Terminology

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Preface

In front of you is the final English edition of the manual 'Terminology'. The Dutch version of the manual was produced in 1992 by Harry de Spa, former Chief-Instructor for Holland & Germany, and myself. Substantial help was given by André ter Veer, one of the senior instructors from IOGKF-Nederland. Corrections on the first English version I received from the late Harry de Spa, Garry Malone, Peter Lembke and Remco van der Kieft. Corrections on Japanese language for this first English edition were made by Higaonna Sensei. Future versions will contain more Japanese.

I hereby would like to thank all these people for helping me to produce these editions.

I hope much of the readers will make an effort to inform me about mistakes or missing information. In that way I will be able to produce another 'upgrade' of this manual on 'terminology' in the future and **we** will be of more help to our fellow Karate practitioners.

The terms in this manual were abstracted for 75% from IOGKF sources. These sources include Higaonna Sensei's books, videos, interviews, official IOGKF publications, seminars, etc.

I hope this manual on terminology will help the Karate practitioner in its attempt to gain clarity on the Way of Karate-Do. Even though the content is rather down to earth, I believe a clear and correct terminology will be of additional help in learning, understanding and transmitting Okinawa Goju-Ryu Karatedo.

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Introduction

When a westerner first observes the Japanese language he will encounter a variety of unknown symbols that mean even less to him than ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs. However, in a short time he will find out that there are largely two groups of symbols used, simple ones and more complex ones.

Kanji

The complex ones are called the 'Kanji' which in fact are Chinese characters. These Kanji generally have the same meaning as they would have in China, however they are often pronounced differently. For example the word 'Kara' (空) from 'Karate' (空手) is pronounced as 'Kong' in (mandarin) Chinese. Sometimes the pronunciation shows more resemblance, as in the word 'Do' (道) from 'Karatedo' (空手道), which is pronounced as 'Dao' in Chinese. Actually, most Kanji have at least two ways of pronounciation in Japanese, which can differ radically from each other. These two different pronunciations are called the 'On' pronunciation, which is close to the original Chinese pronunciation, and the 'Kun' pronunciation, which is an added Japanese pronunciation. For example the character: 手 is pronounced both as 'Shu' (in 'Shuto' = 'hand sword/knife') or as 'Te' (in 'Karate' = 'empty hand').



The Kanji were originally so-called 'pictograms, just like the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs, or simply speaking: 'drawings'. In some of the old Chinese characters most of us can recognise the meaning without having any understanding of the Chinese language. The oldest Chinese characters date from at least 1600 BC and arrived Korea and Japan in the fourth century.

Kana

The generally more simple symbols are called '*Kana*' and are actually divided into two groups, the '*Katakana*' characters and the '*Hiragana*' characters (see below). Hiragana is used for creating Japanese sentenses with kanji. Katakana is used for expressing foreign words like 'Holland' (Oranda; %Φ/[)

Hiragana

Katakana

9ΚΛΝΑΒΔΕςΣΩΞ

Romanisation (Romanji)

For the romanisation of the Japanese language to our western alphabet (the roman letters), several systems have been developed. These romanisation systems are a guide to how we have to pronounce the Japanese words, written in our own alphabet. Below you will find the 'Hepburn system' as an example. In this system, the vowels are pronounced as in the Italian language, the consonants English language.

Writing

 a^2

e

o

yo

ju

ja

shi sha

chi

cha

tsu

etc

Pronunciation

aa

ee

00

as in yoga

as in juice

as in jazz

as in sheep

as in shag

as in chinchilla

as in chachacha or charleston

tsu

etc.

The Chinese words used in this syllabus are rendered in Mandarin dialect, according to the Pinyin transcription. Words in Chinese and Okinawan dialect are rendered in italics.

 $^{^2}$ Vowels with a short sound (a, e, i, o and u) can be separated from vowels with a long sound (4, 0, r, p, \ddot{o}).

Historical terms

Daruma; 達磨 Japanese name of the Indian monk Bodhidarma (Chinese: Ta Mo). According

to Chinese mythology, Daruma founded the Chinese martial arts when living in the Shaolin (Japanese: Shorin) monastery, were he taught the Ekkinkyo and

the Senzuikyo (see below).

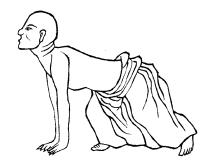
Ekkinkyo; 易筋経

Literal: 'classical text on transforming the tendons'³. The Ki-exercises derived

from these texts bear the same name or are called 'Ekkin Kiko' (易筋氣功).

Senzuikyo; 洗髓 経 Literal: 'classical text on washing the marrow'. The Ki-exercises derived from

these texts bear the same name or are called 'Senzui Kiko' (洗髓氣功



Three Kiko exercises from the Ekkinkyo4.





Shorinji; 少林寺 Literal: 'Young Pine' monastery; the monastery where Daruma lived when

residing in China and teaching the monks the basics of health-gymnastics and martial arts. The monastery still exists and is located in Henan province, near Dengfeng county. Several other monasteries have existed with the same name, e.g. in Fujian. It is said that the latter has played an important role in the development of martial arts in this area and is therefore of historical

importance for Goju-Ryu Karate.

Bubishi; 武備志 A classical Chinese text on martial arts, containing the principles of Okinawan

Karatedo.

Okinawa; 沖縄 Japanese island where Karatedo originated.

Fujian; 福建 Chinese province where Karatedo has its roots, particulary in the area of

the town Fuzhou.

Fuzhou Capitol of the Chinese province Fujian. The town where both Higaonna

Kanryo and Miyagi Chojun studied Chinese martial arts.

 $^{^3}$ These text are attributed to Ta Mo (\pm 500 AD) and contain health-gymnastical exercises which, according to the legends, were the basis of the Shaolin Quan that was developed later. And thus also considered as the roots of Karate which partially evolved from the Chinese martial arts. However most historians agree that this link is not very substantial. Nevertheless the concepts behind these exercises are similar to Shaolin Quan and Karate. Namely, they are physical exercise as a basis of spiritual training.

⁴ This version of the Ekkinkyo is sometimes said to be developped by the famous marshall Yue Fei.

Ti or Te: 手 Literal: 'hand(s)', old name for the martial arts of Okinawa. Nahate Old name for the martial art from the town Naha in Okinawa. Old name for the martial art from the town Shuri in Okinawa. Shurite Tomarite Old name for the martial art from the town Tomari in Okinawa.

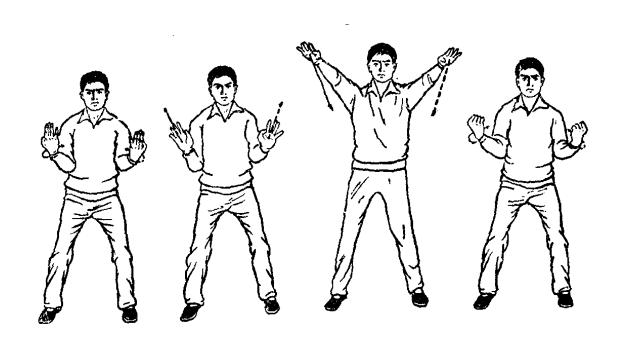
White crane boxing; white crane fighting method; white crane fist...

Kenpo⁵; 拳法 Japanese name for the Chinese martial arts in general.

Hakatsuru Kenpo⁶; 白鶴拳法

Tora Kenpo⁷; 虎拳法 Tiger boxing; tiger fighting method; tiger fist.

Rakan Kenpo; 羅漢拳法 Monk boxing¹¹; monk fighting method; monk fist.



Movements from the 'Wooping crane boxing' Kata: 'San Zhan or San Qian (Okinawa: Sanchin), also referred to as: 'Happoren'

Tode; 唐手 Old name for Karate, Literal: 'Chinese hand(s)' or 'Tang hand(s)' 12.

Todejutsu; 唐手術 Same as Tode. Jutsu means art or technique(s). Karate; 空手 Literal: 'empty hand'. Modern name for Tode.

Karatedo; 空手道 Same as Karate. Literal: 'empty hand way'. The suffix 'do' usually added to

emphasize the spiritual meaning of the art.

⁵ Chinese: Quanfa. Other, frequently used Chinese terms for martial arts or martial art systems in general are: Wushu (武術), Gongfu (功夫), Quanshu (拳術) and Guoshu (国術).

⁶ Chinese: Baihe Quanfa or simply: Baihe Quan.

⁷ Chinese: Hu Quanfa or simply: Hu Quan.

⁸ Chinese: Minghe Quan; 鳴鶴拳.

⁹三戦

¹⁰八歩練.

¹¹ Chinese: Luohan Quanfa or simply: Luohan Quan. Also translated by 'arhat boxing', using the original Indian word 'arhat'.

¹² Originally the word Karate at Okinawa was written as: 唐手. The first character is an old name for China, that was used during the Tang dynasty. So Karate originally was named 'Tang hands' or 'Chinese hands'. 'Te' of 'hands' is a symbolic word for martial art. Later the first character was replaced by: 空. This word is also pronounced as 'Kara' in Japanese, however it means: 'empty'. The word 'empty' refers one the one hand to the fact that Karate is mainly an unarmed form of combat, on the other hand it refers to the Buddhist philosophy, that inspired the development of Karate, in which 'emptiness' is the essence of (an enlightened) mind.

Budo; 武道 The 'way of the warrior' as a philosophy of life (literal: martial way).

Bu Jutsu; 武術 Martial art.

Bushi; 武士 Knight; warrior.

Bushido; 武士道 The samurai's code of chivalry.

Ryu; 流 Literal: current; style; large community with a collective dedication. E.g. as in

Okinawa Goju-Ryu.

Kan School; group.

Kai; 会 Association; club; group.

Waza; 技 Technique; ability. Jutsu; 術 Technique; art.

