

High-Rank Grading Committee

AYF High-rank grading committee is an establishment eligible to evaluate foreign and domestic students of 6th dan and above.

Students who pass the evaluation will be recommended by the committee to Yukihiro Inoue, Chairman of AYF, for final approval.

The committee will gather twice a year, in the spring and the autumn. Members are as follows:

Takafumi Takeno 9th Dan Head of the committee
Highest Shihan, AYF
Head of Aikido Yamanashi Yoshinkan

Masahiko Noriki 7th Dan Honbu Dojocho, AYF

Kai Kuniyuki 9th Dan Head of Aikido Yoshinkan Miyazaki

Ryouji Sakamoto 8th Dan Head of Aikido Yoshinkan Gifu

Tsuneo Ando 8th Dan Head of AYF Shihan
Head of Yoshinkan Aikido Ryu

*Please note the committee is also charged with ratifying the submissions of those applicants who already come recommended by a senior Yoshinkan Aikido instructor. The committee will not evaluate such applicants, but will confirm their new rank.