



# Aikido Shoryukai Australia

## Grading Policy

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### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 This policy outlines procedures and requirements for all Kyu and Dan gradings within Aikido Shoryukai Australia (ASA).

### 2. Scope

- 2.1 This policy applies to all ASA Affiliated Dojos, their instructors and members.

### 3. Grading Authority

- 3.1 Aikido Toyonaka Shosenji Dojo is officially recognized by the Aikikai Public Interest Foundation.
- 3.2 The Director of Aikido Toyonaka Shosenji Dojo has provided authority for the Technical Director of ASA to conduct gradings on behalf of Aikido Toyonaka Shosenji Dojo.

### 4. Grading Process

- 4.1 Gradings will be conducted in the following:

Level	Format	Conducted by
Kyu grades	Technical Test	Dojo-Cho or their nominated instructor(s) within their dojo.
1 Dan – 3 Dan	Technical Test	A panel chaired by the Technical Director of ASA, and comprised of at least two other ASA Dojo-Cho (or their representative).
4 Dan	Technical Test	Director of Aikido Toyonaka Shosenji Dojo or his appointed representative.
5 Dan and above	Recommendation to Aikikai Hombu Dojo	Director of Aikido Toyonaka Shosenji Dojo.

- 4.2 Grading requirements must comply with, at minimum, the ASA Grading Syllabus which reflects the requirements of the Aikikai Public Interest Foundation grading examination system.
- 4.3 Records of Candidates passing a grading (name, level and date) are maintained by both the Candidates dojo and the ASA.
- 4.4 Grading certificates are issued at the Dojo level for Kyu Grades, and by the Aikikai Public Interest Foundation for Dan Grades.

### 5. Grading Eligibility

#### 5.1 Membership

- 5.1.1 Candidates must be current members of both an affiliated dojo and ASA.

#### 5.2 Time-in-Grade (Minimum)

- 5.2.1 Candidates must meet the minimum training time between grades as specified in the ASA grading syllabus.



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### 5.3 Instructor Recommendation

- 5.3.1 All Kyu candidates must be recommended by their primary instructor prior to grading.
- 5.3.2 All Dan candidates must be recommended by their Dojo-Cho prior to grading.

## 6. External Gradings

- 6.1 ASA will recognise all Dan gradings issued by Aikikai Public Interest Foundation grading examination system.
- 6.2 ASA affiliated dojos will recognise the Kyu gradings of all other ASA affiliated dojos.
- 6.3 ASA will consider on a case-by-case basis Kyu gradings from any other Aikido dojo or organisation.
  - 6.3.1 This will be a matter for discussion by the Association Council.
  - 6.3.2 A suggested approach is for the Candidate to undertake a grading at their current level as confirmation.

## 7. Policy Review

- 7.1 This policy will be reviewed periodically by the Dojo-Cho of ASA to ensure alignment with Aikido Toyonaka Shosenji Dojo and Aikikai Public Interest Foundation grading examination system.

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**This policy was endorsed by the ASA Association Council and is approved from this date:**



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