



### **Shimpan requirements to test for 4Dan:**

	“Events”
2006	No change
2007	2
2008	3
2009	4

Full policy in effect for 2009 February shinsa

#### **Definitions:**

“Event”: A combination of the below, totaling the required number, one of those numbers must be a shimpan seminar.

PNKF approved shimpan seminar: Seminar must have been conducted by governing body such as: PNKF (any regional federation), AUSKF or IKF. Seminar attendance must be confirmed by signature on PNKF completion form. Attendance is active participation in judging matches.

Taikai: Any taikai with confirmed participation by signature on PNKF completion form. Full participation is judging one full rotation, also known as 9 matches. The matches do not have to be judged consecutively, but at least 9 must be completed on the same day for full credit. Signature to be obtained from shimpancho for taikai or court judge and divisions listed.

\*One shimpan seminar attendance may be required before taikai credits can be earned. This will depend on the shimpancho and taikai chairperson.

Seminar/taikai attendance must occur in the 3 years prior to the testing year. For example, you cannot claim credit for attending a seminar 5 years ago. Credits can be earned all in one year, or spread out over the three.

#### **Questions:**

##### **Are other regional federations doing this?**

No, not yet. PNKF will be informing all the AUSKF member federations of our new policy and hope that they will follow suit.

##### **Can I still test outside of PNKF?**

Yes, you can. These requirements are only for PNKF members testing for 4dan at a PNKF shinkyu shinsa.

##### **What if I get my 4dan outside of PNKF?**

Being 4dan carries certain responsibilities; if you receive your 4dan from another federation, then it is up to you to do what is necessary to get yourself prepared to judge at taikais, because you WILL be called upon to judge.

**Why are we doing this?**

To improve and strengthen the overall level of judging in PNKF and the rest of the AUSKF.

**Where do I get the reporting forms?**

The forms will be available on the PNKF website, dojo heads will receive electronic copies and hard copies will be available at PNKF shinsas.

**Do I have to complete a shimpan seminar before I can judge at taikais?**

It sure helps. However, this is up to the organizers of the taikai. Almost ALL will require that you have attended at least one seminar before they will let you on the floor.

**What if I lose my reporting form?**

It's best not to. Part of being 4dan is responsibility. You had better make a copy or hope that a sensei can vouch for your attendance at events.

**What if I live really far away?**

Those of you in the outer lying areas of the PNKF and are not as able to access seminars and taikais, the credits for those applicants will be considered on case by case basis, taking into account distance, sensei availability and reasonable expectations to meet some shimpan training. In some cases, the number of required credits will either be reduced or a dojo conducted shimpan seminar w