



RYŪKYŪ KOBUDŌ TESSHINKAN KYŌ KAI - EUROPE -



Guide for heads of dōjōs and examiner



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Preface

- 1) The technical director for Europe (Shibu-Chō of Europe) authorizes the technical directors (Shibu-Chō) for each European country.
 - 2) The technical directors of each country (Shibu-Chō) are responsible for the proper observance of this guide and organization in their country.
 - 3) Every payment has to be in either Euro (€) or Yen (¥).
 - 4) Are teachers active in country in which they are foreigners, they have to inform the corresponding representative (Shibu-Chō) of the country they aim at teaching in 20 days in advance. Furthermore, they have to have their seminars approved by the corresponding representative (Shibu-Chō). In case of there being no official representative, the approval has to be requested from the technical director for Europe.
The money raised from examination fees (minus the fee for the certificates and examiners) has to be put at the disposal of the hosting country to support the growth of the Teshshinkan in said country. The money has to be transferred to the corresponding official representative (Shibu-Chō), or in case of there being none, the technical director of Europe.
The official representative of the hosting country (Shibu-Chō) has to be granted the right to participate in the planned dates.
- * The numbering system follows the British system
(“.” separates integers from fractions, “,” separates blocks of three).

Members and passports

- 1) The student must apply for a membership in the Ryūkyū Kobudō Teshshinkan Kyō Kai latest at the same time as the 5th Kyū (yellow belt) exam (download website), together with the payment of the one-time membership fee (currently 10,000 yen or 100 euros) and the submission of a passport photo (3.5 x 4.5 cm).
This application is to be forwarded to the director of the respective country (Shibu-Chō), who hands it over to the President (Kaichō) of the Ryūkyū Kobudō Teshshinkan Kyō Kai, alternatively to the Shibu-Chō for Europe.
- 2) With the submission of the membership application and the payment of the one-time membership fee for the Ryūkyū Kobudō Teshshinkan Kyō Kai, the student will also receive his Teshshinkan passport without further payments as proof of his development (courses & examinations) in the Teshshinkan Kobudō and Teshshinkan Karate.



Examining licences

- 1) Kyū examinations may be conducted by any Teshshinkan DAN holder who possesses a Dōjō license for the current year issued by the President (Kaichō) of the Ryūkyū Kobudō Teshshinkan Kyō Kai.
- 2) DAN examinations may be conducted by any Teshshinkan DAN holder who has been appointed to the examination board by the President (Kaichō) of the Ryūkyū Kobudō Teshshinkan Kyō Kai:

Requirements for appointment as a member of the examination board:

- 5th DAN in Ryūkyū Kobudō Teshshinkan Kyō Kai
- Paid fee of currently 10,000 YEN (one-time payment)

Conditions for conducting DAN examinations:

- DAN examinations should be conducted by a commission of at least three, but at least two, Teshshinkan DAN holders.
- The chair of the commission must be a certified member of the examination board.
- The commission may conduct examinations up to one DAN level below their own highest DAN grade.



KYŪ examinations

Rank requirements

All Kyū-tests have to be performed according to the measures of the Kyū-rank requirements (Kobudō) for Europe approved by TAMAYOSE HIDEKI in 2004.

Organizing an examination

1) Prior to the examination:

- A) 20 days prior to the published examination date the testees have to register with the organizing dōjō or examiner.
 (* Which student applies for which test?
 * How many students take which tests all in all?)
- B) Until 14 days prior to the published examination date the corresponding amount of examination diplomas (5.00 Euro each + shipping) and diploma numbers for each Kyū-grade have to be ordered from the corresponding technical director of one's country (Shibu-Chō).
- C) The testee has to fill in the application form for the Kyū-test thoroughly and clearly with his personal information and give it together with the examination fee prior to the test to the examiner.
- D) The examiner has to check whether the testee fulfils all organizational conditions to be tested:
 - minimum age,
 - preparing time.
- E) If one does not fulfil the requirements of the aspired test, one must not be examined yet.
- F) Exceptions for Kyū-tests are possible in case of well-founded particular cases if the technical director of one's country (Shibu-Chō) approves.



