

Level and Dan Certificate Guidelines

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Chapter 1: General Regulations for Level and Dan

Overview

1. To promote the healthy development of mixed martial arts (MMA) in Asia, standardize the technical and theoretical proficiency of practitioners, and unify the standards of mixed martial arts, the Level and Dan systems are established to drive the development of MMA. These guidelines are specifically formulated for these purposes.
2. Practitioners of MMA (hereafter referred to as 'Practitioners') must register through AMMA member organizations to participate in promotion examinations for Level and Dan.
3. The basic criteria for grading and dan level classifications include the practitioner's age, years of training, technical level, referee level, coaching level, and results in domestic and international competition.
4. Practitioners undergo assessments according to established standards to achieve progressive promotions in level and dan levels, with corresponding certificates issued upon passing the assessments.
5. AMMA's levels are classified from low to high as follows: tenth level, ninth level, eighth level, seventh level, sixth level, fifth level, fourth level, third level, second level, and first level.
6. AMMA's dan are classified from low to high as follows: first dan, second dan, third dan, fourth dan, fifth dan, sixth dan, seventh dan, eighth dan, ninth dan, and tenth dan (honorary level).
7. Candidates eligible for accelerated promotion must pay the fees for each skipped level, and upon passing the assessments, certificates are awarded for each level progressively.

Examiner Requirements

Examiners must have AMMA-certified qualifications. Throughout the assessment process, examiners must wear the designated attire and strictly adhere to the association's guidelines, upholding the organization's image.











Candidate Requirements

Candidates must wear the prescribed attire and seriously engage with the theoretical and technical aspects of the assessments. Unconventional hairstyles and metal or other potentially hazardous accessories are not permitted.

Chapter 2: Promotion in Level

Level Promotion

- a. Beginners in MMA undergo a sequence of assessments to progress through levels, based on their technical proficiency.
- b. To encourage active participation in MMA, AMMA allows for level promotion exams every three months. Successful candidates achieve appropriate certification.
- c. Level belt diagram.

十级		Tenth level
九级		Ninth level
八级		Eighth level
七级		Seventh level
六级		Sixth level
五级		Fifth level
四级		Fourth level
三级		Third level
二级		Second level
一级		First level











Promotion Procedure

- a. AMMA member organizations must submit a request to organize an examination to their national/regional headquarters. The national/regional headquarters will review and record the materials and supervise the examination.
- b. Following the promotion exam, the AMMA member organization submits the assessment materials to the national/regional headquarters. Upon review and approval, certificates are issued to successful candidates, and their achievements are registered into the Asian Martial Arts Association (AMMA) network.
- c. Practitioners with more than one year of training may apply for accelerated promotion based on their capabilities.

Chapter 3: Promotion in Dan

Promotion Procedure

1. The promotion to dans examinations is organized by the national/regional headquarters of AMMA member. Practitioners eligible for dan examination must register through their respective AMMA member organizations.
2. The assessment for promotion from first to sixth dan (inclusive) is conducted by junior and intermediate-level examiners designated by the national/regional headquarters of AMMA members. For promotions from the seventh dan onwards, the candidate's information is reviewed by AMMA for eligibility, with senior examiners from the national/regional headquarters conducting the assessments.
3. After the dan promotion examination, the national/regional headquarters issues certificates to qualified candidates and registers their information with the AMMA.
4. Dan belt diagram.

一段		AMMA	First Dan
二段		AMMA	Second Dan
三段		AMMA	Third Dan
四段		AMMA	Fourth Dan
五段		AMMA	Fifth Dan
六段		AMMA	Sixth Dan
七段		AMMA	Seventh Dan
八段		AMMA	Eighth Dan
九段		AMMA	Ninth Dan
十段		AMMA	Tenth Dan

Dan Promotion Registration Conditions

Dan Level	Interval Years for Promotion
First Dan	First Level, 18 years and above
Second Dan	At least 1 year after achieving First Dan
Third Dan	At least 1 year after achieving Second Dan
Fourth Dan	At least 2 years after achieving Third Dan
Fifth Dan	At least 2 years after achieving Fourth Dan
Sixth Dan	At least 2 years after achieving Fifth Dan

Seven Dan	At least 3 years after achieving Sixth Dan
Eighth Dan	At least 3 years after achieving Seventh Dan
Ninth Dan	At least 3 years after achieving Eighth Dan
Tenth Dan	Honorary Level

Conditions for Skipping Levels/Dans:

Dan Level	Additional Conditions		
	Referee Qualification	Coaching Qualification	Coaching Qualification
First Dan	Junior level in any martial arts (city level and above)	Junior level in any martial arts coach (city level and above)	More than 5 matches in any martial arts (verifiable online)
Second Dan	Intermediate level in any martial arts (city level and above)	Intermediate level in any martial arts coach (city level and above)	More than 8 matches in any martial arts (verifiable online)
Third Dan	Senior level in any martial arts (city level and above)	Senior level in any martial arts coach (city level and above)	More than 10 matches in any martial arts (verifiable online)
Fourth Dan	More than 5 MMA fights (verifiable on https://www.tapology.com/)		
Fifth Dan	More than 8 MMA fights (verifiable on https://www.tapology.com/)		
Sixth Dan	More than 10 MMA fights (verifiable on https://www.tapology.com/)		
Seventh Dan	More than 15 MMA fight records (verifiable on https://www.tapology.com/)		
Eighth Dan	MMA championship belt or title (verifiable on https://www.tapology.com/)		
Ninth Dan	MMA championship belt or title and involvement in MMA events or training (verifiable on https://www.tapology.com/)		
Tenth Dan	Honorary Dan, awarded by AMMA to those actively organizing and promoting mixed martial arts (exempt from examination)		

Practitioners over 18 years old are eligible to apply for dan promotion, meeting the age and experience requirements for each dan.

