

What is TKO?

An organization dedicated to promotion and growth of Traditional Budo-based Karate-Do.

## **TKO Testing:**

Level: Club/Dojo

Ranks: 10<sup>th</sup> Kyu – 4<sup>th</sup> Kyu

Certified Examiner: Dojo Senior Instructor recognized by TKO may test for ranks listed above

- Requirements:
1. Must submit list of candidates tested and rank achieved
  2. Must use TKO Kyu rank certificates (purchased from TKO for \$5.00 per certificate)
  3. Must follow test requirements set forth by TKO

Level: Club/Dojo

Ranks: 3<sup>rd</sup> Kyu, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu, 1<sup>st</sup> Kyu, Shodan Ho

Certified Examiner: Testing for ranks above

Senior instructor with ranks of TKO Yondan

Must be assisted by two other senior instructors with a minimum rank of TKO Sandan

- Requirements:
1. Must submit list of candidates tested and rank achieved
  2. Must use TKO Kyu rank certificates (purchased from TKO for \$5.00 per certificate)
  3. Must follow test requirements set forth by TKO

## **TKO Testing:**

Level:	National TKO
Ranks:	Shodan, Nidan, Sandan
Certified Examiners:	Testing for ranks above Senior instructor with minimum rank of TKO Godan Assisted by two other senior instructors with rank of TKO Yondan
Requirements:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Must submit list of candidates tested and rank achieved</li><li>2. Certificate issued by TKO national office</li><li>3. Must follow test requirements set forth by TKO</li></ol>

Level:	National TKO
Ranks:	Yondan, Godan
Certified Examiners:	Test for ranks above. TKO Chief Instructor and/or TKO Technical Director at National Testing Board.

## TKO Testing Requirements:

Kata (Forms)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Belt</u>	<u>Kata</u>
10 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	White	Taikyoku Shodan
9 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Yellow	Taikyoku Shodan
8 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Orange	Heian Shodan
7 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Blue	Heian Nidan
6 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Green	Heian Sandan
5 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Purple	Heian Yondan
4 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Purple	Heian Godan
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu	Brown	Tekki Shodan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kyu	Brown	Bassai Dai
1 <sup>st</sup> Kyu	Brown	Jion
Shodan Ho	Plain Black	Kanku-Dai

## TKO Testing Requirements:

### Kumite (Sparring)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Belt</u>	<u>Kumite</u>
10 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	White	5 step
9 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Yellow	5 step
8 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Orange	5 step
7 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Blue	3 step
6 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Green	3 step
5 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Purple	3 step
4 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Purple	3 step
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu	Brown	1 step <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• from stance</li><li>• standing</li></ul>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kyu	Brown	1 step <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• from stance</li><li>• from stance</li></ul>
1 <sup>st</sup> Kyu	Brown	1 step <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• from stance</li><li>• from stance</li><li>• moving</li></ul>
Shodan Ho	Plain Black	1 step <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• from stance</li><li>• from stance</li><li>• moving</li></ul>

### **TKO Testing Requirements:**

Minimum Required Time Between Testing for Rank

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Belt</u>	<u>Time</u>
10 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	White	4 – 6 months
9 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Yellow	4 – 6 months
8 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Orange	4 – 6 months
7 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Blue	4 – 6 months
6 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Green	4 – 6 months
5 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Purple	4 – 6 months
4 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Purple	4 – 6 months
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu	Brown	1 year
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kyu	Brown	1 year
1 <sup>st</sup> Kyu	Brown	1 year
Shodan Ho	Plain Black	1 year

### **TKO Testing Requirements:**

Ranks Shodan, Nidan, Sandan

Rank: Shodan

Sentei Kata's: Bassai Dai  
Jion  
Kanku Dai  
Empi  
Hangetsu

Note: Must hold the rank of TKO Shodan for two years before testing for next rank

