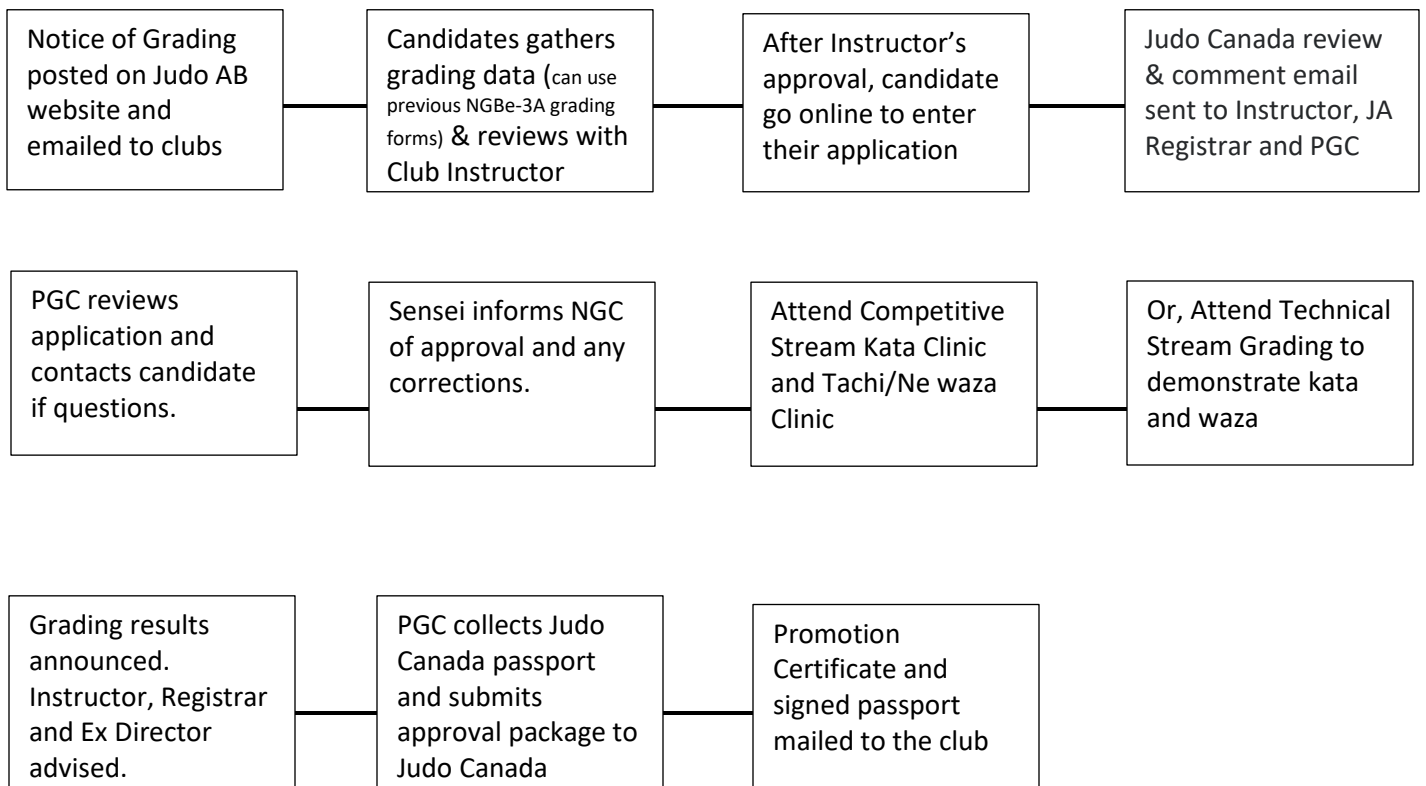


JUDO ALBERTA GRADING PROCESS GUIDELINES

Here are some guidelines for Black Belt Gradings in Alberta. The roles of the candidate, the Club Instructor, the Provincial Grading Committee (PGC) and the National Grading Committee (NGC) are included.

For full details, please refer to the National Grading Syllabus and the Grading Guidelines.

Overall Grading Process



Roles and Responsibilities

All Candidates

1. Obtain your Head Instructor's approval to submit the application.
2. Ensure you meet all criteria as specified in the National Grading Syllabus (NGS) before applying.
3. Ensure that you are a registered member of Judo Alberta at your current rank. Contact the Judo Alberta Registrar if in doubt.