Basic concepts

Gokui (Gokuhi); 極秘 Essential teachings; ultimate secrets.

KukuchiKeypoint; key concept.Hiden: 秘伝Secret or hidden techniques.

Okuden; 奥伝 Highest teachings.

Shido Taikei; 指導体系 Curriculum; litaral: guidance system.

Shu Ha Ri; 守破離 The three phases through which the martial artist develops, i.e. becomes an

enlightend martial artist or being.

Kenkon Literal: 'heaven' and 'earth'; the symbol of

Okinawa Goju-Ryu karate (I.O.G.K.F.).

In Yo (Chinese: Yin Yang); 陰陽 The two primordial polar and

complementing forces, responsible for the creation and ongoing evolution of the universe. Comparable to Go & Ju¹³.



Tanden; 丹田 Energetical or psycho-physical centre of the human body. In a natural

posture the Tanden is located in the physical centre of gravity. Literal:

cinnabar field¹⁴.

Kikai Tanden; 氣海丹田 Alternative name for Tanden. 'Kikai' means 'ocean of vital energy'.

Kikai is also an important acupuncture point that has a direct connection

to the Tanden.

Seika Tanden; 臍下丹田 Alternative name for Tanden. 'Seika' means 'lower abdomen'.

Hara; 腹 Literal: (lower) abdomen. Generally speaking the same as Tanden.

Haragei; 腹芸 The art of using the Hara as one's psycho-physical center; the art of

using the lower abdomen as the center of power/movement, breath and

concentration (Sanchin).

Shisei: 姿勢 Posture: attitude.

Ki¹⁵; 氣; 気 Life force; breath; vital energy; breath-energy; breath-power; etc (氣).

Also translated as 'spirit' (気).

Gen Ki; 元氣 Primordial energy; the vital energy produced in and circulated by the

Tanden (can also mean: health, vigour, pep, spirit, etc.)

¹⁴ Cinnaber, or Tansha in Japanese (戶砂) was used in China by alchemist as one of the main ingredients in herbal decoctions (elixers) for enhancing vitality and prolonging life. The Tanden plays a similar central role in oriental martial arts and healthgymnastics.

¹⁵ Chinese: Qi.

Keiraku¹⁶; 經絡 (経絡) Meridians and collaterals; pathways of the vital energy (Ki) in the

body.

Kokyu Donto; 呼吸吞吐 Inhalation and exhalation; respiration; breathing ¹⁷.

Iki; 息 Breathing; respiration.

Ibuki; 息吹 Breath.

Fukushiki Kokyu; 腹式呼吸 Abdominal breathing.

Noon Di Breathing method in which the exhalation takes place after the

application of force. This method of breathing is usefull in close combat because it makes the body less vulnerable to an attack. *Noon* is e.g.

practised in Sepai Kata and Suparinpei Kata.

Kiai (or Yagui); 気合
Shout, scream in which all your power is concentrated and directed.

(Literal: unifying or harmonizing the life force or spirit).

Kisoku No Donto; 規則の呑吐 Regulating the breathing.

Chu Iki; 調息

Tuning the breathing; regulating the breathing.

Chinkuchi Kakin (≅ Kime) Focus of power; short and directed contraction of muscles (muscle-

chains).

Muchimi Slow, heavy, sticky and concentrated movement.

Chiru Nu Chan Chan Spring power, coming from an optimal attunement of tension and

relaxation in relationship to the movements of the opponent; possible through a high level of sensitivity; leading to a fast reaction to the

movements/attacks of the opponent¹⁸.

Ni (Ne): 根 Rooting.

Gyame Opening the joints (similar to 'extending ki').

Shimeijurasan The perfect performance of a kata.

Chikara; \mathcal{D} Power; force. Sometimes used as the opposite of internal power.

Chikara Nu Nujisashi Alternation between tension and relaxation; the alternation between

power going out and power coming back.

Chikara No Kyojaku 力の強弱 Proper application of force in each technique 19.

Te No Omoi; 手の重味 Literal: 'heavy hands'. Term to denote a skilled application of power

that goes along with the feeling of 'heavy hands'.

Bu No Chikara; 武の力 or Literal: martial power. Term to denote a skilled application of power as

Buryoku; 武力 used in Karatedo.

Kiryoku; 気力 Literal: breath power. Term referring to a skilled application of power,

based on the use of Ki. Can also mean 'will power'.

Chii kara Okinawan term referring to a skilled application of power, based on the

use of Ki. Similar to Kiryoku.

Tai No Shinshuku; 体の伸縮 Expanding and contracting the body.

Tai Gatame Tightening the body according to the principles inherent to Sanchin

Kata.

(Te No Omomi)

¹⁷ Donto literally means: 'swallow and spit'. Together they mean breathing. This term is also used in the martial arts of Fuzhou (China) to describe certain moving- and fighting abilities.

¹⁶ Chinese: Jingluo.

¹⁸ About *Chiru Nu Chan Chan* it is said that when it is developed to a high level, the body changes; the muscles become strong, yet flexible and covered by a protective layer of fat (see Traditional Karatedo, Volume 2, page 27).

¹⁹ 'Kyo' and 'Jaku' mean 'weakness' and 'strength'. 'Kyojaku' can even be translated as 'strength', expressing the idea comes from balance, not just from action. In other words: Kyo & Jaku are similar to Go & Ju or Yin & Yang.

Sundome Arresting a technique at one inch distance of the target.

Hyoshi; 拍子 Rhythm.

Waza No Kankyu; 技の環球 Literal: ring and ball technique.

Heiho; 兵法 Strategy; tactics (also: art of war).

Go No Sen Taking the initiative later.
Sen No Sen Taking the initiative earlier.

Sen Taking the initiative during the initiative of the opponent.

Ma Ai; 間合い Fighting distance.

Omote; 表 Front side; front entrance. Referring to the 'side' of the technique or

force that is encountered by the defensive manouvre.

Ura; 裏 Back side; back entrance. Referring to the 'side' of the technique or

force that is encountered by the defensive manouvre.

Nin; 忍 Endurance; perserverance; tolerance; patience combined with mental

stamina²⁰.

Zanshin; 残心 Literal: 'remaining heart'. Continuous physical-mental presence,

alertness and domination²¹.

Heijoshin; 平常心 Placid or balanced mind; mindful but undisturbed by the restlessness in

your surroundings.

Mushin; 無心 Literal: no mind.

Muishiki; 無意識 State of pure consciousness in which one's actions are not hindered by

thoughts or emotions concerning the actions.

Yoi No Kishin; 用意の鬼神 Mental preperation²².

Seishin; 精神 Spiritual body energy; integrated mental and physical energy; body-

mind.

Seishin Tanren; 精神鍛錬 Literal: forging of spiritual body-energy. Seishin (O) Choetsu; 生死超越 Transcending thoughts of life and death.

Kokoro; 心 Heart, mind or 'spirit'.

Kokoro Gamae; 心構之 Mental 'posture' or attitude.

Shiai Kokoro Gamae; Fighting 'posture' or attitude. Preparedness to face a confrontation in a

試合心構え contest as a chance to learn and improve to handle other stressful

situations.

²⁰ The pictogram 'Nin' is build up from a sword or knife, the heart and a drip of blood. This expresses the ability to uphold our strong and involve spirit, despite the headships of life or training.

and joyous spirit, despite the hardships of life or training.

²¹ Zanshin is the opposite of Isshin, which means 'one heart; more freely translated it can mean things as: 'decisiveness' or 'one-track mind'

²² 'Kishin' is a 'fierce god', a superior being with qualities that are relevant to martial arts.

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Organisation & Etiquette

Hoshin Purpose and aims

Dojo; 道場 Practise hall; literally 'place of the way²³.

Dojo Kun; 道場訓育 Dojo rules.

Shomen Front; front side of the Dojo; symbolic residence of the forefathers of

Okinawa Goju-Ryu Karate.

Altar; symbolic or sacred place for the ancestors of the style / school²⁴. Shinden

Master; example. Shihan

Instructor; technical teacher; technical expert. Renshi

Master. Kyoshi

Grandmaster. Hanshi

Instructor: teacher²⁵. Sensei Senior student; assistent. Senpai (Sempai).

Beginning student. Kohai

Dan ²⁶; 段 Step; grade.

Kyu²⁷:級 Class; rank; grade.

Karateka without a Dan-grade; beginner. Mudansha

Karateka with Dan-grade. Yudansha

Reigi; 礼儀 Etiquette; courtesy; manners.

Gather! Shugo!

Ki O Tsuke! Attention!; literal: collect your vital energy (Ki). Kneeled sitting position; literal 'correct sit'28; sit Seiza!;正座

down (in kneeled sitting position)!

Anza: 安座 Crossed leg sitting posture. Literal: relaxed or

peacefull sitting posture.

Renge Za; 蓮華座 Lotus sitting posture. Han Renge Za; 半蓮華座 Half lotus sitting posture.

Zazen; 座禅 (Zen) meditation.





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 $^{^{23}}$ 'Do' literally means 'way' or 'path'. It has the connotation of 'path of life'; 'spiritual discipline', 'spiritual path', etc. 24 Sometimes 'Shinzen' (神前) is used in stead of 'Shinden' (神殿). 'Shinzen' means: 'pay respect to the spirit(o) or god(s)'.

^{&#}x27;Shinden' means: 'altar' or 'sacred place'.

25 'Sen' means 'before', 'previous' etc.; 'Sei' means 'to be born' or 'birth'.

²⁶ Shodan, Nidan, Sandan, Yondan, Godan, Rokudan, Shichidan, Hachidan, Kudan, Judan.

²⁷ Jukyu, Kukyu, Hachikyu, Shichikyu, Rokkyu, Gokyu, Yonkyu, Sankyu, Nikyu, Ikkyu.

²⁸ The word 'Sei' means 'just', 'positive' of 'correct', also: 'upright' ('right-up').

