

Update on TTC Courses

Special Courses taught by the Technical and Teaching Committee. (TTC Courses), offer intensive training and the opportunity for students to focus on the direction of Sugano Shihan's teaching. These courses also give TTC members the chance to observe and get to know, students from across Australia.

TTC courses are also an important prerequisite for Dan Gradings so it is important that accurate attendance records of these events are kept. While this training is presented as a course – not just as a series separate classes, TTC Courses are not of a fixed length and so the amount of training involved may vary in different Areas and at different times.

To bring more uniformity and fairness in recording keeping, attendance at TTC Courses will now be counted in terms of 'TTC Days', where the smallest amount of training that will be recorded is ½ TTC Day.

The following definitions will be used:

1 TTC Day: Attendance at **all** morning **and** afternoon training on a particular day

½ TTC Day: Attendance at **all** the training in the morning or **all** the training in the afternoon on a particular day.

Extra Recognition: This *may* be given for certain courses when a student attends all the training available during a particular course. Most commonly TTC Courses offer training on Saturday morning and afternoon, as well as on Sunday morning. In this case, a student who attends **all** sessions, that is the whole course, will have the Sunday session counted as 1 TTC Day. Extra recognition for courses other than this will be decided on a case by case basis.

Students should bring their membership booklets and / or Yudansha booklets to TTC Courses to have their own record of the number of 'TTC Days' they have trained. Attendance records will also be kept by each State or Territory as well as by the TTC.

The Dan Grading pre-requisites have recently been amended to take into account recording attendance using 'TTC Days'. The requirement which used to state "Regular attendance at TTC Courses" has been replaced by a specific number of TTC Days depending on the level of the Dan Grading as the following table shows:

| Dan Grade | Pre-requisite Number of TTC Days Required Since last Grading |
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| Shodan* | 6 |
| Nidan | 6 |
| Sandan | 8 |
| Yondan | 10 |

*For Shodan this is the number of TTC days in total since the student began training.

There will be a grace period of two years while these requirements are phased in, so that these requirements will apply in full from Summer School 2012.