

British Aikido Federation

Junior shodan criteria

1. The minimum age for taking a British Aikido Federation Junior Shodan is 16 years old
2. The applicant must have held a brown belt (1st kyu) for a minimum of one year
3. The applicant must have the approval of their instructor in order to attempt the Junior Shodan test
4. If the applicant is successful and awarded a Junior Shodan this will not be registered with the world Aikido Hombu dojo
5. Any successful applicant will be allowed to wear a black belt and hakama at local/regional courses
6. Any successful applicant will not be eligible to attend a coaching course until they reach the age of 18 and obtain a senior Shodan
7. The Junior Shodan grading will consist of the present junior syllabus
8. The technical grading committee will not be able to grade their own students
9. Any member of the technical grading committee will be able to award this grade whether it is at a club or a regional course
10. The instructor of the home dojo of any young person successful in attaining Junior Shodan, should make the award presentation
11. The fee for taking a Junior Shodan test will be £20
12. Upon reaching the age of 18, any young person successful at Junior Shodan will be graded at senior 1stkyu and be required to take a senior Shodan test and abide by the rules relating to yudansha testing at the British Aikido Federation summer school and will revert to wearing a white belt
NB. It is the responsibility of all instructors to identify any junior aikidoka on the mat when a visiting instructor attends. This is especially required if a junior is wearing hakama.