Mokuso! Literal: no thoughts; calming the stream of

thoughts; emptying the mind; meditation ²⁹

Mokuso Yame! Stop the meditation!

Rei! Bow!; salute!

Shomen Ni Rei! Salute the frontside of the Dojo³⁰

Shinden Ni Rei! Salute the altar!³¹
Sensei Ni Rei! Salute the teacher!

Sempai Ni Rei! Salute the assistant (senior)!

Otagaini Rei! Salute each other!
Onegai Shimasu! Please, help me!

Arigato Gozaimashita! Thank you very much!

Osu Expression of understanding and loyalty.

Shitsurei Shimasu Excuse me.

Tatte! Or Ki Ritsu! Stand up!; rise!

Yoi! Ready!³²

Karategi Karate suit.

Kimono or Uwagi Jacket. Zubon Pants.

Obi Belt; girdle.

Zabuton Meditation cushion.

Tatami Japanese straw floor covering; often used in

Dojos for training (Judo, Aikido, Ju Jutsu, etc.).



Figuur 1: from Aikido, the dynamic sphere from A. Westbrook/ O. Ratti; Charles E. Tuttle Company; ISBN: 0-8048-0004-9

29 默思. 'Moku' means: 'keep still'; 'So' means 'thoughts'.



³⁰ The Shomen is the symbolic residence of the forefathers of Okinawa Gojuryu Karate, sometimes an actual 'residence' in the form of an altar (Shinden) is placed here.

³¹ 'Shin' means 'Spirit' or 'God'; 'Den' means 'hall' or 'palace'. The Shinden is the symbolic residence of the forefathers of Okinawa Goju-Ryu Karate. Bowing to the Shinden is not an act in which one conforms oneself to a religious group but is a personal expression of thankfulness and a quest for inspiration by the life and insights of these masters.

³² 'Yo' means 'work'; 'I' means 'will' or 'intention'.

Training

Hajime! Begin! Yame! Stop! Yasume! Relax!

Yobi Undo; 予備運動 Preparatory exercises; warming-up; old name for Junbi Undo.

Junbi Undo;準備運動 Preparatory exercises; warming-up.

Kokyu Undo 呼吸運動 Breathing exercises. Junan Undo;柔軟運動 Stretching exercises.

Seiri Undo; 整理運動 'Cooling down'; literal: regulating exercises.

Hojo Undo;補助運動 Supplementary training.

Kiko (Undo); 氣功(運動) Ki-exercises.

Neko Undo; 猫運動 Cat exercise.

Kata; 型 (Solo)form; style exercise.

Kumite; 組手 Fighting exercise.

Semete³³ Attacker. Ukete³⁴ Defender.

Jodan: 上段 Upper body; head; neck; lower area; above

the collar bone.

Chudan; 中段 Middle area; from solar plexus to collar

Gedan: 下段 Lower body; upper area; from ground to

solar plexus.

Hidari Left.

Migi Right.

Ichi One. Ni Two. San Three. Shi Four. Go Five. Roku Six. Shichi Seven.

Same as 'Tori' (e.g used in Aikido, Judo, Ju Jutsu, etc.).
 Same as 'Uke' (e.g. used in Aikido, Judo, Ju Jutsu, etc.).

Iodan Chudan Gedan

Hachi Eight.
Ku Nine.
Ju Ten.

Mawatte Turn.

Ashi O Kaete Change legs
Te O Kaete Change arms

Kihon; 基本 Basic; elementary³⁵.

Kihon Gijutsu Basic techniques; 'basics'.

Sonoba Kihon Gijutsu Static basics (executed from a standing

position).

Ido Kihon Gijutsu Moving basics (executed with steps).

Tachi (Dachi) Waza; Standing techniques. Ne Waza; Ground techniques.

Suwari Waza; Ground techniques; sitting techniques.



Ground technique from the Bubishi: Ashi Hasami, leg scissor.

Go Waza; 剛技 'Hard' techniques: punches, strikes and kicks.

Ju Waza;柔技 'Soft' techniques: throws, joint-locks, strangulations and vital point attacks.

O Waza; 大技 Execution or training of techniques using large movements of the body,

limbs and/or center of gravity.

Ko Waza; 小技 Execution or training of techniques using small movements of the body,

limbs and/or center of gravity.

Tsuki Waza; Punching techniques.
Ate or Uchi Waza Striking techniques.
Keri (Geri) Waza Kicking techniques.
Uke Waza Blocking techniques.

Morote Waza Double handed techniques.

Kawashi Waza Evasion techniques (Tai Sabaki, Tenshin, etc. 36

 $^{^{35}}$ 'Ki' means 'fundament' or 'basis'; 'Hon' means 'root' or 'origin'.

³⁶ See footwork & bodywork.

Gyakute³⁷; 逆手 Grappling; wrestling (see Ju Waza).

> Referring to grappling techniques in general (armlocks, strangulations, throws, etc) or armlocks in particular; literal: reversing the

hands.

Tuidi or *Tuite* (Torite)³⁸;

捕手

Grappling; wrestling; similar to Gyakute.

Kansetsu Waza³⁹; 関節技

Nage Waza; 投げ技

Shime Waza; 絞め技

Kyusho Waza; 急所技

Kyusho Jutsu; 急所術

Chibu Jutsu (Tsubo Jutsu);

壷術

Atemi Waza; 当て見技

Ukemi Waza;

Renraku Waza

Henka Waza

Joint-manipulation techniques.

Throwing techniques.

Stangulation techniques.

Vital point techniques.

The art of attacking the vital points. Similar to Kyusho Waza, but the suffix 'Jutsu' suggests that it is an art of it's own as

well.

The art of attacking the vital points. Other word for Kyusho Jutsu used on Okinawa.

Literal: striking techniques. Used in e.g. Aikido and Ju Jutsu do denote strikes and

blows to vital areas.

Breakfall techniques.

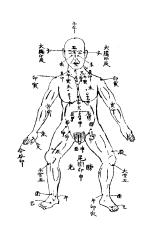
Combination techniques⁴⁰. Changing techniques; adapting a specific

technique to the circumstances or changing it into antother technique, according to the

changing circumstances.



Joint manipulation technique from the Bubishi.



Kyusho chart from the Bubishi.

40 'Ren' means 'Connect'.

³⁷ 'Gyaku' means 'reverse'. The Chinese term for grappling or grappling techniques is 'Qin Na' (擒拿).

^{38 &#}x27;Tui' (from 'Toru' or 'Toraeu') means 'to catch' or 'to grasp'. ³⁹ Hiji Kansetsu Waza, Hiza Kansetsu Waza, Yubi Kansetsu Waza, etc.

Supplementary training

Chishi; 鎚石

Ishi Sashi; 差し石

Sashi Ishi

Nigiri Game; 握甕 Kongoken; 金剛圏

Tan

Suna Bako; 砂箱 Jari Bako; 砂利箱

Tou; 簾

Tetsu Geta; 鉄下駄

Makiage Kigu; 巻揚器

Tetsuarei; 鉄亜鈴 Makiwara; 巻藁

Temochishiki Makiwara; 手持式巻藁

Fukushiki Makiwara

Sagi Makiwara

Keetaiyo

Stone hammer.

Stone padlock.

Natural stone weight.

Gripping jars.

Oval metal weight; literal: 'Iron circle'.

Barbell.

Sand box (stone or bean box).

Gravel box.

Bamboo bundle; cane.

Iron slippers.

Wrist roller.

'Dumbells'.

Striking post. Literal: rolled-up straw. Moving Makiwara; carrying makiwara.

Fixed Makiwara.

Punching / kicking bag.

'Wooden dummy' wooden post makiwara.



Nigirigame .



Fukushiki Makiwara. .

Stances

- Tachi (Dachi) Stance.

Heisoku Dachi Closed foot stance.

Musubi Dachi Closed stance (with heels touching); used as formal attention stance.

Heiko Dachi Parallel stance.

Hachiji Dachi Natural stance; literal: Japanese character 'Hachi' stance⁴¹.

Koshi Dachi Squat stance.

Naihanchi Dachi Straddle stance

Kiba Dachi Horse riding stance.

Shiko Dachi Literal: square stance; straddle leg stance. Hikui Shiko Dachi Deep straddle leg stance (thighs horizontal).

Naname Shiko Dachi Diagonal square stance; diagonal straddle leg stance.

Yokomuki Shiko Dachi Sideward square stance; sideward straddle leg stance.



Hachiji Dachi (as in Saifa).



Koshi Dachi (as in Kururunfa).



Naname Shiko Dachi. (as in Seiyunchin).

⁴¹ The Japanese character 'Hachi' is: ⁰

Sanchin Dachi

Heishugata Sanchin DachiKaishugata Sanchin DachiMigi/Hidari Heiko Dach

A ala: Mara Hailar Da ala: 42

= Ashi Mae Heiko Dachi⁴²

Literal: three battles stance; also known as 'hourglass stance'.

= Literal: 'closed hand three battles stance'

Literal: 'open hand three battles stance'.

= Right/left parallel stance.

= Parallel stance with one foot in front.



Heishugata Sanchin Dachi .



Kaishugata Sanchin Dachi.

Han Zenkutsu Dachi Zenkutsu Dachi

Hikui Zenkutsu Dachi

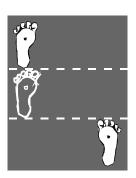


Kaishugata Sanchin Dachi.

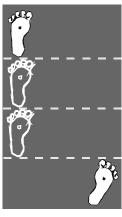
Half-forward stance; half 'front stance'

Forward stance; 'front stance'

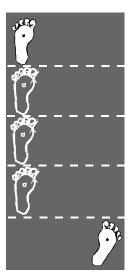
Deep forward stance (as e.g.. in Kururunfa).



Han Zenkutsu Dachi.



