



UNITED STATES JUDO ASSOCIATION

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USJA Senior Recommendation for Validation of Judo Rank ALL SUBMITTALS MUST BE TYPED TO BE ACCEPTED

Recommendation for Validation Effective – March 2022
This corresponds to the "USJA Judo Rank Promotion System"

Name: First, Middle, Last (print)		DOB Mo/Day/Year	USJA Mbr #	
Address		City	State	Zip
Email		Tel: Home	Tel: Cell	Date of BGS
Name of Club	Head of Club	Tel: Head of Club	Their Rank	
Rank Applying for (*Required for Dan Rank)	Study Time Required*	Study Time Actual	Date You Started Your Study of Judo	

The "USJA Senior Recommendation for Validation of Judo Rank" form has instructions for completion and lists all current validation fees. The examiner(s) will complete the "USJA Senior Recommendation for Validation of Judo Rank" form, recommend the new member to the rank they believe the new member is qualified to hold, and send it with the appropriate validation fee to the USJA National Office for processing. **The candidate must be tested to the requirements in effect for all ranks up to and including proposed. When validating, you must include the completed tests for all ranks up to and including proposed. Documentation must be typed and sent to the National Office.**

Upon receipt of the documented information and validation form with associated paperwork, the USJA National Office will forward to the Promotion Board (PB) for review. If approved, a new card and rank certificate will be issued. **Note, a person can only be validated once. That becomes the effective date of their valid promotion. Validation of Judo Rank is only for those that lack credentials of valid judo rank recognized by the International Judo Federation (IJF). Once they have a valid rank, they cannot be validated again.**

When considering someone for validation remember this requires documentation on many years of studying Judo and although significant just because someone excels in competition this is only part of the requirements that must be met. There must be an equivalent time equal to the time one who have spent going through each rank up to the recommended rank. All forms and documents must be typed unless waived in writing by the PB.

Equivalent time: This is the recommended minimum the applicant must have spent in the study of judo from the start of their study to the date of the recommendation for Validation.

Rank	Min study time	Rank	Min study time	Rank	Min study time
6 th Kyu	2 months	5 th Kyu	5 months	4 th Kyu	10 months
3 rd Kyu	16 months	2 nd Kyu	2 years	1 st Kyu	3 years
1 st Dan	4 years	2 nd Dan	6 years	3 rd Dan	10 years
4 th Dan	15 years				

Please refer to the "USJA Judo Rank Promotion System" for all Promotion Requirements. It can be purchased on the USJA website.

CHECK LIST If emailing, please use: support@usja.net

- RVP form is complete. Make sure you have the correct form. This form and all documents must be typed.
- Sign-off by applicant, Head Coach and Examiners/CRE; Include rank and examiner level.
- Candidate must pass exam.
- Candidate must have current USJA membership (Annual or SLM with Chartered USJA Club).
- Black Belt Candidates must have a current Background check.
- Black Belt Candidates must have a current and completed Safe Sport Certification.
- Black Belt Candidates must have a current and completed CDC Heads Up Certification.
- Candidate meets or exceeds TIG.
- Include a Judo Biography.
- Enclose *Processing Fee as required - \$35. After approval, Validation and Promotion fees due as listed below.
- Include a Photo (Passport type).
- Copy of all certifications such as coaching, referee, etc., that are not USJA certifications.

***Process Fee \$35:** All validation for promotions require a process fee in addition to promotion fee. This must be paid with RVP when submitting paperwork for promotion. If your RVP is incomplete or otherwise invalid you must comply with request for additional requirements and respond within 60 days or your RVP is considered withdrawn. If you are asked for additional information and you resubmit but fail to include this you will be notified again and an additional Process fee will be required. When resubmitting you MUST include everything, not just what may be missing. A video of skills and kata highly recommended.

Any notes or comments the applicant wishes to make:

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Validation Fees Dan ranks include Black Belt card but not Process Fee.

6th Kyu to 4th - \$50	3rd Kyu - \$70	2nd Kyu - \$90	1st Kyu - \$110
1st Dan - \$300	2nd Dan - \$350	3rd Dan - \$400	4th Dan - \$450

Payment Fee Check # _____ Date _____ Charge my Credit Card Type: Master Card Visa Discover

Name on Card (print) _____ Account # _____ Date it expires _____ Security Code _____

Signature of Acc. Holder _____ Return Certificate to: Club Coach Individual

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Office: Process fee \$ _____ Photo _____ Promotion Fee _____ Membership Fee \$ _____ Back Dues \$ _____
LM Fee \$ _____ SLM Fee \$ _____ BGS _____ Verified Rank and MBR of sign off _____ Date sent to TE _____
CDC Heads Up _____ Safe Sport _____ Verified BGS, CDC Heads Up & Safe Sport of sign off _____ Judo Bio _____