

Article 1 : Purpose

The Purpose of these Regulations is to regulate the procedures of European Taekwondo Union Poom or Dan promotion tests and issuance of Dan certificates in order to up-lift the Taekwondo techniques and standardize the Poom or Dan grades in Europe.

Article 2 : Application

These Regulations shall be applied to the following:

1. Taekwondo instructors and their students who have been duly enrolled as members of an organization in each Member National Associations of the ETU.
2. Taekwondo instructors and their students who have practiced in the countries where there are no Member National Federations affiliated with the ETU.
3. One who has a similar Taekwondo Dan certificate issued by a private group and wishes to receive a ETU Dan certificate on condition that he/she respect the Rules and Regulation of ETU.

Article 3 : Rights

ETU shall be the supreme executive organ to exercise its exclusive rights over Dan Promotion tests, e.g. approval of promotion tests, test performance, supervision of promotion tests including screening of Poom or Dan applications, certificates and sanctions of Poom or Dan certificates.

Article 4 : Obligations

1. ETU will support the Member National Associations to help perform the task of Dan promotion testing smoothly.
2. The president of each Member National Association must faithfully perform the Dan promotion testing.
3. Applicants shall observe the test regulations provided by the ETU.

Article 5 : Recommendation

1. Submission of Dan promotion test applications should be made only via the Member National Association (MNA) of the ETU.

It is not allowed to be recommended by the individual instructors in those countries. Individual instructors are not permitted to make personal recommendations.

Article 6 : Composition

1. In order to carry out the aforesaid tests, Member National Association will establish the following organizations.

(1) Organization for promotion test

Composition	Qualifications	Applicant
Ordinary Test Commission	Over 6th Dan Holder	Under 5th Dan
Higher Grade Test Commission	Over 7th Dan Holder	Over 6th Dan

- (2) Any Member National Association which does not have, among its members, official ETU 6th Dan or higher Dan holders should obtain approval from the ETU to carry out the testing.
 - (3) Promotion tests should be composed of three to ten members and they must be arranged so that they may easily view the testee's performance.
2. Article 6-1 will be applied if the Dan Certificates are issued only through each country's Taekwondo governing body. Before implementation of procedure to issue certificates through each country's Taekwondo governing body, the present procedure shall be allowed, in which an instructor who is recognized by the president of the ETU has the right to recommend the Application to the ETU directly.

Article 7 : Test Performance

1. Each test will consist of practical testing and theoretical study and it will be carried out in the following ways:
 - (1) Practical testing only will be applied to the applicants for under 5th Dan grades, however, if necessary, theoretical study will be required in the 4th and 5th Dan promotion test.
 - (2) Over 6th Dan promotion testing shall conduct the practical and theoretical test. However, for a applicants staying abroad, practical test shall be conducted and recommended by the instructor who is recognized by the ETU. However one should submit a treatise not less than 10 page of A4 size (21 cm x 30 cm) paper in English, French, German, Spanish together with the application forms. Subject will be determined separately.

2. Promotion test for under 5th Dan may be entrusted to the National Taekwondo Federation.
However, the Member National Federation will exclusively manage and perform the tests for higher Dan grades (6th Dan and higher). If considered necessary, however, the execution of tests may be adjustable.

3. The Member National Association Perform the promotion test fairly. ETU adjust and control it when the examinees are damaged by a method of unfair.

4. Applicants for 8th and 9th Dan promotion should take physical performance test at the ETU. The test is conducted in every quarter of the year. Test of applicants for 7th or lower Dan can be conducted under the joint inspection of the local higher Dan holder and the member of the test committee dispatched by the ETU.

5. In principle, promotion tests should be considered one time a month, if considered necessary, however the execution of tests may be adjustable.
6. For the safety of the applicant, the chief of the test commission shall take the following measures;
 - (1) A doctor or a person qualified in first aid shall be present according to the scale of the test.
 - (2) Relevant instruction for safety shall be made to the applicants and test commission prior to the examination.
7. ETU and the organizing committee of Dan promotion test don't have any responsibility to the law in criminal or civil affairs in case of any applicant's injuries or death in the course of Dan promotion test.

Article 8 : Time & Age Limits for Poom or Dan Promotion

Poom/Dan	Minimum Time Required for Promotion	Age Limits for Promotion	
		Start from Dan	Start from Poom
1st Poom			Less than 15 Years Old
1st to 2nd Pom	1 year		15
2nd to 3rd Poom	2 year		15
3rd to 4th Poom	3 year		18
1st Dan	N A	15years and above	N A
1st to 2nd Dan	1 year	16years and above	15years and above
2nd to 3rd Dan	2 year	18years and above	15years and above
3rd to 4th Dan	3 year	21years and above	18years and above
4th to 5th Dan	4 year	25years and above	22years and above
5th to 6th Dan	5 year	30years and above	30years and above
6th to 7th Dan	6 year	36years and above	36years and above
7th to 8th Dan	8 year	44years and above	44years and above
8th to 9th Dan	9 year	53years and above	53years and above
9th to 10th Dan	N A	60years and above	60years and above

Remarks:

- (1) All applicants should have passed the minimum time and age required for promotion.
- (2) One who started from Poom may have the privilege of test application with shortened time limits until 5th Dan promotion.

