

Hi all,

Thank you for the interest shown in the state kata course.  
Allow me to expand a bit on the current state of affairs regarding the national grading and kata developments.

Kata is now a fully competitive aspect of judo with the first World championships being held this year in Paris. Players can represent their country and kata is also now a part of the national championships. The kata standard used internationally is the Japanese Kodokan kata with minor changes.

I recently attended the OJU spring kata and examination course led by the Kodokan (Japan) senseis Tadashi Sato, Ikuo Hasegama and Ms Taeko Nagai. Over the four days of practicing all relevant kata it soon became apparent that the different countries in attendance had different ways and ideas of performing the same kata. This was also evident amongst the different Australian participants.

However, at the end we all followed the same way of thinking and it has been very clearly pointed out that this is to be the standard for all grading and competition kata from now on. Our national standard is not highly developed as yet as was seen by the results of the first OJU team selection for the Worlds. The French speaking islanders were generally the best exponents.

This brings us back to the state kata requirements.

As advertised there will be a kata course 6<sup>th</sup> December where we will concentrate on the nage no kata and gatame no kata (if time permits). Thanks to those that replied showing their interest.

A dan grading is planned for late January and although not compulsory this course will assist you in your preparations. *Note:* dan grade applicant for January - please familiarise yourself with the JFA grading policy document (attached) before applying for dan grading. This will prevent unnecessary problems later. Could I ask that all applicants have their dan application documents properly filled in and posted to me by 12 December for review by the dan grades commission. My address: 10 Oakmont turn, Connolly 6027.

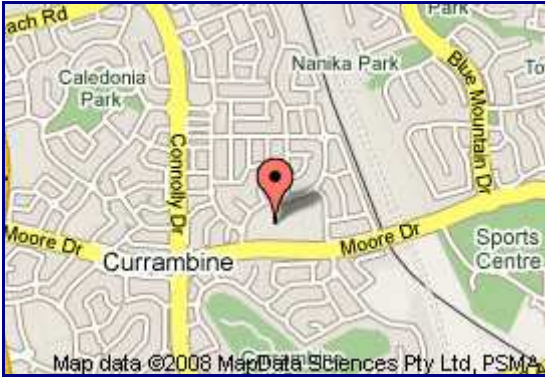
Please ensure you are practicing your kata before the course. This makes it a lot more enjoyable and easier to learn when you can follow the instructors.

### **Course information:**

Date: 6 December 2008

Time: 8.30am registration and warm up  
9am - 12am first session  
12am - 1pm lunch break (please bring own food and drinks for the day)  
1pm till finish (around 4pm)

Venue: Currambine primary



28 Ambassador Dr  
Currambine, WA 6028

Cost: \$40 (Apologies for not mentioning this in earlier communication)

Dress: Only wear WHITE (Clean) JUDO GI at the course which is the standard kata uniform.

Please note: All attendees need to be on the tatami actively participating - no exceptions or excuses

If you have any queries, you are welcome to contact me by email or at 93015070

Best wishes.

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