

Constitutional Rules & Regulations of



The British Wado Federation National Governing Body 英国和道空手道連盟 - 本部

Valid from 1st January 2026

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)

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EXPLANATIONS, REGULATIONS, AND INFORMATION

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CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY OF THE MANAGEMENT WORKING COMMITTEE

The Management Working Committee shall have the authority, where considered necessary and in the best interests of the B.W.F., to review, amend, introduce, suspend, or remove constitutional rules, policies, procedures, regulations, and governance provisions in order to protect the integrity, safeguarding responsibilities, legal compliance, reputation, and effective operation of the Association.

Such authority may be exercised where circumstances require immediate action relating to safeguarding, legal obligations, disciplinary matters, organisational governance, financial protection, operational effectiveness, or the welfare and safety of members.

The Management Working Committee shall also have the authority, following appropriate review and due process, to suspend, remove, replace, or restrict any Executive Committee member, officer, instructor, official, or representative whose actions, conduct, criminal investigation, safeguarding concerns, breach of policy, misconduct, or failure to uphold the standards and objectives of the Association are considered to be detrimental to the B.W.F., its members, or its reputation.

Any such actions undertaken by the Management Working Committee must be carried out fairly, proportionately, and in accordance with current legislation, safeguarding requirements, the Constitution of the Association, and principles of natural justice where applicable.

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.

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 BWF

The following technical criteria are essential to all organisations **BEFORE** they wish to be accepted as members into the British 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, Napponne, Kyuhonme, Jupponme.
- Wado syllabus Kata: Pinan; Shodan, Nidan, Sandan, Yodan, Godan; Ku-shanku, Naihanchi, Seishan, and Chinto.

THE MANAGEMENT WORKING COMMITTEE.

The Management Working Committee typically oversees the administration, development, licensing, insurance, affiliations, First Aid requirements, Dan Grade registration, safeguarding compliance, and the promotion of Karate within the B.W.F.

The Committee is also responsible for ensuring that any safeguarding concerns, complaints, disciplinary matters, allegations, investigations, or criminal matters relating to members, instructors, officials, or affiliated clubs are managed appropriately and in accordance with current legislation, safeguarding procedures, LADO guidance where applicable, and B.W.F. policies and codes of conduct.

The Management Working Committee will oversee how sensitive information relating to such matters is handled, recorded, and disseminated, ensuring that disclosure is restricted only to those individuals, authorities, or organisations who are legally entitled or professionally required to receive it. All decisions regarding communication and disclosure will be undertaken in compliance with legal obligations, safeguarding responsibilities, confidentiality requirements, and data protection legislation.

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

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Chairman: Paul Elliott (8th Dan) Kyoshi.
2. Vice Chairman: Ian Hunter (8th Dan) Kyoshi.
3. General Secretary: Julie Jeffries 3rd Dan, assisted by Hayley Jeffries 3rd Dan.
4. Director of Health & Safety: Ian Hunter (8th Dan) Kyoshi.
5. Licencing Officer: Oren Teichmann (4th Dan) Tashi.
6. Treasurer: Oren Teichmann (4th Dan) Tashi.
7. Disclosure Barring Service: Paul Elliott (8th Dan) Kyoshi. (temporary)
8. Events Coordinator: David Oakley 3rd Dan
9. Designated Safeguarding Welfare Officer: Elizabeth Rayman 1st Dan. Deputy Paul Elliott (8th Dan) Kyoshi.
10. Legal Officers: Neil Bennett 2nd Dan, Elizabeth Rayman 1st Dan.
11. Affiliations Officers: Paul Elliott Kyoshi, Oren Teichmann (4th Dan) Tashi.
12. Group Insurance Officer: Paul Elliott (8th Dan) Kyoshi & Oren Teichmann (4th Dan) Tashi.
13. Marketing & Adverting Coordinator. David Oakley 3rd Dan
14. Website Manager: Peter Collier 3rd 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 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, Yūdān 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.

Yūdānsha Registrations: Responsibilities. Liaise with the relevant 'Activities Officer' for the organisation of the Regional BWF Yūdān Shinsa. Record and register all Yūdānsha 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.

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.

1. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

If an applying organization can 'confirm' qualifications in Wado Ryu Karate, then the organization can affiliate direct to the British 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 BWF 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 MEMBERS

Types of Membership:

1. **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 Chief Instructors have sole responsibility for their own group & individuals, therefore the British 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 British Wado Federation (application forms available from the BWF website). It is also the responsibility of each Chief Instructor/Director to ensure that all instructors are adequately insured, possess CRB (or equivalent) and have 1st Aid Certification. Each club must have a designated 1st-Aid Officer and Covid-19 Officer present at all times.

- (a) **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-licensed'. 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 BWF promotion as they would be considered '*registered individual*' Licenced Members of the British 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.
- (b) Upon a Chief Instructor's 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.
- (c) All Associate/Allied Members must be practising Wado Karate prior to consideration for membership with the BWF-HQ. However, if an organization, not familiar with the style of Wado Ryu, wishes to pursue BWF 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 BWF Association or Group may be accepted to help with the transition to Wado Karate (see Section 4).

- (d) 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 BWF for at least 12-months, which would be after the 12-month probation period.
- (e) As members of the BWF are self-governing the BWF cannot accept responsibility for any member-group or individual in Associate or Membership.
- (f) 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 1st 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 British Wado Federation; as with immediate effect.

3. AFFILIATION IMPLICATIONS TO MULTI-STYLE & SPORT GOVERNING BODIES

In the event that an BWF 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 BWF organisation in membership, then there can only be two successful solutions for those in BWF National Membership who wish to also join;

1. Leave the BWF to join the relevant National Governing Body independently. OR
2. Stay in the BWF and join the relevant NGB as members (or through an established BWF Member that is already in membership) to the said NGB.

4. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

All individual members will be the responsibility of each member Association Chief Instructor/Head Coach.

5. AFFILIATED CLUBS

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).

The running of the Club is the sole responsibility of the Registered Leading Instructor.

6. AIMS

The aims of the BWF 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 BWF Chief Instructors within BWF 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 BWF.

7. CRB/DBS Criteria (UK only)

The following offences and matters will be considered as part of any DBS/Disclosure review and safeguarding assessment carried out by the B.W.F.:

- Murder. *
- Rape. *
- Robbery. **
- Sexual offences or sexual crimes of any nature. *
- Convictions, cautions, investigations, allegations, or concerns involving children or vulnerable adults (in any form). *
- Crimes involving violence or serious assault. **
- Crimes involving illegal drugs or supply of controlled substances. **
- Crimes involving dangerous weapons, including bladed weapons and firearms. *
- Any offence, allegation, charge, investigation, or conduct deemed to bring the B.W.F., affiliated clubs, instructors, or the wider martial arts community into disrepute. **

* Following receipt of a DBS/Disclosure, the above offences shall normally be regarded as totally unacceptable for consideration into membership, instruction, grading authority, official position, or any role involving responsibility for others within the B.W.F.

** Following receipt of a DBS/Disclosure, the above matters may be reviewed and risk assessed individually by the Management Working Committee and Safeguarding Officers before any decision is made.

INTERIM SAFEGUARDING MEASURES

Where an individual is arrested, charged, under police investigation, subject to safeguarding enquiries, or involved in any criminal or serious disciplinary matter, the B.W.F. reserves the right to immediately suspend, restrict, or limit that individual's involvement within the organisation pending the outcome of investigations, hearings, safeguarding reviews, or court proceedings.

Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to:

- Suspension from teaching or instructing.
- Removal from contact with children or vulnerable adults.
- Suspension from attending events, gradings, courses, competitions, or meetings.
- Temporary removal of coaching, examining, committee, or official responsibilities.
- Suspension of membership, licences, grading recognition, or instructor status.

These measures are neutral safeguarding actions and do not imply guilt, but are implemented to protect students, members, instructors, affiliated organisations, and the integrity of the B.W.F.

OUTCOME

Following review and consideration by the Management Working Committee and relevant safeguarding officers:

- Any individual found guilty of a serious criminal offence, safeguarding offence, sexual offence, violent offence, or conduct considered incompatible with the values and safeguarding responsibilities of the B.W.F. may be permanently expelled from the organisation.
- Any qualifications, memberships, appointments, instructor status, Dan grade recognition, or official positions may be withdrawn, suspended, or permanently revoked.

