

APPENDIX A-4

HONORARY RANKS

HONORARY RANK LEVEL	PERSONS PRESENTED & REASONS	WHO CAN PROVIDE RANK
1 ST DAN	To recognize people who have supported or contributed indirectly to the development of Shotokan karate and A.J.K.A.-I at the local clubs and community level.	This rank can be presented by the club/school instructor
2 ND DAN	To recognize people who have given direct support locally.	This rank must be approved by the Chief Instructor for the Region.
3 RD DAN	To recognize people who have given indirect support at the national level. Also, can be awarded as an Administrative Rank .	This rank must be approved by the Chief Instructor for the Region
4 TH DAN	To recognize people and their direct support at the national level. Also, can be awarded as an Administrative Rank .	This rank must be approved by the Chief Instructor for the Region.
5 TH DAN AND ABOVE	<p>These ranks are reserved for local and national dignitaries, leaders and sovereigns, and for international leaders and internationally respected figures.</p> <p>These Ranks can also be bestowed on individuals as an Administrative Rank.</p> <p>Also those who have applied themselves diligently and have achieved a high level of spiritual development, but who have a physical limitation or handicap, especially those who have contributed to the advancement of karate through research.</p>	These ranks must be approved by the ITD, Chairman and BOD.