



The table for Kyu level (Basic level skill)

No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Kyu	Techniques	Big cup (Ozara)	Small cup (Kozara)	Base cup (Chuzara)	Candle (Rousoku)	Spike (Tomeken)	Airplane (Hikoki)	Swing spike (Furiken)	Around Japan (Nihon-isshu)	Around the world (Sekai-isshu)	Lighthouse (Toudai)	Moshikame(Times)
	Jyukkyu/10th-grade	1										
	Kyukyu/ 9th-grade	2	1									
	Hachikyū/ 8th-grade	3	2	1								
	Nanakyū/ 7th-grade		3	2	1							
	Rokkyū/ 6th-grade			3	2	1						(4)
	Gokkyū/ 5th-grade				3	2	1					(10)
	Yonkyū/ 4th-grade					3	2	1				(20)
	Sankyū/ 3rd-grade						3	2	1			(30)
	Nikyū/ 2nd-grade							3	2	1		(40)
	Ikkyū/ 1st-grade								3	2	1	50

[Explanation]

- Official JKA Kendama (Ninte-Kendama) required.
- Only the certified JKA examiner can examine kendama skill level.
- Perform waza in numerical order.
- Each waza may be attempted up to 10 times, but must be successfully performed at least the designated number of times shown in the table.
- Must qualify at each kyu level before eligible to take examination for the next higher kyu level rank.
- For ikkyū (highest kyulevel rank):
 - § Successfully perform waza No.1 through waza No.10 the designated number of times shown in the table.
 - § Perform Moshikame waza at least 50 times without failure at a rate of at least 135 times per minute. Two attempts allowed.



The table for Jun-shodan level (Middle level skill)

No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Jun-shodan	Techniques	Spike (Tomeken)	Airplane (Hikoki)	Swing spike (Furiken)	Around prefecture (Ken-isshu)	Around Japan (Nihon-isshu)	Around the world (Sekai-isshu)	Lighthouse (Toudai)	Slip on stick (Kensaki suberi)	Moshikame(Times)
		5	5	5	4	4	3	2	1	100

[Explanation]

- Official JKA Kendama (Ninte-Kendama) required.
- Only the certified JKA examiner can examine kendama skill level.
- Perform waza in numerical order.
- Waza No. 1 through waza No. 8 may be attempted up to 10 times each, but must be successfully performed at least the designated number of times shown in the table.
- Perform Moshikame waza at least 100 times without failure at a rate of at least 135 times per minute. Only one attempt allowed.



The table for Dan level (High level skill)

No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
Dan	Techniques	Around the world (Sekai-isshu)	Lighthouse (Toudai)	Slip on stick (Kensaki suberi)	Earth turn (Chikyū-mawashi)	Falling in (Sakaotoshi)	Reverse swing spike (Ura-friken)	Around the cosmos (Uchu-isshu)	Bird (Uguisu)	Hanging spike (Tsurushi-Tomeken)	Jumping stick (Haneken)	1-Turn airplane (Ikkaiten-Hikoki)	1-Turn lighthouse (Ikkaiten-Toudai)	Slip grip special (Suberidome-gokui)	Bird flying on the valley (Uguisu-no-taniwatari)	Lighthouse flip (Toudai-tombogaeri)	Hanging 1-turn airplane (Tsurushi-Ikkaiten-Hikoki)	2-Turn lighthouse (Nikkaiten-Toudai)	Free tricks (Jiyū syumoku)	Time trial B (sec)	Moshikame(Times)	
	Shodan/ 1st-grade	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1										200	
	Nidan/ 2nd-grade	5	5	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2										300	
	Sandan/ 3rd-grade			5	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	1	1								120	500
	Yondan/ 4th-grade			6	6	5	5	4	4	4	4	2	2								60	1000
	Godan/ 5th-grade							6	6	6	6	4	4	3	3	2	2	1			45	
	Rokudan/ 6th-grade							8	8	8	8	6	6	5	5	4	4	3	*			
	Nanadan/ 7th-grade	7 dan and 8 dan: Instead of an examination, a board of JKA judges evaluates each candidate's continued involvement with Kendama and Kendama instructor activities as well as each candidate's skill level-which must be very high and original.																				
	Hachidan/ 8th-grade	The 7 dan and 8 dan rank is approved based on paragraph 16 of the JKA official ranking regulation.																				
	Kyudan/ 9th-grade	9 dan and 10 dan: Instead of an examination, the JKA administration evaluates each candidate's activities in promoting Kendama awareness and contribution to the development of the JKA.																				
	Jyudan/ 10th-grade	The 9 dan and 10 dan rank is approved based on paragraph 17 of the JKA official ranking regulation.																				

[Explanation]

- Must qualify at each dan level before eligible to take examination for the next higher dan rank.
- Minimum time in rank before competing for next higher dan rank: § 1 dan through 5 dan – at least one month § 6 dan and above – at least one year.
- Official JKA Kendama (Ninte-Kendama) required.
- Only the certified JKA examiner can examine kendama skill level.
- Perform waza in numerical order.
- Each waza may be attempted up to 10 times, but must be successfully performed at least the designated number of times shown in the table.
- Moshikame waza (1 dan through 4 dan): Perform moshikame without failure at least the number of times shown in the table at a rate of at least 135 times per minute. Only one attempt allowed.
- Timed kyogi B (3 dan through 5 dan): In the order listed, successfully perform all waza in timed kyogi B at least once within specified time limit. (May attempt each waza as many times as necessary, but must successfully complete all 10 waza within the time limit specified.) Two attempts allowed to complete timed kyogi B within the specified time limit.
- 6 dan: Jiyū shumoku Instead of timed kyogi B, successfully demonstrate two waza of the technical level suitable for the 6 dan ranking. No time limitation. Up to 10 attempts are permitted to successfully perform each waza once.
- After skill examination, a board of JKA judges evaluates each candidate's continued involvement with Kendama.

Time trial B (sec)

① Swing candle (Maefuri-rousoku)	③ Around Japan [2times] (Nihon-isshu)	⑤ Around the Europe (Yoroppa-isshu)	⑦ Bird-spike (Uguisu-ken)	⑨ 1-Turn airplane (Ikkaiten-hikoki)
② Around prefecture (Ken-isshu)	④ Around the world [2times] (Sekai-isshu)	⑥ Earth turn (Chikyū-mawashi)	⑧ Jumping stick (Haneken)	⑩ Falling in (Sakaotoshi)

[Explanation]

Examinee must successfully complete all ten waza (techniques) in order listed at least once within a specified time limit. Examinee can attempt each waza any number of times until they are successful, and then move on to the next waza without penalty.



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