

PNKF Shinpan requirements to test for 4Dan:

Definitions:

“Event”: A combination of the below, totaling the required number, one of those numbers must be a shinpan seminar.

PNKF approved shinpan seminar: Seminar must have been conducted by governing body such as: PNKF (any regional federation), AUSKF or FIK. Seminar attendance must be confirmed by signature on PNKF completion form. Attendance is active participation in judging matches.

Taikai: Any taikai with confirmed participation by signature on PNKF completion form. Full participation is judging one full rotation, also known as 9 matches. The matches do not have to be judged consecutively, but at least 9 must be completed on the same day for full credit. Signature to be obtained from shinpancho for taikai or court judge and divisions listed.

*One shinpan seminar attendance may be required before taikai credits can be earned. This will depend on the shinpan-cho and taikai chairperson.

Seminar/taikai attendance must occur in the 3 years prior to the testing year. For example, you cannot claim credit for attending a seminar 5 years ago. Credits can be earned all in one year, or spread out over the three.

Questions:

Are other regional federations doing this?

No, not at this time. PNKF has informed all the AUSKF member federations of our policy and hope that they will follow suit.

Can I still test outside of PNKF?

Yes, you can. These requirements are only for PNKF members testing for 4dan at a PNKF shinsa-kai.

What if I get my 4 dan outside of PNKF?

Being 4 dan carries certain responsibilities; if you receive your 4 dan from another federation, then it is up to you to do what is necessary to get yourself prepared to judge at taikai, because you WILL be called upon to judge.

Why are we doing this?

To improve and strengthen the overall level of judging in PNKF and the rest of the AUSKF.

Where do I get the reporting forms?

The forms are available on the PNKF website.

What if I live really far away?

Those of you in the outer lying areas of the PNKF and are not as able to access seminars and taikais, the credits for those applicants will be considered on case by case basis, taking into account distance, sensei availability and reasonable expectations to meet some shinpan training. In some cases, the number of required credits will either be reduced or a dojo conducted shinpan seminar will be counted as an event.