Zenkutsu Dachi.



Hikui Zenkutsu Dachi .

Moto Dachi Basic stance.

Fudo Dachi Immovable stance; 'free stance'⁴³.

Sesan Dachi Stance from Sesan Kata; a sideward straddle leg stance; literal: '13 Stance'.

Kokutsu Dachi Backward stance; back stance.

Neko Ashi Dachi Cat foot stance; 'cat stance'

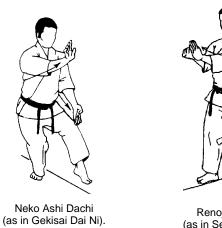
⁴² Also called 'Hitoji Dachi'.

Also cannot arrively Dachi. 43 Fudo Dachi is both translated as 'free stance' and 'immovable stance'. This seemingly contradiction can be understood when one knows that the center of gravity in this stance is in the middle of the supporting-plane, the plane below and between one's feet. Because of this one's body can move relatively free in all directions, without losing balance.

Japanese character 'Re' stance⁴⁴. Renoji Dachi

'Scissors stance'. Bensoku Dachi

Sagi Ashi Dachi⁴⁵ Heron stance; 'one leg stance'.







Bensoku Dachi (as in Sepai).



Sagi Ashi Dachi (as in Saifa).

 $^{^{44}}$ The Japanese character 'Re' is written as $\vartheta.$ The position of the feet is similar to this Japanese character 'Re'. 45 Also called 'Tsuru Ashi Dachi' or 'crane leg stance'.

The first three major abilities one has to aquire in practising stances are grounding, rooting and centering.

Grounding can be divided into:

- . keeping the body upright.
- . keeping the center of gravity above the supporting plane (between and below the feet).
- . aligning the body with the force of gravity.
- . relaxing the body downward.
- . lowering the breathing.
- . extending your feeling attention into the ground.

Rooting adds the following aspects to this:

- . pushing the feet into the floor.
- . grabbing the floor with the toes and sides of the feet.
- . imagening your feet are like roots, sticking deep into the ground (mind projection). All these actions orginate from the lower abdominal region (Tanden).

Centering consists of:

- . positioning the spine on top of the lower abdomen.
- . abdominal breathing centering the breathing in the lower abdomen.
- . centering the mind in the lower abdomen.
- . being ready to move from the lower abdomen.

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Footwork & Bodywork

Unsoku Ho Basic foot movements.

Tako Ashi 'Octopus foot'.

Tenshin Movement; moving. Used to denote evasion techniques based on foot

movements.

Tai Sabaki Generally: body shift. Literal: handling the body. Usually used to denote

evasion techniques in which a combination of foot movements and turning of

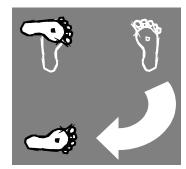
the body is used.

Tai Hiraki Body evasion.

Happo Sabaki Movements in 8 or all directions.

Ashi Sabaki Foot shift.

Jun Kaiten Regular turn (of the hips). Gyaku Kaiten Reversed turn (of the hips).



Example of Tai Sabaki.

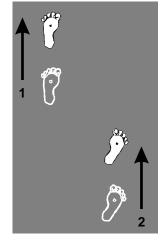
Zenshin Forward. Kotai Backward. Sa Yu Sideward.

Sa Yu Zenpo Naname Diagonal forward. Sa Yu Kotai Naname Diagonal backward.

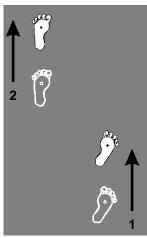
Issoku Cho One foot distance.

Suri Ashi Sliding step.
Tsugi Ashi Shuffling step.
Ayumi Ashi Natural step.
Yori Ashi Dragging step.
Keri Ashi Kicking foot.

Hiki Ashi Pulling back the leg.







Tsugi Ashi.

Fighting postures

- Kamae (Gamae)

Hanmi

Fighting posture. Half turned.

Ai Hanmi

Both Karateka face each other with the

same foot in front.

Gyaku Hanmi

Both Karateka face each other with another foot in front (L & R or R & L).

Yoi No Kamae

Shizentai No Kamae

= Musubi Dachi No Kamae

Hanmi Shizentai No Kamae

Morote Gedan Heiko No Kamae

(Formal) alert posture

= Closed stance fighting posture

Double low block fighting posture in

parallel stance.

Half turned natural fighting posture.

Natural fighting posture⁴⁶.

Low fighting posture. Gedan No Kamae

Mid-level fighting posture. Chudan No Kamae

Fighting posture with two hands at mid-Chudan Morote No Kamae

level

Fighting posture with double vertical Tateken Morote No Kamae

fists.

Morote Chudan Yoko Uke No Kamae Fighting posture with double sideward

= Morote Chudan No Kamae block at mid-level.

= Double fighting posture at mid-level. Morote Chudan Sanchin No Kamae Double fighting posture at mid-level

(block) in 'three battles' (stance).

Mid-level double spear hand fighting Morote Chudan Nukite No Kamae posture.

Pulling block fighting posture. Hiki Uke No Kamae

Tiger fighting posture. Tora No Kamae

Jodan Kaisho No Kamae High open hand fighting posture. High fighting posture with fists. Jodan Seiken No Kamae

Heaven and earth fighting posture. Tenchi No Kamae

Cat leg stance; 'cat stance'. Neko Ashi No Kamae

Character 'Ni'47 fighting posture. Ninoji No Kamae



Yoi No Kamae.



Gedan No Kamae.



Morote Chudan Nukite No Kamae.

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^{46 &#}x27;Shi' means 'self''; 'Zen' means 'resembling' or 'alike'; 'Tai' means 'body'.

Double handed character 'Ni' fighting posture. = Morote Ninoji Kamae

Heron leg stance⁴⁸. Sagi Ashi No Kamae

Literal: 'no' fighting posture; fighting posture without a specific Mu Kamae



 $^{^{47}}$ Japanese character 'Ni' is: \P 48 Also known as 'Tsuru Ashi Dachi' or 'crane leg stance'.

Anatomical weapons

Contact area of the knuckles of the index and middle finger. Daikento

Seiken

Vertical fist. Tateken

Backside of the fist; 'back fist'. Uraken

Flat fist. Heiken

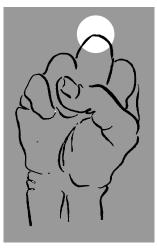
Iron hammer (fist). Tettsui

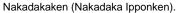
Crab fist. Kaikoken Bear hand. Kumade

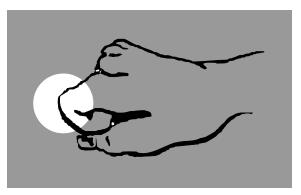
Nakadakaken Middle finger-knuckle fist.

= Middle finger single knuckle fist. = Nakadaka Ipponken

One knuckle fist; literal: chicken beak fist⁴⁹. Keikoken







Keikoken.

Literal: sword or knife hand; 'ridge hand'. Shuto

Literal: blunt side sword or knife hand; 'Ridge hand'. Haito

Shotei Palm (root of the palm). Haishu Back (of the) hand.

Literal: penetrating hand⁵⁰; 'spear hand'. Nukite

'Two-finger spear hand'; Literal: twofold penetrating hand. Nihon Nukite

Ippon Nukite Single 'spear hand'; literal: 'single penetrating hand'.

Boshi Ken Thumb fist.

Yubi Hasami Pinching fingers; finger pinch; literal: finger scissors.

Washide Eagle hand

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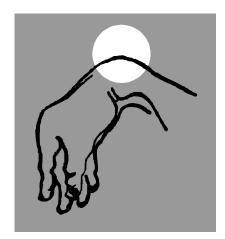
 $^{^{49}}$ In China sometimes called: 'phoenix eye fist'. 50 'Nuki' comes from 'Nuku' (= 'penetrate').

Koken Bent wrist.
Kote Forearm; wrist.

Ude Forearm.



Yubi Hasami.



Koken.

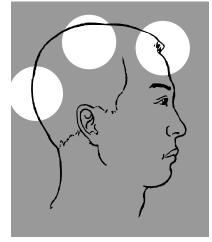
Empi or Hiji Elbow. Kata Shoulder.

Kotou or Zu 頭 Head.

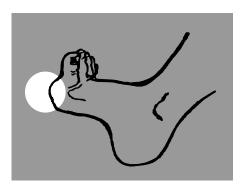
Sokutei Sole of the foot.

Josokutei Ball of the (sole of the) foot.

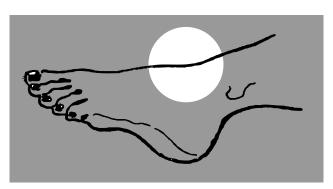
Tsumasaki Toe tips. Kakato Heel.



Kotou.



Josokutei



Sokko

Sokko Instep.

= Haisoku = Back of the foot.

Sune Shin.

Sokuto Sword foot (side of the foot).

Kasokutei Side of heel / ankle.

Hiza Knee.



Hiza.

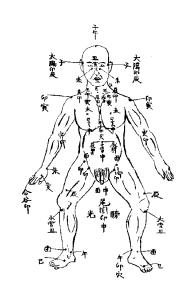


Sune.

Kyusho

The Kyusho listed below are taken from charts from the book 'Traditional Karatedo, Volume 1' by Higaonna Sensei. The Kanji, translations, anatomical descriptions and suggested relationships to acupuncture points are based on other sources and my own research. Since the book, mentioned above, does not contain the Kanji, it is likely that some of the Kanji given below may be incorrect. The Kanji below are based upon my minimal knowledge of Japanese and Chinese language and other literature on martial arts and oriental medicine. Apart from that, the transmission of knowledge also suffered from language barriers in the past (analphabetism, oral transmission, different dialects, different languages, etc.). Some names of vital points used today, may be quite different from the one's used in the past. They may sound the same but have a different meaning. For that reason some names of vital points may be incomprehensible simply because their original meaning is lost.