- The B.W.F. reserves the right to refuse or terminate membership where it believes continued involvement may place members, particularly children or vulnerable adults, at risk or may damage the reputation, integrity, or safeguarding responsibilities of the organisation.

All matters will be handled in accordance with current UK law, safeguarding guidance, LADO responsibilities where applicable, confidentiality requirements, and data protection legislation.

7. 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.

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

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

- ☐ 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 5th Dan to 6th Dan = 6 years.
- ☐ SHICHIDAN; From 6th Dan to 7th Dan = 7 years.
- ☐ HACHIDAN; From 7th to 8th Dan = 8 years.
- ☐ KYUDAN; From 8th Dan to 9th Dan = 9 years.

8. ASSOCIATE CHIEF INSTRUCTORS

Associate Chief Instructor Grade Progression

As long as the Registered Member/Chief Instructor (if of 3rd Dan or above) has remained in unbroken BWF 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 BWF 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 BWF time intervals prior to application. Only grades received by legitimate Wado organisations and authorities will be accepted by the BWF for registration.

Any 'Chief Instructor', under the rank of 3rd Dan, must apply to their/a local BWF Branch Representative for application into a 'physical grading'.

All BWF members wishing to pursue Yūdansa Registration/Progression of 4th Dan & above must have attained the recommended minimum time intervals (see Section 11).

The BWF Executive/Technical Committee has the authority to promote any grade (if eligible) up to and including 9th Dan. The BWF-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 BWF 'recommendations', which may not necessarily be implemented within member associations/groups' constitution/s or Rules & Regulations. However, the BWF 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 BWF 'time-served' protocols implemented by member groups.

To Clarify. A 3rd 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,

9. REGISTRATION

All BWF awarded Dan grades are registered with the BWF Registration Officer. An official Registration Application Form is available for this and must be sent to the BWF Licence Officer when completed.

10. BWF CHARGES

1. Yūdan Shinsa Administration & Registration £75.
2. Optional British Wado Federation Yūdan Grading/s & Promotions. BWF Licence required for each applicant. Application form required. British Wado Federation Yūdan Gradings; BWF Licenced/Associate Member; @£150. Option-2 Includes, upon a success, signed certificates (BWF) 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.
3. 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.
4. Club Instructor/s Insurances, if applied for, are included with licence.

5. 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)	

6. **British/International Wado Federation Individual Licence @£30.00/£25.00 (renewal) per person (UK only).***

7. Blank BWF Yūdansa Certificates (A3) for association award/s.

8. **Training Courses Conducted by BWF Instructors.** Private visits to a BWF Member Dojo. BWF Associations may invite BWF 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 BWF Technical Committee Member to clarify for any further/additional charges, etc.

INSURANCE

Optional Insurance and Licensing Facilities from the British Wado Federation (included in BWF Licence Office issued licence books/passports).

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

CHARGES CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING AND MAY CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE



Chairman: Paul Elliott (8th Dan) Kyoshi.



Vice Chairman: Ian Hunter (8th Dan) Kyoshi.



Lead Child Protection Officer Elizabeth Rayman 1st Dan



General Secretary: Julie Jeffries 3rd Dan.



General Secretary Assistant: Hayley Jeffries 3rd Dan.



Oren Teichmann (4th Dan) Tashi

This constitution has been agreed by the MANAGEMENT WORKING COMMITTEE
on the 05/01/2026Q.

The Procedures of



The British Federation Technical Committee

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

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THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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

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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 BWF-TC is to be Gary E Swift Hanshi, whom will also be responsible as Chief Examiner of the BWF-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 BWF-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 Yūdan Shinsa Courses.

At present courses are only available at the BWF-Honbu Dojo (organised by the BWF 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 BWF Members, irrelevant of grade.

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

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

Application.

All BWF Yūdan Shinsa Application Forms will be made available on the BWF Websites.

Shomeisho (Certification).

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

BWF Yūdan Shinsa Venue.

All BWF Yūdan shinsa will be conducted at Horsham, Sussex.

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

Includes All Grading Requirements from 1st Dan to 8th Dan

YUDAN 有段者



KIYON-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, Napponme, Kyuhonme, Jupponme

KIHON-GUMITE 基本組手

Ropponme, Nanahonme, Napponme, Kyuhonme

KATA 形

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

SANDAN 参段 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.

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
Joe Jutsu 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.