

## **Instructions For Obtaining Kodokan Rank**

Any U. S. Citizen who has a USJI, USJF, or USJA rank may seek Kodokan Rank. Usually, the Kodokan does not skip rank. However, starting in 2009, if candidates have a high rank with another country or USA rank, and they meet Kodokan requirements for higher than Sho Dan rank, it is possible that U. S. Kodokan Committee (US KDK) will recommend to Ni Dan or higher.

For Age and/or Disability

No Shiai records – promotion will be possible for 2 times according to the persons experience and contributions, age will be 35 or over.

### **IMPORTANT!**

The US KDK Committee recommends some cases even though they are borderline candidates to meet KDK rank requirements. Therefore after this recommendation is made, it is still possible for the Kodokan Institute in Japan to reject or table the application for the necessary time in grade.

You must complete an application and send it to the US Kodokan Committee, 107 South Avenue West, Cranford NJ 07016. This form may be downloaded from the website at [www.cranfordjkc.com](http://www.cranfordjkc.com). A \$10.00 processing fee must accompany the application. Make check or money order payable to the US KDK.

If the US KDK approves your recommendation application to the Kodokan, we will send you a final statement including promotion fee, postage, and bank fees.

You must include copies of your present US or other country's Rank Certificate and present Kodokan Rank certificates if higher than Ni Dan.

**Important!** For non-competitors, in the section marked "Shiai Record", you must fill in this space with old records if necessary. Due to the enormous amount of applications the Kodokan receives, attachments will not be read, *only the completed application*.

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