The selection of related acupuncture points is based on a large list of sources, both from martial and traditional medical literature. However in some cases, because of inadequate descriptions or drawings in martial arts literature (and even in some modern acupuncture



manuals), they are only estimations. It should be noted that, despite the relations between the Chinese martial and traditional medicine in the past, the names of the vital points used in Karatedo and other martial arts mostly differ from those used in acupuncture, Shiatsu, etc.

General localisation &	Translation
Name	

Related Acupuncture meridian & points

Leg

Kori; 高利 Soin ⁵² ; 草隠 Naira (Naika ?); 内踝 Kokotsu; 向骨	'High advantage'. 'Hidden in the grass'. 'Inner ankle'? 'Shinbone'; literal: frontal bone.	Liver 3 ⁵¹ . Gallbladder 41. Spleen 5 (kidney 3 - 6).
Soma ; 草靡 Fukuto; 伏兎 Yako; 夜光	'Were the grass yields to the wind'? ⁵³ . 'Crouching hare' ⁵⁴ . 'Nocturnal Luminescence'.	Bladder 57 ? Spleen 10 (stomach 32-34; gallbladder 31) ⁵⁵ Liver 10 (liver 11 and 12; spleen 12) ⁵⁶

⁵¹ If the word 'high' refers to a high part on the foot than the related acupuncture point would be stomach 42 (Shoyo 沖陽; Chinese: *Chong Yang*). Liver 3 is generally known to be one of the most vulnerable points on the dorsum of the foot. However, it is much harder to attack than stomach 42 which is, being the joint the between the tarsus and metatarsus, vulnerable as well.

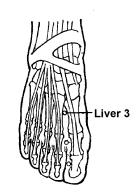
⁵² Also called: Kusagakure.

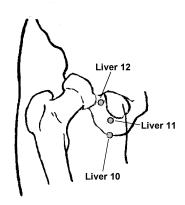
⁵³ Chinese: *Cao Mi*.

⁵⁴ This name refers to the similarity between a crouching hare and a contracted quadriceps muscle.

⁵⁵ In acupuncture the point Fukuto only refers to stomach 32 (Chinese: Fu Tu). Possibly it is used in martial arts to denote several points on the thigh, because the thigh as a whole (m. quadriceps femoris) looks like a crouching rabbit, not just one point. In Higaonna's 'Traditional Karatedo, volume 1' the point Fukuto is located on the lower inside of the thigh, in the area of the acupuncture point spleen 10 (Kekkai; (Li) (High); Chinese: Xue Hai) which is generally known to be a very vital point. Gallbladder 31 is located on the lateral side of the thigh and is also known as Fushi (A) (Tinese: Feng Shi) or Fushito.

⁵⁶ Yako usually refers to the inguinal area. Several vital points are located here. It is an area were the main arteries, veins and nerves of the leg cross this area, without being covered by a thick layer of muscles.





Backside trunk

Ushiro Inazuma; 後ろ稲妻

Ein; 会陰

Bitei ⁵⁸:尾てい

Ushiro Denko: 後ろ電光

Wakikage; 脇陰?

Kassatsu;活殺

Hayauchi; 早打

'Rear lightning'

'Gathering of Yin'; perineum.

'Tail'; coccyx.

'Rear lightning'.

'Flank's Yin'; 'Flank's

shadow'?

'Life and death'.

'Early striking'; 'fast striking'.

Bladder 36 (50) 57.

Conception vessel 1.

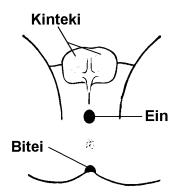
Governing vessel 1.

Bladder 49 (44).

Spleen 21 ?; gallbladder 22 ?⁵⁹.

Governer vessel 11 or 12.

Bladder 43 (38)⁶⁰.



Frontside trunk

Kinteki; 金玉 Tanden; 丹田 Myosho;明星 Testicles; literal: 'iron balls'.

'Cinnaber field'.

'Morning star' (Venus).

(Liver channel)

Conception vessel 4⁶¹.

Conception vessel 7⁶²

⁵⁷ There two main systems of point numbering, used in the acupuncture world. In the other this point would be classified as: bladder

⁵⁸ Also called: Kameno (亀尾) or 'turtle tail'.

⁵⁹ The ribcage below the armpit is not protected by muscles and is therefor a vulnerable area, spleen 21 and gallbladder 22 are the two main acupuncture points in this area but not necessarily the only vital points.

⁶⁰ There two main systems of point numbering, used in the acupuncture world. In the other this point would be classified as: bladder

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61</sup> In Chinese medicine and healthgymnastics the word Tanden is generally used do denote a deep energetical center, rather than a more superficial acupuncture point. The acupuncture point at the level of the Tanden is 'Ganken' (Chinese: 'Guan Yuan' (闕元); 'passage to the origin' (of vital energy)).

⁶² Based on the description given by Funakoshi, G. and Harrison, E.J. (see references). The point 'Kikai' (氣海 is generally considered to be the most important point in the area directly below the umbilicus and is located 11/2" below the navel.

Inazuma; 稲麦 Denko: 電光 Suigetsu; 水月 Ganka; 雁下 Kyosen; 胸尖

Danchu; 膻中

'Lightning'. 'Lightning'. 'Water moon' 63

'Below the wild goose'⁶⁴. 'Chest point'; xiphoid. Center of the chest (bone) Liver 13.

Gallbladder 24. Conception vessel 15.

Stomach 18.

Conception vessel 16. Conception vessel 20⁶⁵.

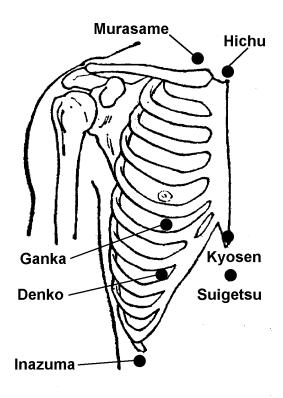
Neck/Collar

Murasame; 叢雨 Keichu; 頸中 Dokusen; 独占?66 Hichu; 秘中

'Passing shower'. 'Middle of the neck'.

'In secret'.

Stomach 11 (Governing vessel) Triple burner 17. Conception vessel 22.



⁶³ Commonly known as the 'solar plexus' (plexus solaris).

⁶⁴ This point is below the nipple, just below the pectoralis muscle, between the 5th and 6th rib. Maybe the lower ridge of the pectoralis

muscle reminded people of a wild goose's belly.

65 The name 'Danchu' (Chinese: *Tan Zhong*) is used in acupuncture for vital point between the nippels (Conception vessel 17). In most Karate sources the point Danchu is located slightly higher, between the manubrium sternum and corpus sternum. In acupuncture the latter point is called Kagai (Chinese: Hua Gai).

⁶⁶ Another name for this point is 'Dokuko' (or Dokko); 独古. The second pictogram of this name shows great similarity to 'Sen' in 'Dokusen'. Possibly one of these, or even both, is a misintepretation. It is not uncommon that names of acupuncture points, Kata, movements, etc. changed through history. Practitioners of martial arts, as many other citezins, were not always literate and the exchange of knowledge between different countries was a language barrier on it's own.

Head

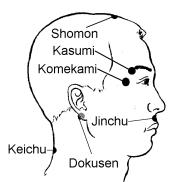
Mikatsuki; 三日月 'Half moon'; jaw. (Stomach channel)
Kakon; 下昆 'Lower descendent'? Conception vessel 24.
Jinchu; 中人 'Middle of man'. Governing vessel 26.
Seimo; 眼星 'Eye star'; eyeballs. (Liver, heart)

Komekami; こめかみ 'Temples'. Miscelleneous Head/Neck 9⁶⁷.

Kasumi; 霞 'Haziness'; 'mist'. Triple burner 23.

Uto; 鳥兎 'Bird & rabbit'? Non-meridian point: M-HN-3.

Shomon; 'Front gate'⁶⁸ Governing vessel 22.



Arm

Ude Narashi; 腕平均 'Middle of the arm'. Large intestine 14 Hijitsume; 肘詰 'Elbow pressing' Heart 3 ⁶⁹. Uchi Shakutaku; 内尺沢 'Inner forearm swamp' ** Lung 7. Soto Shakutaku; 外尺沢 'Outer forearm swamp' Triple burner 5.

Soto Shakutaku; 外尺沢 'Outer forearm swamp' Triple burner 5. Shuko; 手後 'Back of the hand'. Large intestine 4 71.

⁶⁷ Taiyo (太陽; Chinese: *Tai Yang*).

⁶⁹ Heart 3 corresponds with the chart. Other vital points in the area were the elbow is 'pressed together' ('Tsume') are large intestine 11 & 12, lung 5, pericardium 3, small intestine 8. Some authors differentiate between Uchi Hijitsume and Soto Hijitsume. ⁷⁰ 'Shaku' is a unit of length of 30 cm. This is approximately the length of a forearm. As such 'Shaku' is a symbolic term for

^{&#}x27;forearm'. The word 'Taku' means 'swamp'. Words like 'swamp', 'creek', 'sea', etc. were, and still are, used in acupuncture to denote vital points (accumulations of vital energy or 'Ki'). Water is often used as a metaphor for vital energy, the life force.

There are a few other vital points on the back of the hand. The one on Higaonna Sensei's chart appears to be Large

intestine 4, also known as Gokoku 合谷; uniting vally; Chinese: *He Gu*) or Koku (or Tora Guchi; tiger mouth; 虎口; Chinese: Hu Gu)

Blocking techniques

Jodan Age Uke Haiwan Age Uke⁷² High rising block; high upward block.

High rising block with the outside of the forearm, with the hands rising

vertically up..

Jodan Soto Yoko Uke = Jodan Yoko Uke = Jodan Soto Uke

High outward-sidward block.

