



## TWO RIVERS AIKIKAI

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Justice, Equity and Non-Violence, on and off the mat

Continuity, Commitment, Curiosity, Courage, Caring, Community

### 6<sup>th</sup> Kyu Test at Two Rivers Aikikai

One of the objectives in the 4 week Beginner Session is to begin preparation for new students to test for rank. Testing is a choice for all members of the dojo and is not required. However, it is a way for students to document their individual progress in Aikido. Students test for six 'kyu' ranks in white belt starting with the 6<sup>th</sup> kyu test and progressing to their 1<sup>st</sup> kyu test. Black belt or 'dan' testing starts with the test for shodan or 1<sup>st</sup> dan and goes on from there.

The minimum time of practice for the 6<sup>th</sup> kyu test is 25 days of practice. The 6<sup>th</sup> kyu test will be offered 4 times per year in February, April, July and October along with other kyu tests. There are no fees for the kyu tests at Two Rivers Aikikai.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Kyu Requirements:

Demonstrate proper etiquette (rei) bowing at the beginning and end of the test.

Tachi Waza: (standing techniques)

Gyaku Hanmi Katatetori Irimi Nage, omote and ura

Tsuki Hiji Dome Kokyu Nage, ura

Suwari Waza: (kneeling techniques)

Ai Hanmi Katatetori Ikkyo, omote and ura

Kokyu Ho

#### Details emphasized on the test:

Sitting in **seiza**, **bowing** from seiza, **rising** from seiza to a standing position.

Standing in **shizen tai** posture showing proper **ma-ai** with your partner.

**Tai sabaki**: irimi, tenkan, tenshin, enten, and combinations of body movements.

Attacks: Attention to **ma-ai** and protection of center line for **katatetori** and **tsuki**.

**Ukemi**: **koho kaiten**, **zenpo kaiten**, pinning position for **ikkyo** and **kokyu ho**.

**Shikko ho**: moving forward, backward, turning and pinning.

For all techniques: moving into a safe place, taking uke's balance, then do the technique.

Please refer to the dojo glossary and rules of etiquette for definitions of terms. At first, it all may seem overwhelming. But as you hear the terms repeatedly during classes and practice the techniques, patterns emerge, muscle memory becomes active and movements fall into place. Please refer to the dojo website's member page for more information about testing.