2) Course of the examination:

- A) Every examination has to be performed worthily.
 - B) Examiner and testee have to behave worthily.
 - C) The given rank requirements are obligatory. Previous knowledge about prior tests may be demanded to be demonstrated as control sample.
 - D) Orders regarding the ceremony, commands and technical definitions shall be done in Japanese.
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3) Posterior to the examination:

- A) The examiner shall fill the new Kyū-grade of the testee in the section "Rank Kyū" of the Teshshinkan-passport:
 - * column „Date“: upper part - date and place,
lower part - name of the examiner in block letters and the diploma number.
 - * column „Stamp / Signature“: name stamp of the examiner and signature.
- B) Apart from that the examinee is given a European Teshshinkan-Kyū-diploma which is to be filled in and sealed properly by the examiner.
- C) The properly completed Kyū-forms and the organizational fee which is included in the examination fee have to be sent to the technical director (Shibu-Chō) of one's country within 14 days directly after the test.
- D) The technical directors of the countries (Shibu-Chō) shall collect all data about the examinations. The data of a current year shall be sent as a list to the technical director for Europe not later than until 31st December.



Examination fee

- A) Every student has to pay an examination fee for each Kyū-test (currently 15.00 Euro). The examination fee consists of:
- 5.00 Euro for the diploma,
 - 5.00 Euro for the examiner as expenses,
 - 0.00 - 20.00 Euro (*per respective Kyū-grade*) for the corresponding organization.
- B) The fee for the corresponding organization shall be transmitted to the technical director (Shibu-Chō) for one's country by the examiner. This collected amount of money shall be used in order to fund Teshshinkan-seminars, -competitions and -advertisement in their respective country.

The course in case of failing at a test

In case of failing the following things shall be done:

- A) The date of the failed examination shall be written with tiny letters into the column "Stamp/ Signature" of the respective Kyū-grade
- B) The examination fee cannot be refunded, since the examination usually has already taken place and the European Teshshinkan-Kyū-diploma has already been prepared.
- C) This prepared European Teshshinkan-Kyū-diploma has to be destroyed.
- D) Since the diploma's number become vacant again, it shall be reported back to the technical director (Shibu-Chō) of the respective country, thus it may be used for further examinations.
- E) Only after having trained for another regular period of preparation (according to the rank requirements) the student is allowed to take the examination anew.



Dōjō - licences

In order to be allowed to officially teach Teshshinkan Kobudō in his Dōjō, a Dōjō license must be obtained from the President (Kaichō) of the Ryūkyū Kobudō Teshshinkan Kyō Kai.

(In principle, this is a common procedure in Okinawa. Once a senpai has reached at least the 5th Dan, he may ask his sensei if he can open his own dōjō. If his sensei approves this, the senpai pays him an annual fee to teach his system there.

The whole thing is comparable to a computer program. If you want to use it, you have to buy a license.)

Criteria for obtaining a Dōjō license / Shibu-Dōjō 支部 道場:

- The Dōjō must have a teacher with a Shidōin title.
- A one-time admission fee of currently 10,000 yen.
- An annual license fee of currently 20,000 yen.

The granting of the Dōjō license is legitimized annually by a deed.

Requirements to obtain the Shidōin 指導員 (Instructor) title:

- * at least 3rd Dan Ryūkyū Kobudō Teshshinkan Kyō Kai
- * examination for Shidōin (Instructor) at the earliest one year after the examination for 3rd Dan
- * practical exam
 - Bō- and Sai-techniques per announcement
(Not necessarily Bō- or Sai-no-Kihon!)
 - Demonstration of a kata of the examinee's choice
- * exam fee currently 30,000 yen
- * The Shidōin exam can be taken with the President (Kaichō) of the Ryūkyū Kobudō Teshshinkan Kyō Kai or with the Shibu-Chō for Europe.

Annual renewal of the Dōjō license:

- ☞ The license period is limited to May 22, the founding date of the Ryūkyū Kobudō Teshshinkan Kyō Kai, of the following year and must be renewed annually.

For this purpose, the holders of a Dōjō license must submit their written renewal application including the license fee (currently 20,000 yen) to the Technical Director of their respective country (Shibu-Chō) by March 31 of each year, who forwards it collectively to the President (Kaichō) of the Ryūkyū Kobudō Teshshinkan Kyō Kai, alternatively to the Technical Director for Europe.