= High sideward block.

= High outward block.

Jodan Uchi Yoko Uke = Jodan Uchi Uke

High inward-sideward block.

= High inward block.



Age Uke (as in Gekisai Dai Ichi & Ni).



Haiwan Age Uke (as in Sesan Kata).

Chudan Soto Yoko Uke

= Chudan Yoko Uke

= Chudan Uke

Morote Chudan Yoko Uke Hojo Uke⁷³

Mid-level outward-sideward block.

= Mid-level sideward block.

= Mid-level block.

Double handed mid-level sideward block.

Augmented block.



Chudan Soto Yoko Uke.



Hojo Uke.

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Appears e.g. in Sesan Kata.Appears e.g. in Seiyunchin Kata.

Chudan Uchi Uke Mid-level inward block.

(Seiken) Gedan Harai Uke Low sweeping block with the fist..

= Gedan Uke = Low block. = Low sweep⁷⁴. = Gedan Barai

Morote Gedan Harai Uke⁷⁵ Double handed low sweeping block. Shotei Gedan Harai Uke Low sweeping block with the palm. Gedan Shotei Osae Uke Low controlling block with the palm.

Doji Uke Combination of Chudan Yoko Uke and Gedan Barai Uke.

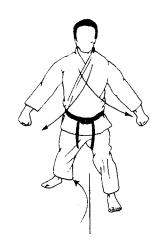
Uchi Gedan Harai Uke Inward low sweep block. = Uchi Gedan Barai = Low inward sweep. = Gedan Uchi Uke = Low inward block.

(Ryo-ken) Kosa Uke (Double fist) cross block.

Cross block; Literal: character 'Ju' block⁷⁶. = Juji Uke







Morote Gedan Harai Uke.

Hiki Uke Pulling block; grasping block. Ura Hiki Uke Reversed pulling block. Yoko Hiki Uke⁷⁷ Sideward pulling block.

Morote Hiki Uke Double handed pulling block.

Kake Uke Hook block.

= Hook block with reversed hand. = Ura Te Kake Uke

Ura Kake Uke Reversed hook block.

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⁷⁴ Harai or Barai are the same words, it is a difference in pronunciation due to grammar.

⁷⁵ Appears e.g. in Seiyunchin Kata and Shisochin Kata.

⁷⁶ The character 'Ju' means ten and is written: +.

⁷⁷ Appears e.g. in Shisochin Kata.

Uchi Kake Uke Inward hook block.

Chudan Ushiro Kake Uke Mid-level backward hook block.

Haishu Mawashi (Osae) Uke⁷⁸

Circular (controlling) block with the back (of the) hand.

= Ura Uke

= Reversed block

Shotei Yoko Uke

Sideward palm block

(Chudan Shotei) Otoshi Uke⁷⁹ (Mid-level) dropping block. Mid-level) flowing block. (Chudan Shotei) Nagashi Uke (Chudan Shotei) Osae Uke⁸⁰ (Mid-level) controlling block.

= Chudan Shotei = Mid-level control.

Double handed controlling or controlling block. Morote Osae Uke

Ryusho Gedan Osae Oshi⁸¹ Double handed low push.



Haishu Mawashi Osae Uke.



Ryusho Osae Uke.

Sukui Uke Scooping block.

Morote Sukui Uke Double handed scooping block. Sliding scooping block⁸³.

Nagashi Sukui Uke⁸²

Shuto Uke Sword hand- of knife hand block.

Nagashi Uke Sliding block.

Jodan Ko Uke High wrist block Yoko Ko Uke Sideward wrist block

⁷⁸ Appears e.g. in Kururunfa Kata.

⁷⁹ Most often executed with the palm. Depending on what part of the body is used, different terms are added. E.g. 'Tettsui' when the contact is made by the bottom of the fist (hammerfist).

⁸⁰ These three blocks are almost the same, depending on the way the attack is 'handled' it is called either Otoshi, Nagashi or Osae.

⁸¹ Appears e.g. in Kururunfa Kata.

⁸² Appears e.g. in Sesan Kata and Suparinpei Kata.

^{83 &#}x27;Nagashi' comes from 'Nagasu' (= 'drift away', 'float away').

= Chudan Ko Uke = Mid-level wrist block Morote Ko Uke⁸⁴ Double handed wrist block.

Hasami Uke Scissors block.

Hiji Uke Elbow block.

Kuri Uke Elbow block, as in Seiyunchin and Kururunfa.

Tora Guchi Tiger mouth (block). = Mawashi Uke = Circular block.

= Jodan Haishu Osae Uke⁸⁵ = High controlling block with the back (of the) hand.

+ Gedan Oshi/Uchi Kake Uke + Low push / Inward hook block.

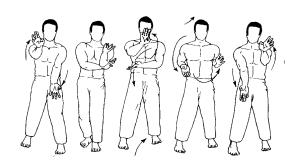
+ Jodan Oshi + High push.

Morote Mawashi Uke Double handed circular block.

Hari Uke Bow and arrow block.

= Shotei Gedan Harai Uke / = Low sweeping block with the palm /

= Haishu Jodan Age Uke = High upward block.





Inward knee block⁸⁶. Hiza Uchi Uke Hiza Soto Uke Outward knee block.

Sokutei Osae Uke Controlling block with the sole of the foot.

Sokutei Harai Uke Sweeping block with the sole of the foot.

Haisoku Barai Instep sweeping (block).

Appears e.g. in Sanseru Kata.
 Also called: Jodan Mawashi Tekubi Osae Uke.

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⁸⁶ The block as actually made with the shin and not with the knee. It could therefore also be called Suna Uke.

Punching and striking techniques

Hikite; 引手 Pulling back the opposite hand / arm.

Choku Tsuki Straight punch; forward punch.

Seiken Tsuki Fist punch⁸⁷.

Nukite Tsuki Literal: penetrating thrust; 'spear hand thrust'.

Hira Nukite Tsuki⁸⁸ Literal: flat penetrating thrust; 'flat spear hand thrust'; 'horizontal

spear hand thrust'89.

Oi Tsuki Lunge punch.

Yoko Oi Tsuki Sideward lunge punch.

Gyaku Tsuki Reverse punch. Sun Tsuki 1 'inch' punch.

Yoko Sun Tsuki Sideward 1 'inch' punch.

Kizami Tsuki 'Leading jab' punch.

Jun Tsuki 'Leading punch'.

Maeken Tsuki Punch with the front fist (Jun Tsuki or Kizami Tsuki).

Ura Tsuki Turned punch; 'short punch'; Literal: 'turned or reversed punch'.

Yoko Ura Tsuki⁹¹ Sideward turned punch.

Age Tsuki Rising punch; upward punch; 'uppercut'.



Hira Nukite Tsuki (as in Seiyunchin Kata).



Yoko Ura Tsuki (as in Saifa Kata).



Age Tsuki (as in Kururunfa Kata).

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⁸⁷ Depending on the type of anatomical weapon used with the punch, other adjectives are used, e.g. Shotei Tsuki, Nukite Tsuki or Nakadaka Ippon Ken Tsuki.

⁸⁸ Appears eg. in Seiyunchin Kata.

⁸⁹ In Seiyunchin Kata this technique is executed slightly downward as if one attacks the inguinal area (Yako) of the opponent.

⁹⁰ Appears eg. in Sesan Kata.

⁹¹ Appears eg. in Saifa Kata.

Mawashi Tsuki Roundhouse punch; circular punch.

Furi Tsuki Swing punch. Kagi Tsuki Hook punch.

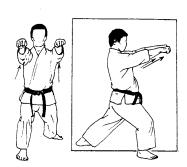
Yama Tsuki Mountain punch. Nagashi Tsuki Flowing punch.

(Morote) Awase Tsuki (Double handed) combined punch.

Nigiri Awase Tsuki Joined punch. Heiko Tsuki Parallel punch.



(Morote) Awase Tsuki (as in Gekisai Dai Ichi Kata).



Heiko Tsuki (as in Saifa Kata).

Sanren Tsuki Three consecutive punches. Sambon Tsuki Threefold punch; triple punch.

Haito Uchi Literal: blunt side sword/knife hand strike.

Literal: sword/knife hand strike. Shuto Uchi

Shuto Mawashi Uchi Roundhouse sword/knife hand strike. Scissoring sword/knife hand strike⁹². Shuto Hasami Uchi

Furi Uchi⁹³ Swing strike. Tettsui Uchi Hammer strike. Gedan Tettsui Uchi Low hammer strike.

Morote Mawashi Uchi⁹⁴ Double handed circular strike.

(High) turned fist strike⁹⁵. (Jodan) Uraken Uchi

Ura Uchi Turned strike.

Kinteki Uchi Groin strike.

Gedan Furi Uchi⁹⁶ Low swinging strike.

^{92 &#}x27;Hasami' means: 'to come in between (something)'.

Plasain health. to come in between (something).

Almost the same as Furi Tsuki but uses a larger and more swinging motion.

Appears for example in Saifa Kata and Sepai Kata.

This is the type of Uraken Uchi that appears most often in the Kata.

⁹⁶ Used do denote the groin strike (Kinteki Uchi) in Sepai Kata. More specific than Kinteki Uchi.

Furi Sute⁹⁷ (Double handed backward) swinging strike.

Hiraken Uchi⁹⁸ Flat fist strike.

Ko Uchi Wrist strike.

Shotei Oshi Palm push. Hojo Oshi Supported push.



(Gedan) Hiraken Uchi (as in Sepai Kata).



Hojo Oshi (as in Seiyunchin Kata).

Inside forearm strike. Naiwan Uchi Gaiwan Uchi Outside forearm strike.

Kote Uchi Wrist strike.

Hiji Ate Elbow strike⁹⁹.

