

10th Dan — Master Degree

Proposed designation: Grand Master — **Highest WKO Degree**

Primary focus: Exceptional lifetime contribution, legacy and international recognition.

The 10th Dan represents the highest degree within the proposed WKO hierarchy.

It should be an exceptionally rare recognition, reserved for individuals whose lifetime work has made a profound and enduring contribution to kickboxing.

Requirements

- A lifetime of exceptional achievement and service.
- International recognition for technical knowledge, leadership or development.
- Significant contribution to the advancement of kickboxing.
- Demonstrated influence on multiple generations of practitioners or instructors.
- Outstanding integrity, conduct and commitment to martial arts values.
- A documented legacy of teaching, development, governance or technical innovation.
- Formal approval through the highest WKO recognition authority.

Assessment: Comprehensive lifetime portfolio, independent international peer review, senior recognition panel and final ratification by the designated WKO governing authority.

Recognition standard: Exceptional lifetime achievement and a demonstrable legacy within international kickboxing.