



UNITED TAEKWONDO ASSOCIATION



DAN GRADING REGULATIONS

UTA dan gradings are held twice per year, usually early April in Manchester and early October in Falkirk, Scotland. Results are announced on the day of the exams immediately after the grading.

Grading application forms must be sent to the UTA Secretary by the specified deadline. All candidates are required to apply for Kukkiwon certification.

Any applicants for 4th Dan or above must send notification to the UTA grading panel in writing prior to deadline for permission to grade.

The UTA dress code applies to all dan gradings. Candidates must wear clean white dobok. Only UTA or club badges are allowed to be displayed on the dobok. All UTA senior grades (3rd Dan or higher) in attendance should be dressed in shirt and tie.

DAN GRADING FEES

Grading	UTA Fee	Kukkiwon Fee	Total Fee
1 st Dan	£60.00	£50.00	£110.00
2 nd Dan	£70.00	£60.00	£130.00
3 rd Dan	£80.00	£80.00	£160.00
4 th Dan	£90.00	£100.00	£190.00
5 th Dan	£100.00	£200.00	£300.00

No refunds will be made. However, students who are not successful will only be required to pay the UTA fee again when they re-sit their grading.

UTA SYLLABUS AND CRITERIA FOR DAN GRADINGS

1 st Kup to 1 st Poom (Under 15s) 1 st Kup to 1 st Dan (15 and over)	
BASICS Demonstration of basic techniques POOMSAE Koryo Taegeuk 4 to Taegeuk 8 (One of examiners choice) SPARRING One step set sparring Full contact competition sparring DESTRUCTION Examiners choice – 1 hand technique and 1 foot technique TERMINOLOGY Written test paper – 45 minutes	CRITERIA Holder of current UTA Membership/BTC Licence Have had 12 months continuous UTA membership Holder of Red Belt for a minimum of 12 months (6 months 2 nd Kup – 6 months 1 st Kup)

1st Dan/Poom to 2nd Dan/Poom

BASICS

Demonstration of basic techniques

POOMSAE

Koryo

Keumgang

Taebeak

Taegeuk 4 to Taegeuk 8 (One of examiners choice)

SPARRING

One step set sparring

Full contact competition sparring

DESTRUCTION

Examiners choice – 1 hand technique and 1 foot technique

TERMINOLOGY

Written test paper – 45 minutes

CRITERIA

Holder of Black Belt 1st Dan/Poom and been in full training for a minimum of 2 years

Holder of 1st Dan/Poom Kukkiwon Certificate

Holder of current UTA Membership/BTC Licence

Have had 2 years continuous UTA membership

Attendance at UTA Masters Seminars

2nd Dan/Poom to 3rd Dan/Poom

BASICS

Demonstration of basic techniques

POOMSAE

Pyongwon

Koryo to Taebeak

Taegeuk 4 to Taegeuk 8 (One of examiners choice)

SPARRING

One step set sparring

Full contact competition sparring

DESTRUCTION

Examiners choice – 1 hand technique and 1 foot technique

TERMINOLOGY

Written test paper – 45 minutes

CRITERIA

Holder of Black Belt 2nd Dan/Poom and been in full training for a minimum of 3 years

Holder of 2nd Dan/Poom Kukkiwon Certificate

Holder of current UTA Membership/BTC Licence

Have had 2 years continuous UTA membership

Attendance at UTA Masters Seminars

Qualified Poomsae Judge Class C or higher

Or

Qualified Kyorugi Official Class 3 or higher

Regular attendance at UTA/National events as competitor or judge

Recognised for good Taekwondo spirit, loyalty and respect for seniors.

3rd Dan to 4th Dan

BASICS

Demonstration of basic techniques

POOMSAE

Sipjin

Koryo to Pyongwon

Taegeuk 4 to Taegeuk 8 (One of examiners choice)

SPARRING

One step set sparring

Full contact competition sparring

Self defence techniques

DESTRUCTION

Special technique – candidates choice

TERMINOLOGY

Written test paper – 45 minutes

CRITERIA

Holder of Black Belt 3rd Dan and been in full training for a minimum of 4 years

Holder of 3rd Dan Kukkiwon Certificate

Registered Instructor running UTA Club and teaching regular Taekwondo classes

Regular attendance & involvement in UTA events

Holder of current UTA Membership/BTC Licence

Have had at least 2 years continuous UTA membership

Attendance at UTA Masters Seminars

Qualified Poomsae Judge Class C or higher

Or

Qualified Kyorugi Official Class 3 or higher

Regular attendance at UTA/National events as competitor or judge

Recognised for good Taekwondo spirit, loyalty and respect for seniors

4th Dan to 5th Dan

BASICS

Demonstration of basic techniques

POOMSAE

Ji Tae

Koryo to Sipjin

Taegeuk 4 to Taegeuk 8 (One of examiners choice)

SPARRING

One step set sparring

Full contact competition sparring

Self defence techniques

DESTRUCTION

Special technique – candidates choice

TERMINOLOGY

Written Thesis – 10 sides A4 paper

Subject – The promotion of WTF Taekwondo

CRITERIA

Holder of Black Belt 4th Dan and been in full training for a minimum of 5 years

Holder of 4th Dan Kukkiwon Certificate

Registered Instructor running UTA Club and teaching Taekwondo for a minimum of 3 years

Must provide CV – Taekwondo career history

Holder of current UTA Membership/BTC Licence

Have had at least 3 years continuous UTA membership

Attendance at UTA Masters Seminars

Qualified Poomsae Judge Class B or higher

Or

Qualified Kyorugi Official Class 2 or higher

Regular attendance at UTA/National events as competitor or judge

Recognised for good Taekwondo spirit, loyalty and respect for seniors

Actively promoting Taekwondo