Rank: Nidan

Sentei Kata's: Jiitte  
Tekki Nidan

Note: Must hold the rank of TKO Nidan for    years before testing for next rank

Rank: Sandan

Sentei Kata's: Gankaku  
Tekki Sandan

Note: Must hold rank of TKO Sandan for    years before testing for next rank

## List of Ranks and Belt Colors:

Youth Rank 5 yrs. – 15 yrs.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Belt</u>
10 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	White
10 <sup>th</sup> Kyu - 1	White – 1 tip
10 <sup>th</sup> Kyu - 2	White – 2 tips
9 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Yellow
9 <sup>th</sup> Kyu - 1	Yellow – 1 tip
9 <sup>th</sup> Kyu - 2	Yellow – 2 tips
8 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Orange
8 <sup>th</sup> Kyu - 1	Orange – 1 tip
8 <sup>th</sup> Kyu - 2	Orange – 2 tips
7 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Blue
7 <sup>th</sup> Kyu - 1	Blue – 1 tip
7 <sup>th</sup> Kyu - 2	Blue – 2 tips
6 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Green
6 <sup>th</sup> Kyu - 1	Green – 1 tip
6 <sup>th</sup> Kyu - 2	Green – 2 tips
5 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Purple
5 <sup>th</sup> Kyu – 1	Purple – 1 tip
5 <sup>th</sup> Kyu – 2	Purple – 2 tips
4 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	High Purple
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu	Embroidered Brown
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kyu	Embroidered Brown
1 <sup>st</sup> Kyu	Embroidered Brown

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Belt</u>
Shodan Ho	Plain Black
Shodan	Embroidered Black
Nidan	Embroidered Black
Sandan	Embroidered Black

Note: At 16 years old must retest for same rank



### List of Rank and Belt Colors:

Adult Rank 16 yrs. – Adult

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Belt</u>
10 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	White
9 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Yellow
8 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Orange
7 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Blue
6 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Green
5 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Purple
4 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	Purple Embroidered
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu	Brown Embroidered
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kyu	Brown Embroidered
1 <sup>st</sup> Kyu	Brown Embroidered
Shodan Ho	Plain Black
Shodan	Black Embroidered
Nidan	Black Embroidered
Sandan	Black Embroidered
Yondan	Black Embroidered

**Shotokan Senior TKO Instructors:**

Mirza  
Dalke  
Ladner  
Pinner  
Butler  
Cohen  
Donner  
Conners  
Fonseca  
El Bakkali  
Pruitt  
Kelly

**Annual Club Fee:**

<u>Policy Votes</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>TKO Club Certificate</u>
Less than 50 members	\$25.00	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31
Less than 100 members	\$50.00	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31
Less than 250 members	\$75.00	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31
More than 250 members	\$100.00	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31

**National TKO Youth/Adult Testing Fee:**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Test Fee</u>	<u>National TKO Registration Fee</u>
10 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	\$30.00	\$5.00
9 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	\$30.00	\$5.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	\$30.00	\$5.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	\$30.00	\$5.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	\$30.00	\$5.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	\$30.00	\$5.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Kyu	\$30.00	\$5.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu	\$50.00	\$25.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kyu	\$50.00	\$25.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Kyu	\$50.00	\$25.00
Shodan-Ho	\$100.00	\$50.00
Shodan	\$100.00	\$50.00
Nidan	\$200.00	\$100.00
Sandan	\$300.00	\$150.00
Yondan	\$400.00	\$400.00
Godan	\$500.00	\$500.00
Rokudan	\$600.00	\$600.00
Shichidan	\$700.00	\$700.00
Hachidan	\$800.00	\$800.00
Kudan	\$900.00	\$900.00
Judan	\$1000.00	\$1000.00

**Mandatory Instruction under TKO:**

All TKO Senior Instructors must attend a minimum of two training clinics/camps annually under TKO Chief Instructor and/or TKO Technical Director

**Support of TKO Activities:**

Register TKO Clubs and TKO Individual Members with AAU annually

Attend TKO training clinics, camps, tournaments, testing, etc.





# **Examination Requirements Shotokan**