8. Master Degrees — 4th to 10th Dan

Master Degrees recognise sustained technical expertise, teaching, leadership, service and integrity. The following is a proposed recognition framework; titles and criteria require formal WKO ratification. Advancement is not automatic through seniority.



4th Dan — Master Degree

Proposed designation: Master

Primary focus: Advanced technical expertise and established teaching competence.

Requirements

- Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of the WKO syllabus.
- Maintain strong technical competence.
- Teach advanced punching, kicking and defensive applications.
- Demonstrate coaching and athlete development.
- Assess technical performance and identify errors.
- Understand WKO competition rules and grading standards.
- Demonstrate sustained involvement in martial arts education.

Assessment: Panel-selected technical demonstration, 30-minute coaching session, grading assessment exercise and technical interview.

Recognition standard: Proven technical expertise and the ability to teach and evaluate others