

9th Dan — Master Degree

Proposed designation: Senior Master

Primary focus: Lifetime achievement and international distinction.

Requirements

- Demonstrate an exceptional lifetime of martial arts achievement.
- Show a sustained and substantial contribution to kickboxing.
- Have influenced the development of instructors and technical standards internationally.
- Demonstrate outstanding integrity and leadership.
- Preserve and promote the principles of the WKO.
- Provide a documented record of significant service and achievement.

Assessment: Comprehensive lifetime achievement portfolio, independent peer endorsements, international panel review and formal approval.

Recognition standard: Extraordinary and sustained service to the development of kickboxing.