

TECHNIQUES OF KODOKAN JUDO

The many techniques used in Judo have been classified in different ways; this list is one of the ways used to classify Judo techniques and will help you to better understand the techniques you learn in class.

Classification of Judo Techniques

All Judo techniques are classified into one of three groups:

- **1.** *Nage Waza*: Throwing techniques **2.** *Katame Waza*: Grappling Techniques
- **3.** *Atemi Waza*: Striking Techniques

This list of techniques will address categories #1 (*Nage Waza*) and #2 (*Katame Waza*). You will learn more about group #3 (*Atemi Waza*) as you attain black belt ranks in Judo.

1. Nage Waza: Judo throws are classified into one of two major groups:

- A. *Tachi Waza* (standing techniques), a group that includes "Te Waza" (hand techniques), "Koshi Waza" (hip techniques), and "Ashi Waza" (foot/leg techiques)
- **B.** *Sutemi Waza* (sacrifice techniques), a group that includes "Ma Sutemi Waza" (back sacrifice techniques) and "Yoko Sutemi Waza" (side sacrifice techniques)

Traditionally, *Nage Waza* were classified into five sets, together called the "*Go Kyo No Waza*", or "Five Sets of Techniques". Throws were grouped into these sets because the throws included in each "*Kyo*" (set) often use similar motions or principles, and it was thought that learning the throws in order could help students learn these principles easier (note: instructors in many Dojo do not follow the *Go Kyo No Waza* strictly, instead teaching techniques in a different order). The *Go Kyo No Waza* is as follows; the techniques are listed with Japanese and English names, the category of *Nage Waza* to which they belong, and the approximate rank that our Dojo normally requires students to learn the technique for (but note: these are not necessarily 'rank requirements' in our Dojo....your instructors may teach you techniques in a different order):



Dai Ikkyo			
De Ashi Harai	Advancing Foot Sweep	Ashi	Gokyu (orange)
Hiza Garuma	Knee Wheel	Ashi	Rokyu (yellow)
Sasae Tsuri Komi Ashi	Foot Stop Throw	Ashi	Gokyu (orange)
Uki Goshi	Floating Hip	Koshi	Gokyu (orange)
O Soto Gari	Major Outside Reap	Ashi	Rokyu (yellow)
O Goshi	Major Hip	Koshi	Rokyu (yellow)
O Uchi Gari	Major Inner Reap	Ashi	Gokyu (orange)
Seoi Nage (Ippon/Morote)	Shoulder Throw (One Arm/Two)	Те	Rokyu (yellow)
Dai Nikyo			
Ko Soto Gari	Minor Outside Reap	Ashi	Yonkyu (green)
Ko Uchi Gari	Minor Inside Reap	Ashi	Yonkyu (green)
Koshi Guruma	Hip Wheel	Koshi	Yonkyu (green)
Tsuri Komi Goshi	Lifting Pulling Hip	Koshi	Yonkyu (green)
Okuri Ashi Harai	Sliding Foot Sweep	Ashi	Sankyu (brown)
Tai Otoshi	Body Drop	Te	Sankyu (brown)
Harai Goshi	Sweeping Hip	Koshi	Sankyu (brown)
Uchi Mata	Inner Thigh	Ashi	Sankyu (brown)
Dai Sankyo			
Ko Soto Gake	Minor Outside Hook	Ashi	Nikyu (brown)
Tsuri Goshi	Lifting Hip	Koshi	Nikyu (brown)
Yoko Otoshi	Side Drop	Yoko Sutemi	Ikkyu (brown)
Ashi Guruma	Foot Wheel	Ashi	Ikkyu (brown)
Hane Goshi	Springing Hip	Koshi	Nikyu (brown)

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Hane Goshi Harai Tsurikomi Ashi Tomoe Nage

Kata Guruma

Springing Hip Sweeping Lifting Pulling Foot Stomach throw Shoulder Wheel

Ashi

Te

Ma Sutemi

Dai Yonkyo

Sumi Gaeshi Tani Otoshi Hane Makikomi Sukui Nage Utsuri Goshi O Guruma Soto Makikomi Uki Otoshi

Dai Gokyo

O Soto Guruma Uki Waza Yoko Wakare Yoko Guruma Ura Nage Ushiro Goshi Sumi Otoshi Yoko Gake Major Outside Wheel Floating Technique Side Body Separation Side Wheel Rear Throw Backward Hip Corner Drop Side Hook

