



United States Judo Association

Application for Certified Rank Examiner (CRE)

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This corresponds to the USJA Judo Rank Promotion System

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Section 1: Applicant Information

Name: _____ USJA Membership # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Name of Club: _____ USJA Club #: _____

Rank: _____ Date of Rank: _____ Issued By: _____

Date of: Background Screening (BGS): _____ SafeSport Cert.: _____ Heads Up Cert.: _____

LEVEL: NEW (\$50.00) RENEWAL (\$35.00) CRE Level Applying For: _____

Current CRE Level: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Section 2: Certified Rank Examiner (CRE) Levels

- Certified Rank Examiner (CRE) – 3rd Dan
- Regional Certified Rank Examiner (RCRE) – 4th Dan
- National Certified Rank Examiner (NCRE) – 5th Dan
- Master Certified Rank Examiner (MCRE) – 6th Dan or higher

Section 3: USJA CRE Procedures

- Once someone reaches the rank of 3rd Dan, they are eligible to become a USJA Certified Rank Examiner (CRE).
- All levels require that they show understanding and ability to apply all the promotion procedures, test the applicant, and review a Recommendation for Promotion (RFP) and Activity Log/Summary Sheet.
- This program allows individuals meeting the requirements to examine others for rank promotions.

For New Applications:

- As a *new* CRE or RCRE please attach one typed and completed Shodan Promotion packet. As a *new* NCRE or MCRE please attach one Yodan or above Promotion packet. This can be an actual tested or verified applicant or a sample that demonstrates understanding of the USJA Judo Rank Promotion System.

Sign Off Authorization:

All blackbelt promotions, Nidan and above, must be signed off by the appropriate level Certified Rank Examiner.

- **CRE:** Must have a minimum rank 3rd Dan. As a CRE, you are allowed to recommend promotions for up to one rank below yours. These promotions will all be reviewed and signed off by the Promotion Board.
- **RCRE:** Must have a minimum rank or 4th Dan. As a RCRE, you are allowed to recommend promotions for up to one rank below yours. These promotions will all be reviewed and signed off by the Promotion Board.
- **NCRE:** Must have a minimum rank 5th Dan. As a NCRE, you are allowed to recommend promotions up to one rank below yours. These promotions will all be reviewed and signed off by the Promotion Board.
- **MCRE:** Must have a minimum rank 6th Dan. As a MCRE, you are allowed to recommend promotions up to your current rank. These promotions will all be reviewed and signed off by the Promotion Board.

- To remain a valid CRE, all rank examiners must maintain USJA membership, current Background Screening (BGS), SafeSport and Concussion Training certifications. All CRE must renew every four years.
- **NOTE:** When a blackbelt is promoted to the next higher level in rank, they automatically are transitioned to the next level of CRE. Once you are eligible to be a CRE and again when you are eligible to be a NCRE or above, you must attend a Zoom clinic.
- It is strictly prohibited for a CRE or anyone, including a coach or sensei, to sign off anyone they do not examine, witness the testing and verify the promotion documentation; this is considered an ethical violation.

Section 4: Acknowledgment

- As a Certified Rank Examiner, I agree to follow the USJA Judo Rank Promotion System.
- I will personally examine, witness and/or verify all required documents to support an applicant’s request for promotion.
- I understand that signing off anyone who does not meet all requirements is an ethical violation and could result in losing Certified Rank Examiner privileges for the USJA.

Applicant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section 5: Approval

_____	_____	_____
CRE Committee Member (please print)	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
CRE Committee Member (please print)	Signature	Date

Checklist:

- Promotion Packet sample; Shodan or higher – make sure the correct form used and that it is typed.
- Sign off by applicant and/or examiners having required rank, active membership, BGS, SafeSport and Concussion Training certifications.
- Include judo rank, examiner level, active USJA Membership (Annual or SLM).
- The applicant is a member of a USJA Chartered Club.
- CRE Fee Enclosed: New or Upgrade - \$ 50.00; Renewal - \$35.00
- “Passport-Style” photo (i.e., head and shoulders) is attached in JPG format.
- If mailing the photo, please write your name on the back of the photo.
- All CRE must renew every four years. BGS, SafeSport and Concussion certifications must be current.
- If emailing paperwork, please send to: support@usja.net.

Section 6: Payment and Processing:

Form of Payment: Check (Payable to USJA) Credit Card: American Express Visa Mastercard Discover

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Billable Zip Code _____ Return Certificate to: Club Coach Individual

For Office Use:

CRE Fee (\$) _____ BGS, SafeSport, Concussion Ver. Rank and MBR # of Sign-Off Date Sent to PB _____