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Rank requirements for KYŪ-degrees

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KYŪ - degree	Prerequisites	Theory	KIHON	KATA	KUMITE
5 th / GO KYŪ 五級 yellow belt	* Preparation-time: 3 months * Examination-fee: Euro 10.00 + pass Euro 5.00	History of the RYŪKYŪ KOBUDŌ	BŌ-NO-KIHON N° 1 - 5 (each 6x right / left)	SHŪSHI-NO-KUN (SHŌ) (1 st half: N° 1-19)	KUMI-BŌ BŌ-NO-KIHON N° 3, 4, 5 (each 2x right / left)
4 th / YON KYŪ 四級 orange belt	* Preparation-time: 3 months * Examination-fee: Euro 15.00	History of the RYŪKYŪ KOBUDŌ TESSHINKAN KYŌ KAI	* BŌ-NO-KIHON N° 1 - 5 (each 2x right / left) * N° 6 - 10 (each 6x right / left)	SHŪSHI-NO-KUN (SHŌ)	KUMI-BŌ BŌ-NO-KIHON N° 7, 9, 10 (each 2x right / left)
3 rd / SAN KYŪ 三級 green belt	* Preparation-time: 3 months * Examination-fee: Euro 20.00	Terminology of BŌ-techniques	* BŌ-NO-KIHON N° 1 - 10 (extract) (each 2x right / left) * TEKKŌ-NO-KIHON	SHŪSHI-NO-KUN (SHŌ)	BUNKAI SHŪSHI-NO-KUN SHŌ N° 6b)-10, 12-14, 32-33 (each 2x right)
2 nd / NI KYŪ 二級 blue belt	* Preparation-time: 3 months * Examination-fee: Euro 25.00	Terminology of TEKKŌ- techniques	* BŌ-NO-KIHON N° 1 - 10 (each 2x right / left) * NUNCHAKU-NO-KIHON	MAEZATO-NO- TEKKŌ	BUNKAI MAEZATO-NO-TEKKŌ N° 1b), 11-15, 23-27 (each 2x left)
1 st / IK KYŪ 一級 brown belt	* Preparation-time: 6 months * Examination-fee: Euro 30.00	Terminology of NUNCHAKU- techniques	* BŌ-NO-KIHON N° 1 - 10 (each 2x right / left) (flowing rhythm!) * SAI-NO-KIHON	* SHŪSHI-NO- KUN (SHŌ) * MAEZATO-NO- NUNCHAKU	BUNKAI MAEZATO-NO-NUNCHAKU N° 12-14b), 26-27, 36-38b) (each 2x right)

Examination to 1. DAN only with KAICHŌ TAMAYOSE HIDEMI. Prerequisite to it is the membership in the RYŪKYŪ KOBUDŌ TESSHINKAN KYŌKAI and a TESSHINKAN practice-duration of at least 2 years!



Judging criteria for KYŪ - tests

Kriterien	5 th KYŪ / GO KYŪ	4 th KYŪ / YON KYŪ	3 rd KYŪ / SAN KYŪ	2 nd KYŪ / NI KYŪ	1 st KYŪ / IK KYŪ
overall impression	sufficient	satisfying	basical	good	very good
course	small mistakes	small mistakes	smaller incertitudes	without incertitudes	secure
stances (TACHI-KATA)	identifiable shape	correct weight distribution	stable	correct tension	correct
stepping movements	sufficient Stepp width	via barycentre	via barycentre	quick	quick
barycentre	small oscillation up and down	small oscillation up and down	low	continuously deep	continuously deep
hip movements	identifiable	clear	with counter-movement	fluent	dynamic
back hand (HIKI-TE)	at one's hip	at one's hip	pulled back-drawing	dynamic back-drawing	dynamic back-drawing
weapon handling	correct grip	correct movement	correct movement	fluent	secure
power / focus (KIME)	stopping the movement at in a proper position	stopping the movement at in a proper position	powerful	powerful	moving dynamically, stopping securely
fighting spirit (KIHAKU)	KIAI performed	stamina	fierce KIAI	volition	strong volition
sparring (KUMITE)	correct course	correct course	suited timing	suited distances	fierce
theorie	Basic knowledge exists!				