



Grading Committee



Annual Report Year ending 31st March 2026

The Gradings Committee consists of myself, John Malkinson & Mark Denney.

The area currently has 15 active Senior examiners.

Graeme Skelly completed his training & is now a Senior Examiner. Our training programme for new Senior Examiners continues with further candidates waiting in the wings to start.

The Area training scheme has now been run out across the whole country, following a great deal of input from John Malkinson. I am the lead implementing it.

No Dan Grade Theory Courses were held in the last 12 months.

The National Seminar was held in Kidderminster in April where 14 SE attended & 2 trainees.

Both John Malkinson & myself have been appointed onto the Promotions & Gradings Commission.

The Modernised Dan Grade Scheme was introduced to the area coaches, players & SE attended the course held at Croydon Judo Club in October for which it was mandatory for all SE to attend, in order to be revalidated in January 2026, which was when the new structure went live.

During the next 12 months we will be holding 10 Area Dan Gradings – 4 in Kent 3 at Croydon Judo Club, & 1 at Medway Park, 2 in Hampshire at AWE, 1 in Sussex at Chichester & 3 in Surrey at Croydon Judo Club all dates can be found on the area website calendar.

Attendance continues to grow with the advance booking system proving to be very beneficial. We have seen an 18% increase on the previous year. Ladies have increased by 120%, if we could just get some consistent attendance that would be good. Gradings have produced a profit of £1751 for the area

Derek Paxton
Area Director of Examiners

Area Dan Grading Attendance Analysis

		Men					Ladies		
	Total	1 st Kyu	1 st Dan	2 nd Dan	3 rd Dan	4 th Dan	1 st Kyu	1 st Dan	2 nd Dan
2018/19	132	100	13	6		1	9	3	
2019/20	152	123	18	4	3		3	1	
2020/21	nil	covid							
2021/22	96	59	15	8	2		11		1
2022/23	123	90	18	6	2		6	1	
2023/24	126	83	18	10	3	4	5	2	1
2024/25	222	155	44	6	5	3	5	1	2+1
2025/26	263	164	44	24	8	3	17		2+1