Reiwaryu Ryushinkan Karatedo Renmei

April 2018 Grading & TaiKai Information

Dear Students / Parents / Guardians / Friends of Ryushinkan Karatedo

The annual TaiKai (competition) has been held in various formats over previous years. We have held separate TaiKai events (in halls, running for a full afternoon), and we have also held TaiKai events (Kumite* and Kata) at our successful Summer Camp.

TaiKai is a very important in Japan (which is a much bigger school than we have here in the UK) and it's recognised as a great event which brings the entire school together.

The senior committee have considered options to integrate a TaiKai event into our regular events schedule. You will be aware that historically at our two Grading events (usually held in April and October) students are tested on their Kumite* as part of their Grading.

In May 2017 we trialed combining a TaiKai competition and Grading event. This event was successful, and we've therefore decided to continue this approach for 2018. Therefore April 2018 will be our second TaiKai and Grading event.

The October Grading will not have a TaiKai. In addition, all Dan Gradings will only take place in October.

Students will be placed into a relevant age / ability group and awards will be given for 1st and 2nd place ONLY.

Adult and junior students grading for 8th Kyu (yellow belt) and above will be required to take part in the Kumite* as part of the TaiKai. However, please note that if you do not pass through to the later rounds of the TaiKai, this does not mean that you have failed your Grading. It's simply there to test your spirit and commitment, and to give all our students an opportunity to compete in a friendly and safe environment.

Kumite* is an important part of Karate training, and we feel that it is of benefit to bring a TaiKai event into our events schedule for adult and junior students. Please note that we practice semi contact, and any hard contact or unsafe contact is strictly not permitted.

Please note that even if you are not Grading this time, you may still (and we would encourage you) to take part in the TaiKai Kumite*. You will only need to pay for the cost of the TaiKai in this scenario.
Students grading for 10th and 9th Kyu (blue belt) are not required to take part in the TaiKai as part of their Grading, but can still take part if they would like to.

As part of the TaiKai, please ensure that you have full sparring kit available (we only have limited spare kit available on the day, so where possible, would encourage all students to buy their own). Please request an equipment form from your instructor if you need to purchase any kit.

If you have any concerns or questions around the Grading or the TaiKai, please speak to your instructor. The Dan** Grade team are really looking forward to this new path in the development of the school and really hope that all our students enjoy the event and the Grading.

Yours sincerely
Kyoshi Piero Barba and the Dan** Grade Team
Reiwaryu Ryushinkan Karatedo

**Kumite = Free Sparring*
***Dan = Black Belt*

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April Grading & TaiKai Information Sheet

Where:	Triangle Olympus Leisure Centre, Triangle Way, Burgess Hill, RH15 8WA
When:	Sunday 22nd April 2018

Start & Finish Times

Diddy Deshi Grading	Registration:	12.45
	Grading Start:	13:00
	Grading Finish:	15:00
Adult & Junior Grading for 10th & 9th Kyu ONLY (TaiKai optional, but you will be required to stay until 17.00)	Registration:	12.45
	Grading Start:	13:00
	Grading Finish:	15:00
	Finish (results):	17:00

Adult & Junior Grading for 8th Kyu – 1st Kyu	Registration:	12:45
	Grading Start:	13:00
	TaiKai & Grading Finish	17:00
TaiKai participants ONLY	Registration:	14:45
	TaiKai Start:	15:00
	TaiKai Finish	17:00

If you wish to be put forward for the grading you are required to:

1. Fill out the Grading form and return it to your instructor before **Sunday 1st April 2018**
2. Have joined the school by paying the life membership (see back page)
3. Have paid the grading fee (see back page)

Please ensure that all students:

1. Arrive at the correct time
2. Wear a clean Karate suit (Gi) with the school badge sewn on
3. Bring all your sparring kit with you

On arrival:

Students will be asked to register, and hand in any outstanding fees / licences. Please ensure you arrive 15 minutes before the start time. The warm up will take place in your allotted group.

Diddy Deshi Grading

The Diddy Deshi Grading will start at 13:00 and finish at 15:00 (please note the earlier time than in previous years)

From 15:00 to 17:00 , the Junior and Adult students will be taking part in a Kumite TaiKai (sparring competition). Diddy students and parents are welcome to watch the TaiKai, or they are free to go home.

Junior and Adult White & Blue Belt Students (Students grading for 10th & 9th Kyu)

Students grading for 10th and 9th Kyu will not be required to be tested on their Kumite, however, they can take part in the TaiKai if they want to. If not taking part, they will need to stay until 17.00 to receive their Grading results at the end of the day. Students not taking part in the TaiKai will be invited to watch.

