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TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION GUIDE

Coach Certification

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WTKF TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS GUIDE
FOR
COACH CERTIFICATION

I. GENERAL

To be officially qualified to coach in an official event, an individual must have a WTKF Certified Coach's license; also, a WTKF Ranking Examiner must have a WTKF Certified Coach's license.

II. QUALIFICATIONS OF CERTIFIED COACH

- A. Hold proper rank as shown in Section III below (Classes of Certified Coaches & Requirement Chart).
- B. Have completed a WTKF Certified Coaches Course and successfully taken the Certified Coaches examination.
- C. Hold certification in CPR or verified equivalent level of ability by the respective country.
- D. Have participated in and completed a WTKF sanctioned Judges Seminar & hold Judges Ranking as shown in Section III below (Classes of Certified Coaches & Requirement Chart).
- E. Submit recommendation from respective National Federation President.

III. CLASSES OF CERTIFIED COACHES AND REQUIREMENT CHART

Class	Required Qualification		Application Required	Fee Required	Renewal Term	Required Active Experience
Rank		Judges (Kata/Kumite)	Coach			
1	Sho-Dan	Classes 1/1	Yes	Yes	Every 2 calendar years	1 year
2	Ni-Dan	Classes 2/2	Yes	Yes	Every 2 calendar years	3 years
3	San-Dan	Classes 3/3	Yes	Yes	Every 2 calendar years	6 years
4	Yon-Dan	Classes 4/4	Yes	Yes	Every 2 calendar years	8 years
Class	Required Qualification		Application Required	Fee Required	Renewal Term	Required Active Experience
Rank		Judges (Kata/Kumite)	Coach			
5	Go-Dan	Classes 5/5	Yes	Yes	Every 2 calendar years	10 years
6	Roku-Dan	Classes 6/6	Yes	Yes	Every 2 calendar years	12 years
7	Sichi-Dan	Classes 7/7	Yes	Yes	Every 2 calendar years	15 years

IV. REGISTRATION

A. Registration

Through the respective WTKF National Federation Office, send the following documents and fees to the WTKF Office:

1. Completed WTKF Certified Coaches Registration Form.
2. Copy of certification of passing WTKF Certified Coaches Examination.
3. Copy of certification of successful completion of WTKF sanctioned Judges Seminar.
4. Copy of CPR certification within respective National Federation.
5. Registration fees, as decided by the WTKF Board of Directors.

NOTE: Items 1-4 can be done on WTKF online registration portal by respective President of National Federation in lieu of paper copy.

B. Diploma

The WTKF Office will issue the appropriate diploma via online system.

V. TERMS OF RENEWAL

A. The term of a Certified Coach is two calendar years or less, beginning from initial date of registration to the end of the following year.

B. For renewal before the end of the term, the individual must send the following documents and fees to the WTKF Office through their respective National Federation Office:

1. Completed WTKF Certified Coaches Renewal Application Form.
2. Copy of certification of completion of WTKF sanctioned Judges Seminar or Judges Refresher Course.
3. Verification of completion of any technical requirements as determined by the WTKF Technical Committee.
4. Renewal fees, as decided by the WTKF Board of Directors.

NOTE: Items 1-3 can be done on WTKF online registration portal by respective President of National Federation in lieu of paper copy.

Remark:

Three (3) months after the end of a term, new registration is required, and the candidate must complete a new registration procedure as outlined in Section III (Chart for the Expired Class).