempting	Kihon Waza	Kumite Gata	Kihon Gumite	Kata	Jiyu-Gumite		

75%-100% to Pass - Each segment should range between 15-20 for a pass in each section



**British Wado Federation**  
Assessment Sheet for Yudan Shinsa



Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Grade Attempting	Kihon Waza	Kumite Gata	Kihon Gumite	Kata	Jiyu-Gumite
<b>Joe Jutsu</b> 5th Dan	<i>18</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
					<i>Total 85%</i>

75%-100% to Pass - Each segment should range between 15-20 for a pass in each section

**Scores in each segment are averaged out to finalise the total result.**