Junior and Adult Students Yellow Belt through to Brown Belt (Students grading for 8th Kyu – 1st Kyu)

As part of the grading day, you will be taking part in a Kumite TaiKai (sparring competition) as part of your grading. You only need to participate (i.e. you will not fail your grading if you do not win your round). However, you do need to demonstrate commitment and spirit as part of your Kumite and this will be assessed as part of your grading score. Please note the following:-

1. You will be put into an appropriate category for your age and points are awarded on a touch contact basis.
2. Heavy or unsafe contact is not permitted.
3. You must wear full Kumite kit; Body Armour, Kumite Gloves, Shin and Instep Guards and Head Guard . Please speak to your instructor if you are unsure of any of your equipment.

Students not Grading, but participating in the TaiKai

The TaiKai is open to all junior and adults grades, regardless of whether or not the student is grading. If participating in the TaiKai only, you can either arrive at 13:00 and join a grading group to train (but not be tested) or can you arrive at 14:45 to register. Please note that if you are participating in the TaiKai only, you are responsible for warming yourself up and need to be ready to start at 15:00.

Spectators:

Parents, relatives and friends are all welcome to attend. A seating area will be available.

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Fees Payable before Grading

Life membership for new members

To join the school you must complete a membership form available from your instructor, and submit it with two passport photos, and a fee of £20. This fee is a one-off payment for life membership.

You then become a member and are eligible to grade.

Reiwaryu Ryushinkan Grading System				
Diddy Deshi Grades			Junior and Adult Grades	
Grade	**Belt**	**Star**	**Grade**	**Belt**
Beginner	White Belt		**Beginner**	White Belt
10th Kyu	Blue Belt		**10th Kyu**	Blue Belt
9.5 Kyu	Blue Belt	1 Yellow	**9th Kyu**	Blue Belt
9th Kyu	Blue Belt	2 Yellow	**8th Kyu**	Yellow Belt
8th Kyu	Yellow Belt		**7th Kyu**	Yellow Belt
7.5 Kyu	Yellow Belt	1 Green	**6th Kyu**	Green Belt
7th Kyu	Yellow Belt	2 Green	**5th Kyu**	Green Belt
			4th Kyu	Purple Belt
			3rd Kyu	Purple Belt
			2nd Kyu	Brown Belt
			1st Kyu	Brown Belt

Grading and TaiKai fee for all members

Once you have paid your life membership you may then pay the grading fee:

- Diddy Deshi Grading to a new colour belt: £25
- Diddy Deshi Grading for a star: £12.50
- 10th & 9th Kyu Grades excluding TaiKai: £25
- 10th & 9th Kyu Grades including TaiKai: £30
- Students participating in the TaiKai only: £5
- 8th Kyu – 1st Kyu Grades including TaiKai: £30

Paying the fee

The fee must have been paid in advance of the event. We generally retain all licences for record keeping, however should you wish to keep your licence yourself, please ask your instructor and it will be returned to you after the Grading.

Please Remember:

1. Wear no jewellery or watches
2. Long hair must be tied back.
3. Finger and toe nails must be cut short.
4. Any clothing should be soft (i.e. have no pins or pointed catches).
5. Have the correct attitude i.e. awareness, concentration, intention to give 100% effort.
6. Don't be late (if you are late, kneel at the back of the dojo until you are told to start).

During Training

1. Show attention and awareness at all times (no talking).
2. Be aware of those around you for both their protection and to protect yourself from others.
3. All actions must be controlled, and there must be minimum 'touch' contact only.
4. Practice every technique with attention to detail.
5. Don't slump. If sitting keep the legs crossed or kneel down.
6. Don't talk unless to ask a relevant question of an instructor.
7. Give instant response to the teacher. Respond to commands with 'Hai Sensei'
8. Bow in response to individual commands to Sensei or if you ask a question of them.
9. During the line up; if you join or leave the lines do so around the outside
10. For safety reasons, do not leave the Dojo without informing the instructor.

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April 2018 Grading & TaiKai Form

Full Name:	
Age (if below 18)	
Current Kyu Grade	
Grade You Are Going For (if just TaiKai put N/A)	
If you are Grading for 10th or 9th Kyu, are you taking part in the TaiKai as well (Y/N)	
Registered Instructor (e.g. Kyoshi Piero Barba)	
Current Dojo (e.g. Triangle)	
Please state any medical conditions which may affect you at the Grading or the TaiKai	
Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number	
Email Address	
Please use this box to share any further comments or questions you may have	
Fee Enclosed (state amount) Cheques payable to Ryushinkan Karatedo • Diddy Deshi Grading to a new colour belt: £25 • Diddy Deshi Grading for 1 star: £12.50 • 10th & 9th Kyu Grades excluding TaiKai: £25 • 10th & 9th Kyu Grades including TaiKai: £30 • Students participating in the TaiKai only: £5 • 8th Kyu – 1st Kyu Grades including TaiKai: £30	

I understand that photos / video footage maybe taken at the Grading and TaiKai event. Photos and videos may be shared on the Ryushinkan Website and Facebook site. By ticking this box I give my consent to this.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Students signature or parents/guardians if under 18 years of age