



Dan Grade Theory Course & Exam

Sunday 24th March 2019

Samurai Judo Club, Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster DY11 7DY

The course, run by Ben Newbury, will cover all of the requirements for contest dan grade theory up to 4th dan going for 5th dan. Candidates are advised, however, that there is a lot to take in and they should make some attempt to learn what they can before the course. In one day, a course can only act as a refresher and a clarification of areas of confusion and the less well known techniques, as well as explaining what examiners look for. A partner is useful but not essential.

Once the single techniques and one set of each type of combinations have been covered, 1st kyu players can take the examination. The examiner will be Andrew Haffner, Senior Examiner 195 (who was part of the panel which revised the dan grade syllabus and is chair of the National Promotions Commission). Meanwhile 1st dan players will go through another set of combinations, after which they can take their exam, and so on. The course will include a brief overview of a set of nage no kata for each dan grade (the 3rd set for 1st dan, the 2nd set for 2nd dan, the 1st set for 3rd dan) and a set of katame no kata for 3rd dan (the 2nd set, shimewazas), but candidates should have studied some kata before the day in order to do well. It is recommended that candidates seeking 3rd, 4th or 5th dan should have attended a prior kata course unless they are experienced in kata; we will only have time to briefly revise the kata on this course.

There is no guarantee that candidates will pass the exam, but our courses do have a very good history of preparing candidates well, as well as being related to contest and technical judo and hopefully being informative, interesting and friendly. As well as being competitive 4th dan with outstanding knowledge of the syllabus, Ben is a BJA National B Referee and former British Kata Champion and has run many similar successful courses in the past.

Candidates seeking technical dan grade exams can be examined on the day, but the course will not cover the specific requirements.

Eligibility: players must currently hold the grade below the grade they are going for (e.g. must be 1st kyu if attempting 1st dan theory) and must hold current BJA membership which must be produced on the day. Only one theory grade can be examined on the day – for example, players cannot do both 1st dan and 2nd dan theory.

To book a place on the course, simply email us at samurajudoclub@yahoo.co.uk or telephone/text Andrew Haffner on 0776 1122977. Please give your name and current grade. Course fee of £15 (or £5 for exam only) will be payable on the day.