

## Dan Grading Examinations Southern Area

Prior to two years ago there were very few examinations being held for promotion within the Southern Area of Dan Grades.

Agreement was reached with Kent and Hampshire to organize a grading, one each on alternative month, within these counties. This was done with the players in mind to assist with the travel and cost.

There have been three examinations held this year, two in Kent where a total of 5 candidates presented themselves for examination. Due to there being only one candidate the January grading was cancelled and there were only 4 candidates in March, this was run as a Round Robin, points only, 3 contest each.

The examination held in February in Hampshire had 8 candidates, 4x1st Kyu's and 4x1st Dan's again these were both graded within the Round Robin rules.

Due to the lack of support the cost to the Southern Area proved to be very expensive.

Unless more support is forth coming there will be no Dan Grade Examinations within the Southern Area and players wishing to progress within the Black Belt system will have to travel great distances.

The choice is yours SUPPORT THEM OR LOOSE THEM.

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