



Aikido Victoria (Aiki-Kai) Inc.

Official Representative Organisation of the Aiki-Kai Foundation
and Aikido World Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan

Established 1968

KYU GRADING PROTOCOL

Grading tests are conducted on behalf of Sugano Shihan and as such are one of the most formal events that we hold on a regular basis. The following process governs its conduct & is similar to that which students will encounter in dan grading tests.

Preparation for Grading

Before presenting for each grading, a student must:

- Clearly meet the minimum required training days detailed on the Kyu Grade Syllabus;
- Demonstrate an ability to execute effectively the required techniques; and
- Have been assessed by their recommending instructor as being ready for this grading.
- A grading fee applies. See latest grading notice for costs.

Documentation for Grading

- The Victorian edition of the Aiki Kai Grading Form must be completed. It is the responsibility of the student to have completed:
 - Sign off from an instructor at each dojo that attests to number of the days of training completed since last grading. These are included in the minimum training day requirements for this grading;
 - Sign off from their recommending instructor for this grading.
- Student or instructor must e-mail either the completed grading form or similar information indicating an intention to grade to aikidovictoria@gmail.com no later than the Wednesday before the grading.
 - Failure to do so may result in the student being unable to grade.
 - If a student or instructor is unable to send an e-mail, then a phone call with sufficient detail to the Area Representative, or nominee indicated on the appropriate grading notice, is acceptable. Again, this phone call must be received no later than the Wednesday before the grading.

Grading Day Requirements

- Students should attend all classes on grading day, except where there is a good reason, eg work. An attitude of "saving themselves for the grading" is discouraged strongly.
- Grading registration is at 1.30pm, Clifton Hill Dojo. The Victorian Registrar will be there to accept signed off & recommended grading forms and grading payment from students.
- Grading tests are scheduled to commence at 3.45pm.
- Students taking the test should do the best they can throughout the grading. It is inappropriate to "pace" themselves.
- Successful students may present their Membership Book to the Area Representative after completion of the grading for certified entry of the grade attained.
- Photography and video of grading tests is prohibited.

Grading Support

All students are expected to show support for those grading by staying on the mat wearing a gi. Unless there is a physical reason preventing this, it is inappropriate to change and sit off the mat.

Linda Godfrey, Area Representative.