



SHINSA RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Shinsa is a person who judges the test performance in Iaido. For each series exists testing rules which the Shinsa must follow. In order to become a Shinsa (judge) you must be at least Nidan in Iaido.

- 1) A Sandan Shinsa may be part of the group of judges for Shoden and Nidan testing.
- 2) A Yodan Shinsa may be part of the group of judges for Shoden, Nidan and Sandan testing.
- 3) A Godan Shinsa may be part of the group of judges for Shoden, Nidan, Sandan and Yodan testing.
- 4) A Rokudan Shinsa may be part of the group of judges for Shoden, Nidan, Sandan, Yodan and Godan testing.
- 5) A Sichidan ou Hachidan Shinsa may be part of the group of judges for Shoden, Nidan, Sandan, Yodan, Godan and Rokudan testing.
- 6) The president of the Federation will select the group of judges for each testing session.
- 7) If the judges disagree among themselves concerning a test, the Shinsa will meet in a private place to discuss the final outcome.
- 8) Shinsas never discuss the test performance in front of the students and during the test.
- 9) Each Shinsa will receive a document with judging guidelines to follow for each Iaido series.
- 10) During testing the Shinsas must follow the Code of Ethics, sit with your back straight, don't make funny faces and behave in a professional manner during testing. The Shinsa must follow the Shinsas' rules and regulations impartially.
- 11) The president of the Federation may award a rank without consulting with the Shinsas.
- 12) Shinsas must attend at least two seminars per year given by the president of the Federation during which he gives further details in regards to testing.
- 13) In order to become a Shinsa, first an application form must be completed and a Shinsa certificate must be obtained.
- 14) The Shinsa Certificate may be revoked at any time by the President of the Federation in case of violation of the rules and regulations of the Federation.
- 15) There are rules to be observed for each Iaido series:
 - Shinsa rules for Shoden
 - Shinsa rules for Chuden
 - Shinsa rules for Okuden (Sawari Waza)
 - Shinsa rules for Okuden (Tachi Waza)
 - Shins rules for Keishi Ryu
 - Shinsa rules for Seiti Iai of the Kendo Federation
 - Shinsa rules for Seiti Iai of the Iaido Federation
 - Shinsa rules for Shindo Munen Ryu, series 1 to 10



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Shinsa rules for Shindo Munen Ryu, series A, 1 to 10
Shinsa rules for Shindo Munen Ryu, series B, 1 to 20
Shinsa rules for Toyama Ryu
Shinsa rules for Oku Iai No Kata
Shinsa rules for Eishin Ryu
Shinsa rules for Bangai No Bu
Shinsa rules for Tamachigiri beginners
Shinsa rules for Tamachigiri intermediate level
Shinsa rules for Tamachigiri advances level
Shinsa's Code of Ethics

- 16) For testing, the Shihan as well as the chosen Shinsas must be present.
- 17) If the Shihan of the Federation is unavailable, he will assign a high rank Shinsa who will act as the principal judge. The Shihan also assigns the Shinsas for the testing.