Those applying for accelerated promotion must demonstrate mastery of the theoretical and technical knowledge required for the intended dan level. For the junior dan (first, second, third dan), meeting any one of the additional conditions qualifies for examination registration; for

intermediate (fourth, fifth, sixth dan) and senior dan (seventh, eighth, ninth dan), fulfilling the additional conditions is mandatory. The tenth dan is an honorary level granted to those who meet the supplementary criteria, exempt from examination.

Dan Examination and Scheduling

- a. Dan examinations are organized by the national headquarters of AMMA member countries/regions. Individual AMMA members who meet the dan examination criteria can register for the promotion exam through their AMMA member organizations as notified.
- b. The national headquarters of each member country/region is responsible for organizing or delegating the organization of the exam, appointing dan examiners, announcing examination dates, and determining the venues.
- c. After the dan promotion exam, the national headquarters of AMMA members will review and issue certificates to successful candidates, and candidate's information is sent to the AMMA for registration.

Chapter 4: Appointment of Examiners for Level or Dan

- a. Examiners for level promotions and dan promotions must possess AMMA-certified qualifications.
- b. The appointment of examiners for level and dan promotions is coordinated and selected by the national/regional headquarters of AMMA member countries/regions.
- c. For promotions from the first to the third dan are assessed by AMMA-certified junior dan examiners.

For promotions from the fourth to the sixth dan are assessed by AMMA-certified intermediate dan examiners.

For promotions above the seventh dan are assessed by AMMA-certified senior dan examiners.

Chapter 5: Rights After Obtaining Level and Dan

1. Certificates for level and dan are issued after review and approval by the national/regional headquarters of AMMA member countries/regions.
2. Individuals certified at AMMA level and dan are eligible to participate in various competitions, training, and educational activities organized by AMMA.
3. Individuals certified at AMMA level and dan may participate in international and domestic mixed martial arts events, subject to recommendations from the national/regional headquarters of AMMA member countries/regions.

Chapter 6: Supplementary Provisions

Penalties

1. Individuals who have certified level or dan will be subject to penalties by the AMMA, ranging from warnings and public notifications to revocation of certificates if they:
 - a. Obtain their certificate or belt through dishonest means, alter or forge certificates or belts.
 - b. Violate laws or disrupt public order.
 - c. Participating the examination without requisite qualifications.
2. Following the implementation of this guideline, no organization or group outside of and its member countries/regions headquarters may independently issue AMMA level or dan certificates or use the AMMA-certified logo without authorization.

Chapter 7: Related Fees

Level Promotion Fee Standards:

Level	Fee (Guidance Price)
First Level	\$28 per level
Second Level	\$28 per level
Third Level	\$28 per level
Fourth Level	\$28 per level
Fifth Level	\$28 per level
Sixth Level	\$28 per level
Seventh Level	\$28 per level
Eighth Level	\$28 per level
Ninth Level	\$28 per level
Tenth Level	\$28 per level

Dan Promotion Fee Standards:

Dan	Fee Range
First Dan	70–100 \$
Second Dan	90–130 \$
Third Dan	120–170 \$
Fourth Dan	160–220 \$
Fifth Dan	210–290 \$
Sixth Dan	270–380 \$
Seventh Dan	350–490 \$
Eighth Dan	450–630 \$
Ninth Dan	580–820 \$

Fee ranges are determined based on the varying developmental conditions of mixed martial arts within different member countries/regions.

Appendix 1: Level Application Form

Level Application Form				
Name		Nationality		
TEL		Gender		
Address				
Date of Birth			Apply for Level	
Certificate NO.		Date of Issue		
Submit application for promotion examination:				
CLUB			Responsible Person	
Responsible Person's Tel./Fax/E-mail				

Appendix 2: Dan Application Form

Dan Application Form			
Name		Nationality	
TEL		Gender	
Address			
Date of Birth		Apply for Dan	
Certificate NO.		Date of Issue	
Submit application for promotion examination:			
CLUB		Responsible person	
Responsible person's Tel./Fax/E-mail			

Appendix 3: Level Certificate



ASIAN MIXED MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION

Level Certificate

Level:

Certificate No.

Name:

Examiner:

Date:

AMMA Stamp

President
Signature

MR. GORDON TANG
PRESIDENT

Appendix 4: Dan Certificate

	
ASIAN MIXED MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION	
Dan Certificate	
Dan:	
Certificate No.	
Name:	
Examiner:	
Date:	
AMMA Stamp	President Signature <hr/> MR. GORDON TANG PRESIDENT