

# International Kobudō Association Syllabus

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Rank	Requirement ( <i>kata shown in bold</i> )	Style/creator	Description
8 級	Kenshin-ryū Kihon (1-15)	<i>Kenshin-ryu</i>	<i>BŌ (basics)</i>
	Kumi-bō (1-3)	<i>Hayashi Teruo</i>	<i>BŌ (basics)</i>
	<b>Sunakake no kon</b>	<i>Village kata</i>	<i>BŌ (kata 1)</i>
7 級	Kumi-bō (4-6)	<i>Hayashi Teruo</i>	<i>BŌ (basics)</i>
	<b>Kenshin-ryū bō shodan</b>	<i>Nakaima Kenkō</i>	<i>BŌ (kata 2)</i>
	<b>Ni-tanbō shodan (shō)</b>	<i>Village kata</i>	<i>NI-TANBŌ (kata 1a)</i>
6 級 (see note)	Taira Kihon (1-15)	<i>Taira style</i>	<i>BŌ (basics)</i>
	<b>Kihon bō</b>	<i>Demura Fumio</i>	<i>BŌ (kata 3)</i>
	<b>Kokuba no tonfa (shō)</b>	<i>Kuniba Shōgō</i>	<i>TONFA (kata 1a)</i>
	<b>Ni-tanbō shodan (dai)</b>	<i>Village kata</i>	<i>NI-TANBŌ (kata 1b)</i>
	<b>Kenshin-ryu bō nidan</b>	<i>Nakaima Kenkō</i>	<i>BŌ (kata 4)</i>
5 級 (see note)	Kumi-bō (7-8)	<i>Hayashi Teruo</i>	<i>BŌ (basics)</i>
	<b>Miyazato no kon (shodan)</b>	<i>Miyazato Eikō</i>	<i>BŌ (kata 5)</i>
	<b>Kihon tonfa</b>	<i>Demura Fumio</i>	<i>TONFA (kata 2)</i>
	<b>Kokuba no tonfa (dai)</b>	<i>Kuniba Kōsei</i>	<i>TONFA (kata 1b)</i>
	<b>Tenryū no kon</b>	<i>Taira Shinken</i>	<i>BŌ (kata 6)</i>
4 級 (see note)	<b>Kihon sai</b>	<i>Demura Fumio</i>	<i>SAI (kata 1)</i>
	<b>Shūshi no kon (shō)</b>	<i>Kenshin-ryu</i>	<i>BŌ (kata 7)</i>
	<b>Miyazato no tonfa</b>	<i>Miyazato Eikō</i>	<i>TONFA (kata 3)</i>
	<b>Shihōhai no sai</b>	<i>Village kata</i>	<i>SAI (kata 2)</i>
	Kumi-tonfa (1-3)	<i>AZB training exercises</i>	<i>TONFA (basics)</i>
3 級 (see note)	<b>Shūshi no kon (dai)</b>	<i>Kenshin-ryu</i>	<i>BŌ (kata 8)</i>
	<b>Shihōhai no tonfa</b>	<i>Village kata</i>	<i>TONFA (kata 4)</i>
	<b>Miyazato no kon (nidan)</b>	<i>Miyazato Eikō</i>	<i>BŌ (kata 9)</i>
	Kumi ni-tanbō (1-3)	<i>AZB training exercises</i>	<i>NI-TANBŌ (basics)</i>
2 級 (see note)	Kumi-bō (9-10)	<i>Hayashi Teruo</i>	<i>BŌ (basics)</i>
	Kumi-sai (1-3)	<i>AZB training exercises</i>	<i>SAI (basics)</i>
	Shinkendo ichimonji ( <i>see separate sheet</i> )	<i>Obata Toshishiro</i>	<i>SWORD (basics)</i>
	<b>Kokuba Chatanyara no sai</b>	<i>Kuniba Shōgō</i>	<i>SAI (kata 3)</i>
	<b>Koryū Shūshi no kon</b>	<i>Taira Shinken</i>	<i>BŌ (kata 10)</i>
1 級 (see note)	<b>Sai-jutsu shodan</b>	<i>Village kata</i>	<i>SAI (kata 4)</i>
	<b>Shihōhai no nunchaku</b>	<i>Village kata</i>	<i>NUNCHAKU (kata 1)</i>
	<b>Kenshin-ryu bō sandan</b>	<i>Nakaima Kenkō</i>	<i>BŌ (kata 11)</i>
初段補	<b>Kubō</b>	<i>Nakaima Kenkō</i>	<i>BŌ (kata 12)</i>
	<b>Maezato no tekkō</b>	<i>Taira Shinken</i>	<i>TEKKŌ (kata 1)</i>
	Kumi-bō (1-10) (moving)	<i>Hayashi Teruo</i>	<i>BŌ (basics)</i>
	<b>Chantanyara no sai</b>	<i>Kenshin-ryu</i>	<i>SAI (kata 5)</i>
初段	<b>Sunakake no eku</b>	<i>Yabiku Mōden</i>	<i>EKU (kata 1)</i>
	<b>Ryūeirū sai-jutsu shodan</b>	<i>Nakaima/Kuniyoshi</i>	<i>SAI (kata 6)</i>
	Bunkai sequences (3 weapons)	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
	<b>Kanegawa no nichō-gama</b>	<i>Kanegawa Gibu (Taira)</i>	<i>KAMA (kata 1)</i>

**Total kata requirements at shodan level: Twelve bō kata, four tonfa kata, six sai kata, one ni-tanbō kata, one nunchaku kata, one tekkō kata, one eku kata, and one kama kata**

**NOTE: Kids 14 and under may be promoted one rank higher than the requirements shown. Applies only to sixth through first kyū.**