= Empi Uchi = Hiji Uchi

Rising elbow strike; upward elbow strike. Age Hiji Ate

Backward elbow strike. Ushiro Hiji Ate Otoshi Hiji Ate Falling elbow strike. Yoko Hiji Ate Sideward elbow strike. Circular elbow strike. Mawashi Hiji Ate

(High) follow through elbow strike 100. (Jodan) Hineri Hiji Ate

Hiji Age Elbow lift (freeing technique).

Kou to Ate Head strike; 'Head butt'.

= Zu Tsuki

Kata Ate Shoulder strike. Kata Oshi Shoulder push.

¹⁰⁰ This technique is usually executed to the head.

⁹⁷ Appears e.g. in Kururunfa Kata and the Junbi Undo.
98 Appears eg. in Sepai Kata.
99 Without a word determining the height of the technique this usually refers to Chudan level.

Kicking techniques

Kekomi¹⁰¹ 'Thrust kick'; literal: incoming kick.

Keage¹⁰² 'Snap kick'; striking kick; literal: upward kick.

Hiki Ashi; 引足 Pulling back the foot / leg, after the kick.

Ashi Mae ... Geri ... Geri with the front leg.

Mae Geri Front kick; forward kick¹⁰³.

Kin Geri Groin kick.

Gedan Shita Geri Low horizontal kick.

= Sune Geri = Kick to the shinbone.

Mawashi Geri Roundhouse kick.

Ushiro (Kakato) Geri Backward (heel) kick.

Kaiten Ushiro Mawashi Geri Turning backward roundhouse kick.

Gyaku Mawashi Geri Reversed roundhouse kick (from the inside out).

Ushiro Mawashi Geri Backward roundhouse kick¹⁰⁴.

Sokuto Geri Sword foot kick. = Yoko Geri = Sideward kick

Sokuto Kansetsu Geri Sword foot kick to the (knee)joint.

= Gedan Sokuto Geri = Low sword foot kick. = Kansetsu Geri = Kick to the (knee)joint. = Gedan Yoko Geri = Low sideward kick.







Sokuto Kansetsu Geri (as in Kururunfa Kata).

¹⁰¹ A combination of Keri (kick) and Komi (derived from komeru, which means 'to put into').

¹⁰² A combination of: Keri (kick) and Age (upward; rise).

¹⁰³ Mae Kakato Geri; Mae Tsumaseki Geri; etc.

¹⁰⁴ Also known as 'Ura Mawashi Geri'.

Kakato Fumikomi Geri Stamping kick with the heel. = Gedan Fumikomi Geri = Low stamping kick. = Fumikomi Geri = Stamping kick.

Sokutei Fumikomi (Geri) Stamp with the sole of the foot.

Kakato Otoshi Heel drop (kick). Furi Geri Swing kick.

Sokuto Furi Geri Swing kick with the sword foot.

Haisoku Geri Instep kick.

Hiza Geri Knee kick. = Hiza Ate = Knee strike.

Tobi Hiza Geri Jumping knee kick.

Nidan Geri Two levels kick.

Ren Geri Consecutive kicks (two).

... jumping kick¹⁰⁵. Tobi Geri

Tobi Nidan Geri Jumping two levels kick.

 $^{^{105}}$ E.g. Mae Tobi Geri or Mawashi Tobi Geri.



Sokutei Furi Geri (as in Suparinpei Kata).

Grappling techniques

Literal: Reversing techniques. Ura Waza

Tsukami Waza Grabbing techniques. Pulling techniques. Hiki Waza Pushing techniques. Oshi Waza

Hazusu Waza (Hazushi Waza)¹⁰⁶ Freeing techniques; throwing-off techniques.

Hiji Age¹⁰⁷ Elbow lifting (freeing technique).

Controlling techniques; techniques to control the opponent. Osae Waza

Throwing techniques

Ashi Nage Leg throw; throw using your leg as the major 'tool'.

Foot sweep. Ashi Barai Ashi Basami Leg scissors.

Hip throw; throw using your hip as the major 'tool', i.e. active or Koshi Nage

supporting bodypart.

Kata Nage Shoulder throw; throw using your shoulder as the major 'tool', i.e.

active or supporting bodypart.

Te Nage Hand throw; throw using your hands or arms as the major 'tool'.

Ashi Dori Literal: 'grabbing the leg'.

Furi Nage or Gyaku Nage (Waza) 108 Swinging throw or reversed throw technique.

Sukui Nage¹⁰⁹ Scooping throw.



Ashi Hasami (Nage) from the Bubishi.



Furi Nage or Gyaku Nage from the Bubishi.



Sukui Nage from the Bubishi.

Kubi Nage Neck throw; throw using the **opponent's** neck to throw him or her.

¹⁰⁶ Also called Toku Waza (Toki Waza).

Appears e.g. in Seiyunchin Kata.

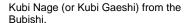
Appears in the Dento Teki Bunkai of Kururunfa Kata.

¹⁰⁹ Sukui Nage can also be classified as a hip throw or Koshi Waza. Appears e.g. in the Dento Teki Bunkai of Sepai Kata.

Sutemi Nage

Offer throw; throw in which the defender falls down in order to throw his opponent.







Sutemi Nage from the Bubishi.

Joint techniques

Hiji Kansetsu Waza Elbow-joint (manipulation) techniques.

Ude Kansetsu Waza Arm-joint (manipulation) techniques. This can refer to wrist-, elbow- or

schoulder joint.

Te Kubi Kansetsu Waza Wrist-joint (manipulation) techniques.

Kote Kansetsu Waza Alternative name for wrist-joint (manipulation) techniques.

Yubi Kansetsu Waza

Kubi Kansetsu Waza

Neck-joint (manipulation) techniques.

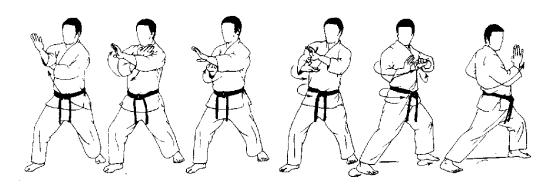
Hiza Kansetsu Waza

Ashi Kubi Kansetsu Waza

Ankle-joint (manipulation) techniques.

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Ude **Osae**¹¹¹ Forearm control used in a jointlock (e.g. elbow).



Elbow-joint lock, using Ude Osae.

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 $^{^{110}}$ Or: Sekizui (Kansetsu) Waza - Spinal column (joint)(manipulation) techniques.

Appears in the one of the Dento Teki Bunkai of Shisochin Kata. The word Ude can be changed according to the part of the body that is puts pressure on the joint. For example: Mune Osae (chest), Waki Osae (flank control) and Ashi Osae (leg control). These terms may also refer to locks on other joints.

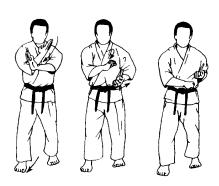
Literal: horizontal control; horizontal arm press¹¹³. Together with Maki Suhei Osae 112

Age (see above) used in an armlocking or -breacking.

Maki Age¹¹⁴ Rising arm roll; Together with Suhei Osae (see below) used in an

armlocking or

-breacking technique.



Suhei Osae & Maki Age.

Ude Garami Arm weave; Joint lock in which the arm of the attacker is bend and weaved

into an armlock.

Hiji Garami Technique in which the elbows of the opponent are crossed in order to

create an armlock.

Ashi or Hiza Garami Leg or knee weave. Jointlock in which the legs of the attacker is bend and

weaved into a (knee)lock.

Jointlock (-break or -throw) by twisting 115 (and bending) a joint. For - Gaeshi (Kaeshi)

example: Kote Gaeshi (wrist twist), Yubi Gaeshi (finger twist) and Kubi

Gaeshi (neck twist).

Strangulations

Hadaka Jime Literal: naked strangulation; strangulation without grabbing the opponent's

clothes.

Eri Jime Collar strangulation; strangulations in which the collar of the opponent is

used.

Ashi Jime Leg strangulations; strangulations in which the legs are used to strangle the

opponent. The Sankaku Jime or triangle strangulation is the most common

type of Ashi Jime.

¹¹² Appears in Sepai Kata.

This type of jointlocks, using a horizontal lever, is named Kannuki Gatame in Judo and Jujutsu. Kannuki menas: bar (to close a gate). Gatame means: to stiffen. Gatame is used in a similar sense as Osae. ¹¹⁴ Appears in Sepai Kata.

Kaeshi (- Gaeshi) means to change or to turn. Gaeshi techniques are used to throw the opponent or to force him down (or break a joint), they are usually no locks in which the opponent is controlled as in Osae or Garami techniques.

Kyusho Waza

Kyusho; 急所 Vital point; tender spot; secret key.

Chibu (Tsubo); 童 Alternative Okinawa name for the vital points of the human body.

the vital points of the human body.

The following terms are rendered in Chinese (Mandarin, Pinyin transcription) because they are predominantly used in the Chinese martial arts. The Japanese translation (On-pronunciation) is given between brackets.

