



# WORLD MARTIAL ARTS COMMITTEE

## Guidelines

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### GENERAL EXAMINATION GUIDELINES OF THE WMAC



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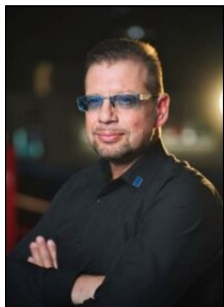
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## **Introduction:**

*These guidelines replace all previously issued guidelines. These guidelines are valid for all members. However, local requirements and circumstances may be taken into account if necessary. The official language of the IRC is English. These guidelines may be translated into other languages by the IRC. However, in case of discrepancies, only the official English version shall prevail. These guidelines may not be copied, published or distributed without specific written authorisation from WMAC or the IRC. This includes electronic, digital, physical and all other forms of reproduction. These guidelines can be downloaded free of charge as a PDF from the official WMAC website.*

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## International guidelines



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Dear reader,

We are very pleased to release version 2.0 of our World Martial Arts Committee Guidelines. We are proud to publish those WMAC guidelines for your use. This has been made possible entirely through the hard work and dedication of individuals from around the world. We would like to sincerely thank everyone for their co-operation.

All of the guidelines contained in this document apply to WMAC sanctioned events. In this case, they may not be deviated from except in exceptional circumstances and then only with the written permission of the IRC in conjunction with the Chief Referee (Supervisor) of the respective event. The instructions and decisions of the IRC with regard to these rules are decisive and binding. In the event of complaints/protests, his decision is decisive and final!

These guidelines can also be used for non-sanctioned events. In this case, the organiser of the event must include the following statement in writing in the announcement: "This event is organised in accordance with the official WMAC guidelines".

The World Martial Arts Committee is constantly endeavouring to develop further. We are constantly working on the development of our guidelines and their dissemination at events and tournaments. These guidelines should be checked before the events in order to discuss and incorporate any changes with us.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Harald Folladori'.

Harald Folladori  
WMAC World President

# GENERAL EXAMINATION GUIDELINES OF THE WMAC

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### **Introduction :**

*The examination guidelines of the WMAC have been established for the benefit of global student & Dan graduation. We hereby guarantee that there can be no graduations without fulfilling style-specific guidelines. The WMAC examination board consists of specialists, all of whom must hold at least 1st Dan. The chairman of the examination board must be appointed by the world federation and hold at least 4th dan. This is about observing the criteria for achieving graduation. This is why our member organisations are very much involved in the examination and are NOT disempowered.*

### **A.) Student graduations and their examinations (up to brown belt)**

All WMAC members are allowed to conduct student graduations in their style themselves. The necessary examination board is therefore provided by the member himself and must consist of at least one person with the 1st DAN in the respective sport. This means that if the club trainer can provide proof of the 1st DAN, he/she may conduct all student examinations him/herself. In this case, NO registration with the WMAC is necessary.

### **B.) 1st - 3rd DAN grading and their examinations (master certification)**

All master gradings that are recognised by the WMAC must follow special guidelines. The procedure is similar to that for student qualifications. There must be an examination panel of 3 Dan holders, at least one of whom must be able to prove that they have the 4th DAN. The WMAC sends or authorises an assessor (who can also be part of this panel of three) to observe the examination. This assessor may also assess, but does not preside over the examination. The chairman of the commission decides on the result.

In the event of gross misconduct or collusion, the assessor may apply to the WMAC for the examination to be cancelled.

### **C.) Examinations from the 4th DAN and higher (Grandmaster certification)**

All master grades from the 4th grade onwards are considered special HONOUR and BRIDE of the respective candidate. There are styles in which only honour grades are awarded from the 3rd DAN onwards. We therefore distinguish between 2 types of examination.

For the awarding of Dan grades, an application for the next higher certification is submitted to the WMAC after the waiting period has expired.

***Prerequisites:***

- Waiting period completed (1st - 3rd DAN 2 years each, 3rd to 6th DAN 3 years each, from 6th DAN - 9th DAN 4 years each)
- at least 3rd DAN
- active trainer / trainer of a martial arts institution (WMAC member)
- active competitor or instructor of a competition group
- Minimum age 25 years
- Referee training
- First aid course max. 4 years old

## **EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

Here again, the principle of respecting the respective STYLE RULES applies. For these Dan gradings, it MUST be ensured that the respective candidate really has the level of a Grand Master. To this end, it goes without saying that requirements must be observed that include physical, mental and technical aspects.

Accordingly, the audit committee is composed as follows:

There must be at least 3 examiners whose lowest grade is the 3rd DAN and who are provided or nominated by the WMAC. The chairman must hold at least the 6th DAN and have a sound training in the style to be tested.

Admission to the 9th DAN requires the approval of the WMAC Board.  
The 10th DAN may only be awarded posthumously.

## **D.) Awarding of HONOURS DANGRADEN**

For special services to the respective sport (style), so-called HONOURARY DEGREES can be applied for from the Board / WMAC. The HIGHEST HONOURARY DEGREE to be awarded is the 3rd DAN. The title HONOURARY DEGREE MUST be clearly marked on the certificate. However, the HONOURARY DEGREE recipient is prohibited from presenting themselves with the black belt, as it is ONLY a level of recognition.

### Prerequisites:

- At least 10 years of activity for the awarding institute
- Minimum age 35 years
- Special services to sport / athletes

## **E.) Certificates and the associated formalities:**

WMAC examination certificates:

Student certificates	WMAC with club logo of the organiser (application)
DAN certificates up to 3rd DAN	Committee & WMAC assessor (application with photo)
DAN Certificates 4th-8th DAN	Committee & WMAC Chairman (application/photo)
DAN Certificate 9th DAN	Board resolution (application/photo)
DAN Certificate 10th DAN ( Posthumous)	Board resolution (obituary/photo)
EHRENDAN certificate	Board resolution (application/photo)

# APPLICATION TO HOLD A DAN EXAMINATION

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Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Examination candidates and their grading to be tested!**

Name	
Date of birth	
Address	
Graduation	

Examination location/ address	
Start of examination	
End of examination	
date	

**The review panel consists of**

Name	
Style direction	
DAN Degree	

Chairman : \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note! A photo (approx. 300dpi) of all candidates must be sent in order to prepare the certificates in the best possible way. The applicant must provide the belts to be awarded! The application must be sent to the association at least 30 days before the examination = [headquarter@wmac-world.com](mailto:headquarter@wmac-world.com).*

**The applicant must be a MEMBER of WMAC or one of its institutes.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (candidate)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

