

**OKLAHOMA JUDO ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR VALIDATION OF JUDO RANK (Revised 6/1/07)**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Use this form to validate senior Kyu grades and all junior grades for **OJA members** who do not have valid national or international rank (ie: certificates of rank issued by the U.S. Judo, Inc., U.S.J.A., U.S.J.F., or any international rank granting body recognized by the U.S. Judo, Inc.
2. Use this form to validate senior Kyu grades and all junior grades for **OJA members** who possess a valid national or international rank, but who, for whatever reason, did not continue to receive nationally-recognized rank, and whose instructor/coach wishes to rectify the situation by validation to the deserved rank. **Non-participation in Judo for an extended period of time does not qualify for validation of higher rank under this provision.**
3. All entries must be typed or printed clearly.
4. All recommending instructor/coaches and all applicants must be current members of the OJA.
5. This request must be submitted to the Chairman, OJA Promotion Board, along with a copy of the most recent nationally-recognized rank certificate (if applicable), a successfully passed OJA exam for the rank being requested and the proper fee.
6. Junior validations are dependent upon the age of the candidate. Should the examiner feel that the student is more advanced than an entry level promotion for that age, he/she must consult the chart on the next page.
7. Junior validations to ranks above the "maximum grade for age" requirement, or the minimum total time-in-judo requirement of the OJA promotion system will not be processed.
8. Senior promotions to ranks above the minimum total time-in-judo requirement will not be processed.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(number and street) (city) (zip)

OJA NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ FOR HOW LONG? \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED CERTIFIED RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ RANK DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDED FOR (RANK): \_\_\_\_\_ RECOMMENDING OFFICIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

(INSTRUCTOR/COACH): \_\_\_\_\_ (rank) \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)

(Coach's OJA number) \_\_\_\_\_ (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

FEE ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ (SEE NEXT PAGE) APPROVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman, OJA Promotion Board)

**FEES (for recommended new OJA members who hold no nationally certified rank):**

**Entry level validations for Jrs. are the same as the 1<sup>st</sup> promotion dependent upon age:**

For Juniors: Ages 4- 6 - the first promotion exam is to Jr.-1<sup>st</sup> Degree.  
7- 9 - the first promotion exam is to Jr.-2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.  
10-12 - the first promotion exam is to Jr.-3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.  
13-16 - the first promotion exam is to Jr.-4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

**All entry-level rank validation fees are \$8.**

**Validations for 2<sup>nd</sup> level Jrs. Judoka (Equivalent to the 2<sup>nd</sup> standard promotion):**

For Juniors: Ages 7- 9 - The validation may be to Jr.-5<sup>th</sup> Degree.  
10-12 - The validation may be to Jr.-6<sup>th</sup> Degree.  
13-16 - The validation may be to Jr.-7<sup>th</sup> Degree.

**All 2nd-level rank validation fees are \$16.**

**Validations for 3<sup>rd</sup> level Jrs. Judoka (Equivalent to the 3<sup>rd</sup> standard promotion):**

For Juniors: Ages 10-12 - The validation may be to Jr.-8<sup>th</sup> Degree.  
13-16 - The validation may be to Jr.-9<sup>th</sup> Degree.

**All 3<sup>rd</sup>-level rank validation fees are \$24.**

Should the examiner wish to validate the junior to a rank higher than the above entry, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> level grades he/she must add **\$8** for each numerical rank over the entry, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> level rank for the students age, (i.e., a student who is 15 to Jr.-11<sup>th</sup> would pay **\$40**).

#### **SENIOR GRADE VALIDATIONS:**

**Rokyu: \$3; Gokyu: \$6; Yonkyu: \$9; Sankyu: \$14.**

(as the minimum time-in-grade requirement for the above senior rank total a year or less to get to those ranks only the above fees are required, however the following ranks would with minimum time in grade require the applicant to have been a member of the OJA for more than one year an **additional OJA charge** (minus the insurance fee) of \$5 is added to the following validation fees):

**Nikyu: \$19+\$5 = \$24; Ikkyu: \$24+\$5 = \$29.**

(as the minimum time in grade for the following ranks is more than two years add additional OJA charges):

**SHODAN: \$174+\$10 = \$184; NIDAN: \$199+\$15 = \$214; SANDAN: \$224+\$25 = \$249**

For those OJA members who do have a nationally certified rank but have not maintained recognized rank, subtract the fee required for the rank for which the applicant does have a valid certificate from that of the rank for which the applicant is being recommended. All validated ranks shall be dated as of the approval date.

Applicants who are foreign immigrants to the United States and received no rank certification from their former National Federation may be evaluated and validated by members of the OJA Promotion Board representing USAJudo. As these candidates were not living in the U.S. at the time of their Judo training, the additional OJA charges are waived.