



Application for Testing for Sah Dan

Student Name:		Dan #:	
Studio:		Last Test Date:	

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have now achieved the rank of 3rd Degree Black Belt. By now you have realized that the journey is not over, there is still more to learn. To continue your journey, there are a few more requirements to fulfill. The next step in your journey has four components:

1. Time requirement
2. A number of "credit hours"
3. A presentation to the board
4. A physical test

WTSDA Minimum Requirements:	Yes	No
• Must be a minimum of 22 years old		
• Must be a certified WTSDA Instructor		
• Must be qualified as an International Judge		
• Must have attended and actively participate in a minimum of 2 international events as a Sam Dan		

When determining if a Sam Dan is qualified to move to the next level, the number one element is the spirit of giving back to his/her Region, and the WTSDA. The primary way this occurs, is through expansion and growth, which could include running your own Studio or Club, and/or being a key Instructor at an existing school. These contributions have great value, significantly more than just being a good Tang Soo Do practitioner.

Time Requirement:	Yes	No
• Sah Dan Master Path: Own studio, 25 student min., OR key instructor for larger school	4 yr	
• Sah Dan Path: Own club, less than 25 student min.	5 yr	
• Sah Dan Path: active in their schools, committed to continuing the art, asset to the region.	6 yr	



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Below is a listing of “credit hours” a candidate will need to earn. The minimum credits required to be considered for Sah Dan is 160 credits. There is no minimum credit requirement from either Contribution or Training categories. Just be aware that each candidate is required to present their Bio’s to a Master’s Panel (see below). More well-rounded candidates have a better chance of being selected for invitation.

Regional Contribution	Credits	Per Year	Total/Yr
Committee Head	10	1	10
Committee Member	1	1	1
Judging	1	2	2
Sunday Clinic Teaching	1	4	4
Training Bonanza Teaching	1	5	5
Dan Camp Teaching	1	3	3
Zone Black Belt Workout Instruction	1	9	9
Dan Testing Proctor	1	4	4
Total			38

Training	Credits	Per Year	Total/Yr
Dan Camps	5	1	5
Tournament	1	2	2
Sunday Clinics	1	2	2
Training Bonanza	2	1	2
BB Workout	1	9	9
Total			20

The final portion of the process will be the candidate presenting their application to the **MCSC**. This presentation will be done at Dan Camp in August. During this presentation, the candidate will present the following information:

Presentation Includes:	Yes	No
• Instructor Recommendation		
• All “Credit” Data		
• Relevant Information about your school		
• Relevant information about your participation		
• Other “extra” projects, or contributions		
• Physical test at the April Dan test		

Any candidate who passes the interview/presentation will be forwarded to WTSDA HQ for consideration. The final decision will remain with the WTSDA. Our goal with this process is to guide and support all candidates as they move forward toward the rank of Ko Dan Ja!