

Iaido Exam Requirements

iaido ikkyu

- Five ZNKR kata of your choice (but in the correct order)

iaido Shodan (1st DAN)

- Five shiteiwaza (mandatory kata, to be announced the same day) of the ZNKR kata
- Written exam

iaido Nidan (2nd DAN)

- Five shiteiwaza of the ZNKR kata
- Written exam

iaido sandan (3rd DAN)

- Five shiteiwaza of the ZNKR kata
- Written exam

iaido yondan (4th DAN)

- One kata (free choice) of the koryu practiced by the examiner, followed by four shiteiwaza of the ZNKR kata (in some countries, that is koryu-kata, followed by four shiteiwaza)
- Written exam

iaido Godan (5th DAN)

- One kata (free choice) of the koryu practiced by the examiner, followed by four shiteiwaza of the ZNKR kata
- Written exam

iaido rokudan (6th DAN) and nanadan (7th DAN)

- Two kata (free choice) of the koryu practiced by the examiner, followed by three shiteiwaza of the ZNKR kata
- Written exam

iaido hachidan (8th DAN)

- Two kata (free choice) of the koryu practiced by the examiner, followed by three shiteiwaza of the ZNKR kata
- Essay