

Musashi-no-kuni Mugaikai Grading System

Mugairyu grading system is described as follows.

- For Kyu grading, 1-Shihan or 1-Instructor can test.
- For Dan grading up to 5 dan, Shihan can test.
(No single Shihan can test. Normally three Shihan must attend.)
- 6 dan and above must be tested by Soke in Himeji city.

Kyu Grading

Grade	Test items	Requirement	Grading fee
3 Kyu	2 off Goyo, 1 off Goo	Reiho and minimum 2 months training	¥ 5,000
2 Kyu	2 off Goyo, 2 off Goo	Kata sequence and 4 months in 3 kyu	¥ 5,000
1 Kyu	3 off Goyo, 2 off Goo	Kata sequence and 6 months in 2 kyu	¥ 5,000

Dan grading

Grade	Kata Test	other test items	Grading fee
Shodan	All 5 off Goyo	Shizan: See below Shizan rule Written test (see below)	¥13,000
Nidan	Any 4 off and designated 1 off Goyo and Goo	Shizan: See below Shizan rule Written test (see below)	¥23,000
Sandan	Any 4 and designated 1 off Goyo, Goka and Goo	Shizan: See below Shizan rule Written test (see below)	¥35,000
Yondan	Any 4 and designated 1 off Goyo, Goka and Goo	Shizan: See below Shizan rule Iai-no-kata (Both sides of Uchidachi and Shidachi) Written test (see below)	¥45,000
Godan	Any 5 and designated 2 off Goyo, Goka, Goo and Hashirigakari	Shizan: See below Shizan rule Wakizashi-no-kata (Both sides of Uchidachi and Shidachi) Written test (see below)	¥55,000

Written test:

Shodan: Terms of Japanese sword and Koshirae. To fill up the blank parts sheet as attached.

Nidan: (1) Describe a brief history of Mugairyu
(2) describe 5 schools of Iaido other than Mugairyu
(3) describe proper posture of *Seiza*(正座, lit. correct sitting)

Sandan: (1) write down all names of 20 forms, 3 Naiden, 5 Iai-no-kata and
5 wakizashi-no-kata.
(2) describe about *Zanshin* (残心, literary remaining mind)

Yondan: (1) describe 5 brief points of guiding Iaido
(2) describe about "*Ki-Ken-Tai no Itchi* (気剣体の一致, unification of energy, sword and body)"

Godan: describe about
Kisei (気勢, impelling spiritual energy) and
Kiin (気韻, emanating internal will power) of Mugairyu Iai Hyodo with regard to *Shisei* (姿勢, posture), *Nukitsuke* (抜付, Unsheathing), *Kiriage* (斬り上げ, cutting upward), *Kirisage* (斬り下げ, cutting downward) and *Zanshin* (残心, remaininig mind).

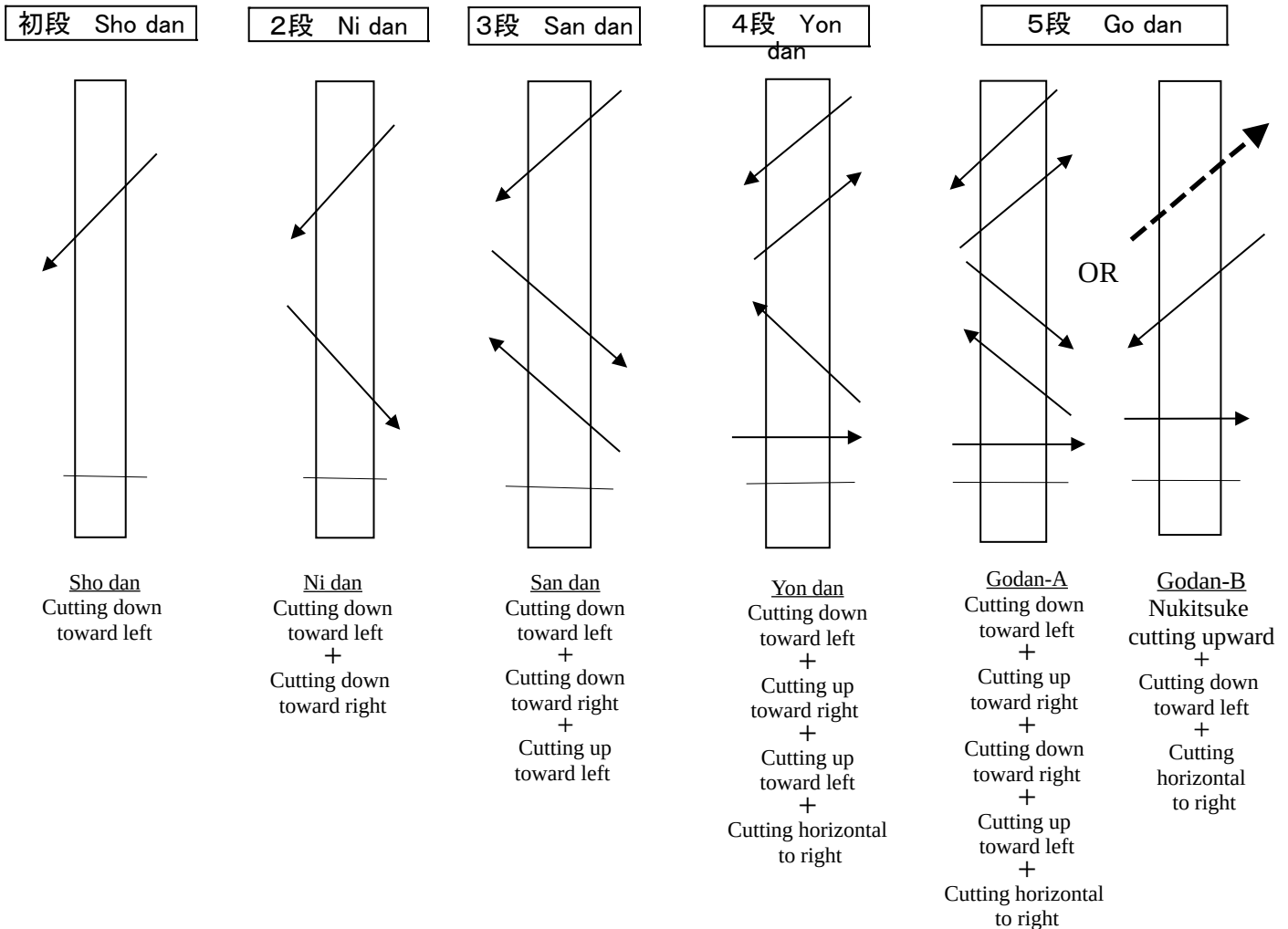
Notes:

- In case of grade-skipping by accelerated promotion, fee for the skipped grade shall also be paid.

- Grading test will be done twice a year, say in April and October.

Also special grading test may be conducted as appropriate.

Shizan rule for grading



For Godan test, choose either Godan-A or Godan-B
Nukitsuke: Do not stop the blade after the withdraw

Note :

- Shizan must be tested in advance prior to Kata test.
- Those over 75 years old or below 18 years old can be exempted the shizan test.
- Half mat is used to test and cutting should be done using both hands(Morotegiri) except Nukitsuke for 5 dan-B test that is a single hand cut from saya.
- For 5 dan, choose either 5 cuts by both hands or 3 cuts including Nukitsuke.
- Cutting angle must be 30~40 degree for cutting down and up.
- Angle of horizontal cut must be within 10 degree.