Dian Xue ¹¹⁶ ; 點穴 (Ten Ketsu)	Vital points. In Chinese martial arts used to denote the knowledge and techniques about how to attack the vital points of the human body. The word 'Ten' means point. In Chinese martial arts it means 'to attack with a pointed anatomical weapon'.
Da Xue; 打穴	Striking the vital points. Alternative name for <i>Dian Xue</i> . In Chinese martial arts used
(Da Ketsu)	to denote the knowledge and techniques about how to attack the vital points of the human body.
Ya Xue: 壓穴(圧穴)	Pressing the vital points.
Dian Mai ¹¹⁷ ; 點脈 (Ten Myaku)	Attacking the bloodvessels. In Chinese martial arts used to denote the knowledge and techniques about how to attack vital points in the blood circulatory system. The word 'Dian' means point. In Chinese martial arts it means 'to attack with a pointed anatomical weapon'.
Da Xue; 打血	Striking the blood. Alternative name for <i>Dian Mai</i> . In Chinese martial arts used to
(Da Ketsu)	denote the knowledge and techniques about how to attack vital points in the blood
Duan Mai; 斷脈(断脈) (Dan Myaku)	circulatory system. Breaking the bloodvessels. Alternative name for <i>Dian Mai</i> . In Chinese martial arts used to denote the knowledge and techniques about how to attack vital points in the blood circulatory system.
Kai Qi ¹¹⁸ ; 閉氣 (Hei Ki)	Closing the breath. In Chinese martial arts used to denote the knowledge and techniques about how block or impair the breathing by attacking specific vital points.
Da Qigong;打器官 (Da Kikan)	Striking the internal organs. In Chinese martial arts used to denote the knowledge and techniques about how to attack the vital organs.
Jua Jin; 抓筋 (Tsu Kin ?)	Grabbing the sinews; pinching the sinews. In Chinese martial arts used to denote the knowledge and techniques about how to grab and pinch the opponent's sinews (tendons, muscles, etc.) in order to enable him to fight.

The following two terms are not really a part of what could be called Kyusho Waza. However, together with the topics mentioned above, they are an integrate part of the grappling or *Qin Na* curriculum of the Chinese martial arts. Therefore they are listed here. In fact they are what has been previously described as Kansetsu Waza.

Fen Jin; 分筋	Dividing the sinews (tendons, ligaments, etc.).
(Bunkin)	
Cuo Gu; 錯骨	Misplacing the bones; dislocating the bone.
(Chiku Kotsu)	

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¹¹⁶ Better known as 'Dim Hsue' (Cantonese dialect).

¹¹⁷ Better known as 'Dim Mak' (Cantonese dialect).

¹¹⁸ Cantonese: Bei Hei.

Fighting practices

Kumite Fighting exercise; literal: grappling hands or uniting hands.

Tanren Kumite Literal: 'forging' fighting exercise.. Sandan Uke Harai Three levels block (literal: 'sweep').

Sandan Gi Three levels exercise.

'Forging' of the forearms¹¹⁹. Ude Tanren

Tai Atari Body toughning exercises; literal: body hitting exercises.

Kihon Kumite Basic fighting exercise; basic sparring.

Yakusoku Kumite 'Arranged' fighting exercise; arranged sparring.

Kihon Ippon Kumite Basic onefold fighting exercise; basic single sparring. Jiyu Ippon Kumite Free onefold fighting exercise; free single sparring Basic twofold fighting exercise; basic twofold sparring. Kihon Nihon Kumite Jiyu Nihon Kumite Free twofold fighting exercise; free twofold sparring.

Sanbon Kumite Threefold fighting exercise; threefold sparring.

Sanbon Tsuki Kumite Threefold punch fighting exercise; threefold punch sparring.

Sandan Kumite Three levels fighting exercise; three levels sparring.

Renzoku Kumite Consecutive fighting exercise; consecutive sparring.

(Kata) Bunkai Kumite Applied fighting exercise; applied sparring.

Kihon (Kata) Bunkai Kumite (Basic) applied fighting exercise; (basic) applied sparring.

= Kihon Bunkai = Basic applications. Dento Teki Bunkai Traditional applications.

Oyo Bunkai Kumite Variations of the applications.

Randori (Kumite) Sparring.

Go Kumite Hard fighting exercise; hard sparring. Ju Kumite Soft fighting exercise; soft sparring. Free fighting exercise; free sparring. Jiyu kumite

Iri Kumi Close combat.

Shiai Kumite Competitive fighting exercise; competitive sparring; contest.

Kakie (Kumite) 120 Sticky hands exercise (or fighting practise).

 $^{^{119}}$ Sometimes also called: 'Kote Kitae'. 'Forging' here has the meaning of 'to train' and 'to harden'. 120 'Koki' in Chinese (Fujian dialect).

Kata

Kata; 型 Form; style; soloform.

Heishu Kata (Heishugata); 'Closed hand' soloforms 121.

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Gekisai Dai Ichi; 擊砕第一 Attack and destroy 1 123.

Gekisai Dai Ni; 擊砕第二 Attack and destroy 2.

Saifa: 砕破 Destroying strikes.

Seiyunchin; 制引戦 Unbalancing in a fight. Shisochin; 四向戦 4 directions fight 124.

Sanseru; 三十六 (手) 125 126 (hands) 126 . Sepai; 十八 (手) 127 .

Kururunfa; 久留頓破 Holding on long, striking suddenly; free translation: 'silence before the

storm'128.

Sesan; 三十六(手) '13' (hands)¹²⁹.
Suparinpei; 壱百零八(手) '108' (hands)¹³⁰.
Sanchin; 三戦 Three battles.

Tensho; 転掌 Rotating palms ¹³¹.

Koshiki No Kata; 古式の型 Classical froms; old forms.

Happoren; 八步練 Literal: 'eight steps training'. This Kata is considered to be a

121 'Closed hand' does not refer to the hands but to the Tanden that is closed (tight) throughout the Kata.

¹²² 'Open hand' does not refer to the hands but to the Tanden that only closes at the moment of impact (or towards the end of a Muchimi movement).

¹²³ This, for Karate unusual aggressive name, reflects the time in which Okinawa was a battlefield of Japanese-American war. ¹²⁴ 'Sai' means (just as in Gekisai) 'destroy; 'Fa' means 'strike' or 'smash'. Typical for this Kata are sharp striking techniques such as Uraken Uchi, Tettsui Uchi, Haito Uchi, etc.

¹²⁵ The character 'Shu' (手) is not spoken, it is placed there so is reminded

¹²⁶ The names of the Katas Sanseru, Sesan, Suparinpei and Sepai are Chinese names. In written language the word 'hand(s)' (手) is added behind these names, indicating that the characters should be pronounced according to the 'Chinese' or 'On' pronunciation. In speaking language this character is left out. It is said that these names are related to Buddhist numerology. E.g. Sanseru, 36 (6 x 6), refers to eyes, ears, nose, tongue, body, spirit and color, voice, taste, smell, touch and justice. It is also suggested that the numbers (originally) referred to the number of techniques in the Kata, the number of applications (Bunkai Kumite) or the number of vital points (Kyusho) to which the techniques in the Kata are directed.

¹²⁷ 18, according to Buddhist numerology, is built up from 3 x 6; 3 refers to good, bad and peace; 6 refers to color, voice, taste, smell, touch and justice.

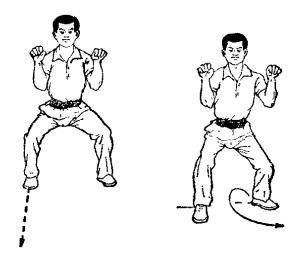
^{128 &#}x27;Kuru' (久留; Chinese: Jiu Liu) means something like 'remain', 'hold on' or 'await'; 'run' (Chinese: Dun), in Chinese calligraphy, means: the pause or slowing down before an accentuated movement of the pencil is 'released'. Interestingly there are various transitions in Kururunfa with a similar character.

¹²⁹ 13 is a number of luck and wealth in Chinese culture.

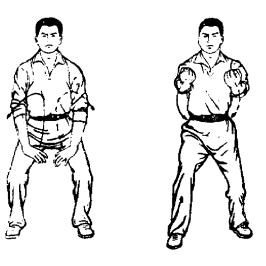
 $^{^{130}}$ 108, according to Buddhist numerology, is build up from 3 x 36. These numbers have the same meaning as in Sanseru en Sepai. 108 refers to the 108 evil passions that can obstruct a human being in his to enlightenment. 108 appears in many cultures as a holy or mystical number, in nature it is the amount of years between to one cycle of lunar eclipses. Every 108 years there is a maximum lunar eclipse.

¹³¹An other name for Tensho is 'Rokkishu'. Literal this means: six vital energy hands. It refers to six different hand-positions found in the Bubishi.

predecessor of Sanchin Kata and probably a source of inspiration to the creation of Tensho Kata.



Movements from the Kata 'San Qian' (San Chin) from golden lion boxing or Jinshi Quan (金獅拳) .



Movements from the Kata 'San Qian' (San Chin) from feeding crane boxing or Suhe Quan (食鶴拳法).

Contest rules and regulations

Shobu Irikumi Irikumi contest.
Shobu Ippon One point contest.
Shobu Sambon Three point contest.

Shiai Jo Contest area.

Embu Jo Area in which the Kata is performed.

Embu Sen Pattern of the Kata. Shushin Chief referee.

Fukushin Assistant- or mirror referee; judge.

Kansa Arbitrator.

Hajime Start!
Yame Stop!
Tzusekete Continue!

Tsuzukete Hajime Resume fighting - Begin!

Atoshi Baraku A little more time left.

Shugo Judge called.
Hantei Decision.
Aka Red.
Shiro White.
Ippon One point!

Waza-Ari Une point!

Half point!

Torimasen Unacceptable as scoring technique.

Ai Uchi Simultaneous strike (score). Jogai Literal: outside the area.

Mubobi Undefended.

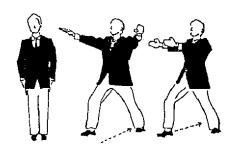
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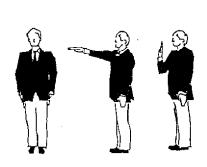
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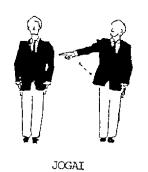
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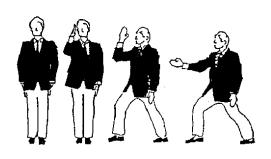
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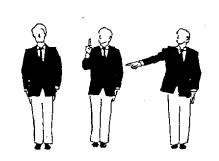
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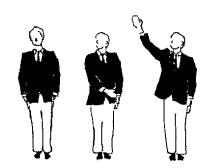
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