**Requirements for I.S.A. Kobudo Titles**

The applicant:

o Must have at least five (5) years in the martial arts.

o For Gakusha and above: must be at least 1st Dan in Karate or an equivalent art.

o Must meet minimum age requirements: Gakusei 12 years and over; Gakusha 17 – 24 years; Tachi 25 – 34 years; Renshi 35 – 40 years.

o Must be able to perform the following number of traditional Kobudo weapons and forms. (Number of forms is a cumulative total utilizing any combination of weapons.)

􀂃 Kyu/Jr Gakusei 3 weapons 4 forms

􀂃 1st Dan Gakusha 3 weapons 6 forms

􀂃 2nd Dan Gakusha 4 weapons 9 forms

􀂃 3rd Dan Tachi 5 weapons 12 forms

􀂃 4th Dan Tachi 6 weapons 15 forms

􀂃 5th & 6th Dan Renshi 6 weapons 18 forms

􀂃 7th & 8th Dan Kyoshi 7 weapons 21 forms

􀂃 9th & 10th Dan Hanshi 8 weapons 25 forms

o Must know the history of each weapon.

o Must be able to demonstrate five (5) self – defense techniques (immobilizations) and twenty (20) or more disabling techniques with each weapon. All techniques must be done with control and good focus (Buki kime) as not to injure your opponent.

o Must be able to perform the use of weapon against another.

o Must be able to defend with all weapons against the Bo or Jo.

o Must be able to perform and manipulate each weapon in the four basic postures:

Standing – Kneeling – Sitting – Lying Down.

o Must submit a letter requesting a Review to the Director, accompanied by a Letter of Recommendation from a titled Kobudo Instructor who meets all of the above specifications.

o Must have no history of acts of violence or mental instability.

\* Note: Three (3) “attached to the hand” weapons, are considered the same as one (1) manipulatable weapon.