

## High-Rank Grading Committee

AYF High-rank grading committee is an establishment eligible to evaluate foreign and domestic students of 6<sup>th</sup> 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* 9<sup>th</sup> Dan Head of the committee  
Highest Shihan, AYF  
Head of Aikido Yamanashi Yoshinkan

*Masahiko Noriki* 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Honbu Dojocho, AYF

*Kai Kuniyuki* 9<sup>th</sup> Dan Head of Aikido Yoshinkan Miyazaki

*Ryouji Sakamoto* 8<sup>th</sup> Dan Head of Aikido Yoshinkan Gifu

*Tsuneo Ando* 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Instructions for high-rank dan application

*1. For applicants who have a recommending instructor:*

Please ensure that page 1 and 2 of the High-rank grading recommendation form are completed. Page 1 is to be completed by the recommending instructor, and page 2 is to be completed by the applicants. A photograph should be put on Page1. Both pages should be signed accordingly.

*2. For applicants with no recommending instructor:*

Applicants who don't have an instructor to recommend them for their high-rank dan application will be recommended by Masahiko Noriki Honbu Dojocho. In some cases applicants might be required to submit video footage on which Noriki Dojocho can base his assessment for this recommendation.

Applicants must also complete page 1 and 2 of the High-rank grading recommendation form. Page 1 must not be signed and the recommendation box should be left blank. A photograph should be put on Page1. Page 2 must be completed and signed.

Please ensure both the footage and the forms reach Honbu dojo by the time which will be announced on AYF Home page on the following email address: [ayfs@carol.ocn.ne.jp](mailto:ayfs@carol.ocn.ne.jp)

Alternatively, the items can be posted to:

Aikido Yoshinkai Foundation,  
2F Toyo Building, 4-17-15,  
Takadanobaba, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo,  
169-0075, Japan

AYF will notify applicants of the result of their submissions on the email address provided in the application form. Certificates will be processed and posted to successful applicants upon receipt of payment.