4. Meet minimums needed for Age, Points and Time since last Promotion. Provide proof of tournament points to the PGC (drawsheets) See Judo Alberta / Judo Canada websites for Event Results - <https://www.judocanada.live/>
5. Claim only years that you were formally registered with Judo Alberta or other provinces/territories.
6. Correctly enter your data into the grading application on-line system <https://judocanada.org/grading/>, after selecting the correct Competitive or Technical Stream.
7. Competitive stream candidates must attend and participate in kata clinics that they require.
8. Have a Judo Canada Passport and bring to the grading.
9. White judogi only for both Competitive and Technical Stream candidates.

Competitive Stream Candidates

1. No formal grading for you; only requirement is to actively attend required kata clinic, and Waza Clinic where you will demonstrate your favourite Nage / Katame / Shime / Kansetsu techniques. These two clinics may be on separate days.
2. However, your points only come from wins in tournaments listed in the National Team Handbook (NTH)
 - a. Domestic tournaments are Pacific Int, Edm Int, Sask Open, Man Open, Ont Open, Que Open, National Championship, Elite, and Canada Cup.
 - b. International Tournaments are only those listed in the NTH.
 - c. Do not include Provincials, Rocky Mountain, Canada Winter Games, etc.
 - d. Do not include Veterans or Ne waza tournaments.
3. Enter the first and last name of opponent, and whether win is Ippon or Waza ari.

Technical Stream Candidates

1. You will attend a traditional formal Dan grading where candidates demonstrate the nage waza and katame waza selected by yourself and the PGC members.
2. Demonstration of kata occurs at the yudansha grading and should be formal (proper bow in, technically correct, etc.). Candidates should select a partner (uke) who is proficient and will enable the candidate to best demonstrate the kata. To be successful, kata demonstrations cannot commit more errors than allowed under the National Grading Guidelines.
3. Select only applicable Technical Activities when entering into the Application System.
4. Do not exceed annual maximum point limits.

5. Full NCCP certification is required before claiming certain points for Club Development, Coaching or NCCP certification.

ACTIVE IN JUDO - Practicing a minimum of 120 hours on the mat during a twelve month period from the date of the last promotion. Both Mudansha and Yudansha must be registered members of Judo Alberta (or other province) during this time.

TOURNAMENTS:

- a. Shiai - Events must be at the level of U18 or older
- b. Kata tournaments - 2 points per team below the candidate's team ranking
- c. Ne-waza tournaments (for judoka 30 years old and older)
- d. Tournament participation points can be counted
- e. Veteran tournament results can be included for the Technical Stream

SANCTIONED TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES:

- a. INSTRUCTING ACTIVITIES: Select only one category of DA, DI or Head Sensei. DI or Head Sensei must be fully certified (not in training)
- b. NCCP CERTIFICATION: Points will be awarded for becoming certified only once for each level completed since the last promotion
- c. COACHING ACTIVITY: maximum 30 points per year
- d. REFEREEING CERTIFICATION Points will be awarded for becoming certified as a referee only once for each additional level completed since last promotion
- e. REFEREEING ACTIVITY: Must be a certified referee
- f. KATA JUDGING CERTIFICATION: Points will be awarded for becoming certified as a judge only once for each additional level completed since last promotion
- g. KATA JUDGING ACTIVITY: Points will be awarded for Judo Canada certified Kata Judges on a per event basis
- h. CLINIC CONDUCTOR: Events must be a minimum of 4 hours in duration in order to count for points
- i. CLINIC PARTICIPATION:
 - i. 5 points per event will be awarded.
 - ii. For training camp purposes, Clinic Participation points can be claimed only for Team Training camps recognized by Judo Canada such as National Camp (after Nationals) and National Winter Camp. Regional Training camps (e.g. starts on Friday and end Saturday) and Provincial Training camps do not qualify for clinic participation points
 - iii. NCCP courses cannot be claimed for Clinic Participation points

- j. VOLUNTEERING: Tournament director; Assistant tournament director; Scorekeeper; Scorekeeper assistant; Timekeepers; Judo Alberta Executive or Committee volunteering
- k. UKE AT DAN GRADINGS: Cannot claim points for a Dan grading examination if you are also being evaluated as Tori.

High Dan grading (6th Dan and higher)

Grading for Rokudan and higher Dan grades are conducted solely by Judo Canada.

Application for Kodokan Black Belt Certificate (optional)

To obtain this diploma, complete the excel form found at <https://judocanada.org/grading/> Kodokan Certificate requirements may have higher expectations than Judo Canada. (E.g. Candidates under 26 years of age require at least four victories; no mudansha or participation points listed). Kodokan certificates must be achieved in order. Review the Kodokan Dan Grading Guide.