



NIPPON SHIHO KARANO RYU

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SKR Clubs & Instructors,

The Head Family of Nippon Shiho Karano Ryu has recently commissioned the professional re-designing of all SKR certificates. New certificates are now available for use effective immediately. As a one time special offer we will also be providing the opportunity for existing SKR Dan ranks to purchase a certificate in the new format for previously earned ranks. At the request of SKR Dan ranks the Head Family of Shiho Karano Ryu will re-issue a certificate in the new format with the original issue date and registration number for the highest earned rank in each Ryu-Wa including Ba Men Chuan Fa. In order to purchase a re-issued rank in the new format Dan ranks must provide a legible photocopy of the original certificate with the registration number, date, rank, title (if applicable) and Ryu-Wa (e.g. Karate-Do, Ju-Jitsu, etc.) visible. The prices for both re-issued Dan ranks and new certificate requests are listed on the attached page. This offer does not apply to Open Division ranks.

All new Kyu certificates are laid out in a horizontal format size 8 ½ x 11 and will be printed in black & white on a 65 lb white card stock. English text is arranged on the left horizontally with the corresponding Kanji arranged on the right of the certificate vertically. All Dan and Shihan level certificates will be printed in color on specially ordered "aged" natural parchment card stock (65 lb). Dan certificates are laid out horizontally in a 10 x 13 size with English text arranged on the right horizontally with the corresponding Kanji arranged on the left vertically. Shihan certificates are also laid out horizontally in a 11 x 17 size with Kanji column headers at the top of each row. All text below each column header are aligned vertically. Recipients of Shihan rank will have the choice of either English text printed by a professional calligraphist or the entire text translated into Kanji. All certificates will be signed and stamped with the appropriate Hanko of each Head Family member. Examples of each new certificate layout are included along with a small sample of the paper used for Dan and Shihan ranks. All three certificate formats possess a high resolution SKR logo watermark in the center.

Effective September 1, 2009 SKR Instructors may continue to use dojo certificates for all Kyu ranks or purchase the new Kyu certificates from Head Family. All Dan promotions, however, must use the new certificate format and will receive an SK registration number with each original issue. Dan certificates issued by SKR instructors that do not use the new SKR certificates with a corresponding SK Registration number will not be recognized as legitimate SKR rank.

Our primary goal in the re-designing of SKR certificates is to provide higher quality certificates as well as to safeguard the integrity of SKR ranks. All Open Division rank will continue to be issued on the current SKR/ SKKI/ CBBA certificates. The Head Family of Nippon Shiho Karano Ryu still stands committed to the support and training of its students and instructors. We are honored by all those involved in the teaching of SKR and look forward to a long relationship with our instructors and students.

Head Family
Nippon Shiho Karano Ryu

Dr. Clement G. Riedner
Dai Soke

Matthew J. Riedner
Nidai Soke, *Hard Fist*

Andrew W. Riedner
Nidai Soke, *Soft Fist*

NEW! SKR Certificate prices

Kyu Certificates:

- \$15.00 each when printed by Head Family
- \$10.00 each when instructor is supplied with an electronic copy. For dojos or Kais of 50+ students and w/ approval of head family.

Dan Certificates (*Prices plus S&H. See below.*):

- \$30.00 each: Shodan – Sandan
- \$65.00 each: Yondan & above (certificates with calligraphy in English)
- \$75.00 each: Yondan & above (certificates entirely in Kanji)

Revised Testing Fees (Includes price of certificate. Prices below apply when members of Head Family are sitting on a testing board):

- \$75.00 Shodan – Sandan
- \$145.00 Yondan & above (certificates with calligraphy in English)
- \$155.00 Yondan & above (certificates entirely in Kanji)

Make all checks payable to:

Christian Black Belt Association

Certificate orders may be sent to:

Matthew Riedner
2429 Dover St.
Anderson, IN 46013

Shipping & Handling Charges
(*Please include w/ certificate purchase*):

\$5.00 per certificate
\$10.00 2-15 certificates
\$15.00 16+ certificates