



THE EKNGB (ENGLISH KARATE NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

1. The Technical Committee (TC) of the EKNGB (Governing Body) has been created to maintain the high standards of karate-ka from both the grass roots membership as well as the competitive and sports side of the art.
2. Heads of Association (HOA) who are members of the EKNGB can run their Associations / Organisations / Clubs without any interference from the Governing Body as long as they abide by the rules of their own karate constitutions which run parallel to the Articles of Association of the EKNGB.
3. **Dan GRADINGS**
 - a. Senior graded HOA should be able to conduct their own Dan gradings either on their own, or by a Dan Grading Panel made up from their own Association(s)' senior Dan grades. Once a successful Dan grading has taken place, the EKNGB must be notified. However, if they wish to grade or bestow a higher Dan grading on a senior member of their Association, then they can ask the EKNGB to provide a TC member to assist and guide them.
 - b. The Technical Committee Grading Panel Pool (TCGPP) will be made up of senior ranked Dan grades from as many different styles that make up the EKNGB and will have many years' experience in executing Dan gradings
 - c. The TCGPP will not be limited by one representative per association.
 - d. TCGPP should be sourced from as wide a geographic spread as possible to ensure costs are kept to a minimum

4. NEW ASSOCIATIONS PROCESS FOR JOINING THE EKNGB

- a. If a Club or Association wishes to join the EKNGB and has never previously been a member of a national governing body, they will be assessed by the TC to ensure that they have met the high standards required to become members of the governing body.
- b. The following is required:
 - i. A constitution
 - ii. Professional indemnity insurance
 - iii. Safeguarding
 - iv. DBS
 - v. First Aid certificates for all instructors
 - vi. Association Bank account
- c. If these are not in place the TC can provide guidance to the Association applying for membership

5. CHANGING ASSOCIATIONS

This will also apply to an Association who has left an existing EKNGB member Association and wishes to rejoin.

- a. As an example, someone who has been held back by their Chief Instructor (HOA) from taking a more senior grading for eg political reasons would be able to have access to not only the EKNGB but also the TC to discuss the matter further.

6. EKNGB GRADING PANELS IF REQUIRED BY ASSOCIATIONS

- a. The Association may wish to book the venue and inform the EKNGB.
- b. Where a grading panel is to be organised by the TC, the venues and dates of the TC Grading Panel will be decided by the EKNGB in cooperation with the HOA requesting the grading. The EKNGB would advise the HOA who would be on the TC Panel as well as the cost for holding the session and TC member's expenses.
- c. Successful candidates would then be offered a EKNGB Dan Certificate to ratify their grading (at a cost).

At this stage, we have had confirmation from the following are on on the EKNGB Technical Committee with more positions to be filled and names to announced.

Chris Thompson 9th Dan

Doug James 9th Dan

Dale Gamble 7th Dan