Corner Counter

Springing Winding

Scooping Throw

Outside Winding

Changing Hip

Major Wheel

Floating Drop

Valley Drop

Ma Sutemi Yoko Sutemi Yoko Sutemi Te Koshi Ashi Yoko Sutemi Te

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More recently, other throwing techniques have been officially accepted into the approved list of Judo Nage Waza. The following is a list of these techniques:

Additional "Approved" Judo Techniques

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Obi Otoshi	Belt Drop	Те	
Seoi Otoshi	Shoulder Drop	Te	
Yama Arashi	Mountain Storm	Те	
Morote Gari	Double Arm reap	Te	
Kuchiki Taoshi	Dead Tree Drop	Te	
Kibisu Gaeshi	Heel Trip	Te	
Uchi Mata Sukashi	Inner Thigh Slip	Te	
Ko Uchi Gaeshi	Minor Inner Counter	Te	
Daki Age	High Lift	Koshi	
Sode Tsurikomi Goshi	Sleeve Grip Lifting Pulling Hip	Koshi	
O Soto Otoshi	Major Outer Drop	Ashi	
Tsubame Gaeshi	Swallow Counter	Ashi	
O Soto Gaeshi	Major Outer Counter	Ashi	
O Uchi Gaeshi	Major Inner Counter	Ashi	
Hane Goshi Gaeshi	Springing Hip Counter	Ashi	
Harai Goshi Gaeshi	Sweeping Hip Counter	Ashi	
Uchi Mata Gaeshi	Inner Thigh Counter	Ashi	
Hikikomi Gaeshi	Back Fall Reversal	Ma Sutemi	
Tawara Gaeshi	Rice Bag Reversal	Ma Sutemi	
Daki Wakare	High Separation	Yoko Sutemi	
Kani Basami	Crab Claw	Yoko Sutemi	
Uchi Makikomi	Inner Winding	Yoko Sutemi	
O Soto Makikomi	Major Outer Winding	Yoko Sutemi	
Uchi Mata Makikomi	Inner Thigh Winding	Yoko Sutemi	
Harai Makikomi	Sweeping Winding	Yoko Sutemi	
Kawazu Gake	One-Leg Entanglement	Yoko Sutemi	



2. Katame Waza: Judo grappling techniques are classified into one of three major groups:

Scarf Hold

A. Osaekomi Waza: Pinning (hold-down) techniques

- B: Shime Waza: Strangulation (choking) techniques
- C. Kansetsu Waza: Joint-locking techniques

Osaekomi Waza

Kesa Gatame Kuzure Kesa Gatame Makura Kesa Gatame Ushiro Kesa Gatame Kata Gatame Uki Gatame

Shime Waza

Nami Juji Jime

Kata Juji Jime Hadaka Jime

Okuri Eri Jime

Kataha Jime

Gyaku Juji Jime

Floating Hold Normal Cross Choke Reverse Cross Choke Half Cross Choke Naked Choke Sliding Lapel Choke

One-Wing Choke

Modified Scarf Hold

Pillow Scarf Hold

Shoulder Hold

Reverse Scarf Hold

Kami Shiho Gatame Kuzure Kami Shiho Gatame Yoko Shiho Gatame Kuzure Yoko Shiho Gatame Tate Shiho Gatame Sankaku Gatame

Sode Guruma Jime Katate Jime Ryote Jime Tsukikomi Jime Sankaku Jime Jigoku Jime Upper Four-Corner Hold Modified Upper Four-Corner Hold Side Four-Corner Hold Modified Side Four-Corner Hold Straddling Hold Triangle Hold

Sleeve Wheel Choke One Hand Choke Two Hand Choke Poking (Thrusting) Choke Triangle Choke Hell Strangle

Kansetsu Waza Ude Garami Ude Garami Ude Gatame Ude Hishigi Ude Gatame Juji Gatame Ude Hishigi Juji Gatame

Bent Arm Lock (arm up)
Bent Arm Lock (arm down)
Straight Arm Lock
Arm Crush Straight Arm Lock
Cross Arm Lock
Arm Crush Cross Arm Lock

Waki Gatame Hiza Gatame Hara Gatame Ashi Gatame Te Gatame Sankaku Garami Armpit Arm Lock Knee Arm Lock Center (Stomach) Arm Lock Leg Arm Lock Hand Arm Lock Triangle Arm Lock