

# NATIONAL DAN GRADING

## SYLLABUS & MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR **2<sup>nd</sup>** DAN/POOM

MEMBERS TESTING FOR 2nd DAN/POOM BLACK BELT

### PATTERNS - POOMSAE

#### MINIMUM TESTING REQUIREMENT

#### **KORYO & 4 TAEGEUK POOMSAE**

Candidates will be asked to perform Koryo, plus 4 other Taegeuk Poomsae of the examiner's choice

Candidates will be assessed against the following criteria:

#### **Posture & Breathing**

Controlled breathing in, during preparation phases of the movement, and out during the execution/action phases, non-audibly. Head, Back and shoulders would be held correctly to allow for full use of diaphragm in breathing and full rotation of movement in techniques.

#### **Stance & Balance**

All stances must be correct and clearly recognisable. There is good balance throughout the pattern, with the correct centre of gravity maintained particularly on landing after a technique or change in direction.

#### **Technique**

Correct techniques according to defined standards are observed at all times including transition phase of the technique executed with sufficient power. Full completion of technique before moving on to the next technique.

#### **Accuracy**

Correct techniques according to defined standards are delivered to intended target using the correct blocking or striking parts to a virtual opponent of similar height to candidate.

#### **Fluency of movement**

Smooth movement between techniques visible with no perceptible pauses between combination techniques except where defined in the Poomsae culminating in appropriate finish to technique.

#### **Speed & Power**

Preparation phases performed slowly/relaxed, action phase performed with acceleration and using the waist to generate power, correct timing between hand and foot finishing.

#### **Concentration & Spirit**

Eyes to be focused towards the direction of the technique, or to the target area if kicking above the head. Shout performed loudly and from the diaphragm during the required movement and at the finish split-second of the movement.

### STEP SPARRING

The same technique must be defended from both left and right hand attacks (and either from a Junbi or low block attacking stance)

#### MINIMUM TESTING REQUIREMENT

#### **1 STEP SPARRING x 5**

Candidates will be asked to perform a minimum of 5 x step sparring techniques including:

- at least one featuring a take-down
- at least one featuring a restraint
- at least one featuring a kicking technique

Candidates will be assessed against the following criteria:

#### **Posture & Breathing**

Controlled breathing, not held during defences, and not audible, Candidates must exhale when in action phase.

#### **Stance**

Stances used are realistic, the candidate should have balance to enable defence and attack maintaining the centre of gravity accordingly.

#### **Technique**

Techniques should be practical and effective in providing a defence and attack with appropriate distance from the opponent.

#### **Accuracy**

Attacking candidates must control the attack to face with intent to strike putting defender under pressure. Defending candidates must safely block, parry, or evade the attack with an immediate and controlled counter attack. Blocks, strikes and kicks are clearly aimed towards intended target.

#### **Fluency of movement**

Candidates should demonstrate clear flow of movement between defence and attack without gap using techniques that easily flow from one to another.

#### **Control over the opponent**

Candidates demonstrate reaction to immediate threat with controlled application of takedowns or submissions.

### SELF DEFENCE

- Opponents can attack:
- From the front or rear
  - With grab to wrist or wrists
  - With grab to collar

#### MINIMUM TESTING REQUIREMENT

#### **DEFENCE AGAINST ATTACKS x 6**

Candidates will be asked to perform a minimum of 6 x escapes and counter-attacks against an opponent. Defending candidates must perform a range of defensive strategies with:

- At least one featuring a wrist lock
- At least one featuring a pressure point
- At least two featuring the restraining and pacification of an opponent

Candidates will be assessed against the following criteria:

#### **Posture & Breathing**

Controlled breathing, not held during defences, and not audible, Candidates must exhale when in action phase.

#### **Reaction speed**

Candidate demonstrates correctly timed body and or blocking movement to stop the attack with minimal delay between the defence and counter attack.

#### **Technique**

Techniques should be practical and effective in providing a defence and attack with appropriate distance from the opponent.

#### **Accuracy**

Attacking candidates must control the attack with intent, putting defender under pressure. Defending candidates must safely block, parry, or evade the attack with an immediate and controlled counterattack. Blocks, strikes and kicks are clearly aimed towards intended target.

#### **Fluency of movement**

Candidates should demonstrate clear flow of movement between defence and attack without gap using techniques that easily flow from one to another.

#### **Control over the opponent**

Candidates demonstrate reaction to immediate threat with controlled application of takedowns or submissions.

#### **Effectiveness**

Candidate demonstrates an effective defensive technique followed by a strike or restraint that would incapacitate the aggressor with self-control to avoid injury.



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### SPARRING

This exercise will take place wearing WT approved trunk and head protector with PPE. Age will be taken into consideration and additional self defence techniques may be substituted.

#### MINIMUM TESTING REQUIREMENT

#### **1 FOR 1 KICKING EXERCISE x 1 minute**

Candidates will be asked to demonstrate a range of kicking ability featuring double techniques, spins and jumping techniques on the spot

#### Candidates will be assessed against the following criteria:

##### **Posture & Breathing**

Controlled breathing throughout, and not audible, Candidates must exhale when in kicking phase. Footwork is controlled to maintain balance and consistent distance.

##### **Technique**

Candidates must demonstrate a variety of identifiable kicks throughout. Knee chamber should be high with hips extended when kicking.

##### **Accuracy**

Candidates should demonstrate techniques that are executed to appropriate targets on opponent consistently.

##### **Fluency of movement**

Candidates should demonstrate consistent rhythm and pace throughout using stepping and stance adjustments to maintain tempo.

### FREE SPARRING

This exercise will take place wearing WT approved trunk and head protector with PPE. Age will be taken into consideration.

#### MINIMUM TESTING REQUIREMENT

#### **CONTROLLED SPARRING - 2 x 1 minute**

Candidates will be asked to demonstrate a range of dynamic sparring techniques, defence and attack thought processes

#### Candidates will be assessed against the following criteria:

##### **Posture & Breathing**

Candidates will demonstrate controlled breathing throughout, posture should be upright & relaxed.

##### **Threat awareness & thought**

Candidates demonstrate movement and cover to limit scoring opportunities.

##### **Reaction speed**

Candidates are reactive to opponent and create well timed responses and combinations.

##### **Use of Space and Movement**

Candidates should demonstrate use of footwork to change direction of attacks and defence to create opportunities and should be aware of external threats.

##### **Fluency of movement**

Candidates should demonstrate clear flow of movement between defence and attack without gap.

##### **Technique**

Candidates demonstrate variety of attacking/defensive techniques in combinations to achieve scoring opportunities.

##### **Accuracy**

Candidates are able to control techniques aimed at scoring areas of the opponent with the correct part of the foot or fist.

##### **Concentration & Spirit**

Candidates will maintain concentration on opponent following the rules of sparring in good spirit.

### DESTRUCTION

16 years+ Board break  
15 years- Foam board strike

#### MINIMUM TESTING REQUIREMENT

#### **3 WAY SPECIAL TECHNIQUE**

Candidates will be asked to perform a 3 way technique of their own choice and will have up to 2 attempts

#### Candidates will be assessed against the following criteria:

##### **Technique**

Candidate demonstrates correct execution setup of the targets and use the correct striking body part in completion of the technique.

##### **Fluency of movement**

Candidates should demonstrate clear flow of movement between breaking techniques.

##### **Accuracy**

Candidate hits the centre of target.

##### **Speed & Power**

Candidate demonstrates sufficient and appropriate power and speed to complete the break.