2. 1,2,3 Poom holder, being 15 years of age or above, is the same grade of Dan holder.
(4th Poom holder, being 18 years of age or above, is the same as 4th Dan holder)
- * 1, 2, 3 Poom holder, being 15 years of age or above, can have the Dan Certificates when they want to change their Poom certificates.
(4th Poom holder, being 18 years of age or above, can change the 4th Dan certificate)
3. When 1, 2, 3 Poom holder, being 15 years of age or above, want to be promoted to the next higher Dan, he or she can be applied Dan promotion test. However, 3rd Poom holder who is 18 years of age and above can be applied 4th Dan and under 18 years of age can be applied 4th Poom.

Article 9 : Classification of Test Applications

1. Poom/Dan promotion test
2. Special Dan promotion test
3. An Honorary Dan grade may be awarded to those personages who are considered to have great merits in the development of Taekwondo.
4. Posthumous honours Dan test, one who holds a high grade of Dan will be endowed if he has extraordinary merits, with a next higher grade at his passing away.

Article 10 : Subjects of Promotion Test

1. Test of Techniques
 - (1) Poomsae (Forms)
 - (2) Kyorugi (Sparring)
 - (3) Kyokpa (Power check)
 - (4) Special technique

2. Test of theoretical study (over 4th Dan applicant)
 - (1) Written examination

Article 11 : Specified Subjects of Practical Techniques Applied to the Poom and Dan Promotion Test

Poom/Dan	Appointed	Compulsory
1st Dan (Poom)	Taegeuk 1 – 7 (1 appointed)	Taegeuk 8
2st Dan (Poom)	Taegeuk 1 – 8 (1 appointed)	Koryo
3st Dan (Poom)	Taegeuk 1 – 8 , Koryo (1 appointed)	Keumkang
4st Dan (Poom)	Taegeuk 1 – 8 , Koryo, Keumkang (1 appointed)	Taebaek
5th Dan	Taegeuk 1 – 8 , Koryo, Keumkang, Taebaek (1 appointed)	Pyongwon
6th Dan	Taebaek, Pyongwon, Sipjin (1 appointed)	Jitae
7th Dan	Pyongwon, Sipjin, Jitae (1 appointed)	Cheonkwon
8th Dan	Sipjin, Jitae, Cheonkwon (1 appointed)	Hansoo
9th Dan	Jitae, Cheonkwon, Hansoo (1 appointed)	Illyo
10th Dan	Decided by the Judgement of Technical Committee	

Article 12 : Test Uniforms

Applicants for the examination shall wear the following during the promotion test

- (1) Official Dobok
- (2) Protectors (Trunk protectors, Headgear, Groin guard) during the sparring test.

Article 13 : Registration Fees

1. Registration fees which are required to maintain the Dan records and issuance of Dan/Poom certificates will be fixed separately.
2. One must pay all previous Dan fees if jumping a Dan is requested.

Article 14 : Issuance of Poom/Dan Certificates

The ETU Dan promotion committee which is composed of senior Dan grade black belt holder shall carry out the screening of Dan promotion applications. According to the result of screening, Dan certificates are issued by the President of ETU.

Article 15 : **Permission of Similar Dan certificates and Jump-up Promotion**

1. This applies to one who has a similar Taekwondo Dan certificates, it is required to submit the following document;
 - (1) Application for promotion test
 - (2) Personal history/ Taekwondo career
 - (3) Explanatory recommendation by the Member National Association.
 - (4) Other supporting data

2. The one who do not have ETU Dan/Poom certificates or who need to promote as jumped-up promotion in special reasons. It is required to submit the following documents.
 - (1) Application for promotion test
 - (2) Personal history/ Taekwondo career
 - (3) Explanatory recommendation and test record by the Member National Association.
 - (4) Taekwondo activities and devoted

3. Above 1,2 Article may be allowed through the screening by the ETU office.

Article 16 : Sanctions

If any of the following violations are committed, the violator shall be sanctioned by expulsion, deprivation of Dan certificates and/or suspension of memberships.

- (1) Alteration or disqualification of Dan certificates
- (2) Dan promotion testing executed by unauthorized persons
- (3) Issuing Dan certificates by the name of own instructors or Member National Association
- (4) If any National Federation Member of ETU, will not recognize the DAN certificates issued by ETU, it will be suspended.

Article 17 : Administration

Documents for applicants for Dan promotion tests are required as follows;

1. Applications for Poom/Dan promotion tests .
 - List of applicants name with foto
 - Test results and payment of registration fees
2. Above test documents shall be submitted to the ETUoffice.
3. ETU will issue Dan or Poom certificates to the pertinent qualified applicants according to the application form .

**ALL OTHER MATTERS NOT MENTIONED IN THIS RULES
SHALL BE RULED BY THE BYLAWS.**

