

Objectives of examination procedure for Dan and Shogo

Examination for Dan(degrees) and Shogo(titles) are set for the advancement and improvement of Kendo.

Consideration for the Candidates.

It should be noted that the purpose of examination is not to screen or eliminate, but to encourage candidates to achieve higher level of arts of Kendo

## **Ranks of Kendo Dan, 1st through 8th Dan, are granted according to the following merits:**

1st Dan: The candidate has practiced and is able to demonstrate the basic skills.

2nd Dan: The candidate has learned well the basic skills and is able to demonstrate the improvement.

3rd Dan: The candidate has mastered the basic skills and is able to demonstrate the maturity.

4th Dan: The candidate must demonstrate refined basic skills as well as advanced skills of his own.

5th Dan: The candidate must demonstrate matured skills, both of basic and his own unique skills.

6th Dan: The candidate has understanding of the essentials of Kendo and demonstrates high level of skills.

7th Dan: The candidate has acquired the deep knowledge of the arts of Kendo and demonstrates superb skills.

8th Dan: The candidate has mastered the highest and deepest level of knowledge regarding the arts of Kendo and demonstrates outstanding skills.