

# Yamada-ha Shito-ryu Shukokai Karate-do Union United Kingdom

## Grades, Designations and Qualifications

### AIMS:

When we live our life, we must learn how to live properly and how to enrich it while respecting a moral or a philosophy that its aim is the progress of our personality, knowledge, competence and strong kindness and benevolence. The main characteristics, are the following:

- Knowledge and wisdom of life
- Benevolence
- Ability to coexist with others, to show compassion and cordiality
- Courage to fight and to struggle with patience and power
- Etiquette: Courtesy, respect and appreciation of Mind and Body
- Faith & Trust: having trusted friends and being cordial
- Loyalty: Establishing sincere relationships between teachers and students, at both an individual and a team level

### Yamada-ha Shito-ryu Shukokai Designations:

Any candidate must have a beautiful character, that is at the same time, an example in society.

### SHODAN Black belt (1<sup>st</sup> Dan)

*The candidate:*

- Must be training Karate for at least 3 years.
- Must be at least 15 years old.

### NIDAN Black Belt (2<sup>nd</sup> Dan)

*The Candidate:*

- Must be training karate for at least 2 years after SHODAN.
- Must be at least 17 years old.

### KENSHI (拳士)

*The candidate:*

- Wants to dedicate themselves in pursuit for the essence of Budo Karate training, both physically and mentally, as a devoted member of Yamada-ha Shito-ryu Shukokai World Union.

### JUN SHIDOIN (準指導員)

*The candidate:*

- Has to work towards teaching karate in the future by learning Kihon, Kata and Bunkai.: Associate Instructor.



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## SANDAN Black Belt (3<sup>rd</sup> Dan)

*The Candidate:*

- Must be training karate for at least 2 years after NIDAN.
- Must be at least 21 years old.

## 指導員 SHIDOIN (Instructor)

*The candidate:*

- Has acquired a good level of Kihon, kata and kumite with the spirit of Yamada-ha Shito-ryu Shukokai.
- Must be also able to transmit this knowledge to their students.

## YONDAN Black Belt (4<sup>th</sup> Dan)

*The Candidate:*

- Must be training karate for at least 3 years after SANDAN.
- Must be at least 25 years old.

## JUN-SHIHAN (準師範) (Associate Shihan)

*The candidate:*

- Must be at least 25 years old.
- Has acquired the practice of the kata bunkai.
- Is able to transmit the kata techniques and the spirit of Yamada-ha Shito-ryu Shukokai.
- Works towards becoming a teacher with common decency.

## RENSHI (錬士)

*The candidate:*

- Must be at least 25 years old.
- Must be accomplished and distinguished in Budo Karate.

## GODAN Black Belt (5<sup>th</sup> Dan)

*The candidate:*

- Must be training karate for at least 4 years after YONDAN.
- Must be at least 30 years old.



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## ROKUDAN Black Belt (6<sup>th</sup> Dan)

*The Candidate:*

- Must be training karate for at least 5 years after GODAN.
- Must be at least 40 years old.

## Shihan (師範)

*The candidate:*

- Must be an excellent teacher of very good technical quality.
- Must be a very respectable person.
- Must be capable of transmitting the Katas, techniques and spirit of Yamada-ha Shito-ryu Shukokai.
- Must be a very good and decent instructor.

## Kyoshi (教士)

*The candidate:*

- Must be at least 45 years old.
- Must be capable of giving an education by Budo Karate.
- Must be an example as a decent Karate-ka and as a person.
- Must be an achieved and distinguished Instructor.

## NANADAN Black Belt (7<sup>th</sup> Dan)

*The Candidate:*

- Must be training karate for at least 6 years after ROKUDAN.
- Must be at least 50 years old.

## TASSHI (達士)

*The Candidate:*

- Must hold at least a 7<sup>th</sup> Dan.
- Must be an excellent technician.
- Must be a remarkable and insightful person.
- Must be a skilled leader.



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## HACHIDAN Black Belt (8<sup>th</sup> Dan)

*The Candidate:*

- Must be training karate for at least 7 years after NANADAN.
- Must be at least 60 years old.

## HANSHI (範士)

*The Candidate:*

- Must hold at least an 8<sup>th</sup> Dan.
- Must be a virtuous person, refined, clever and distinguished.
- Must have insight.
- Must be a leader.
- Must have integrity.
- Must represent the best of Budo Karate.

