

Rules for Appointment of Shihan

1. Rules for Appointment of Shihan

These Rules for appointment of Shihan has been developed based on the provisions of Paragraph 15 and 16 of the Aikido World Headquarters' International Regulations, and are intended to supplement the said International Regulations.

2. Shihan

Shihan is the title of Aikido instructor defined in Paragraph 15 and 16 of the International Regulations.

3. Appointment of Shihan

The Hombu appoints Shihan at its discretion pursuant to Paragraph 16 of the International Regulations.

4. Recommendation for Title of Shihan

- (1) An Aikido organization which has been given Official Recognition by the Hombu can recommend any of its instructors who meets the qualifications as a candidate for Shihan.
- (2) To be qualified as a candidate for Shihan, he or she must fulfil the following conditions.
 - In principle, have more than six years of experience teaching aikido in his or her organization after obtaining 6th dan.
 - Be proficient in the practice and instruction of Aikido.
 - Be of good personal character.
- (3) An individual person cannot recommend himself or herself. The recommendation should come from the person responsible for the relevant organization and be in written form. Recommendations can be submitted at any time of the year.
- (4) For recommendation of a candidate, the form attached to these Rules must be used.
- (5) The Hombu shall notify the relevant organization upon receipt of the recommendation, and inform the organization of the schedule for the examination of the document submitted. Upon immediate review of the submitted documents, the Hombu may judge a candidate as not qualified at this time for being considered for title of Shihan, and in this case will notify the relevant organization accordingly.

5. Examination and Examination committee for Appointment of the Title of Shihan

- (1) The Examination of candidates based on the document submitted shall be conducted once every year at the Hombu. The date of the examination will be determined by the Hombu. The examination shall be comprised of a review of the submitted documents and a personal interview, if necessary.
- (2) The Examination committee for appointment of Shihan shall be established by the Hombu.

6. Notification and Certificate of Appointment

After the examination, the Hombu shall notify, in written form, the relevant organization of the result of the examination. To the person appointed as Shihan, the Hombu will send a Certificate of Appointment.

7. Re-recommendation

After a two-year interval, an Aikido organization can re-recommend, as a candidate for Shihan, a person who did not pass an examination.

8. Cancellation of Title of Shihan

The Hombu may cancel the title of Shihan if the Hombu deems it necessary to do so, including the following cases.

- (1) When the organization, which recommended the candidate, is dissolved or ceases its activities
- (2) When the appointed Shihan leaves his or her organization
- (3) When the appointed Shihan behaves in a manner unbecoming of a Shihan

9. Effective Date

These Rules for appointment of Shihan shall be put into effect on June 1, 2001.

Candidate for appointment of Shihan

(based of Rules for Appointment of Shihan)

Name:		Photo
Date of Birth: dd / mm / yyyy		
Nationality:		
Address:		
Present Dan: _____ Dan	Registration No.:	
Position in the organization, to which the candidate belongs:		
Candidate's Aikido Background (Additional pages can be attached if space below is not enough.) -Brief history of candidate's aikido activity: -Period as instructor in the organization: -Main accomplishment in the organization: -Candidate's policy and thoughts relating to instruction/practice of Aikido: -Other information and remarks, if any:		
Name of Organization submitting this document:		
Name of Person in Charge (Print here):		
Signature of Person in Charge:		