

# Japan Karate Association (JKA) Shotokan Katas

A reference on the 25 official JKA katas

Group		Kata Name	Kata Name Meaning	Total Count	Kiai Points
Shitei	Funakoshi Sensei's original 15	Heian Shodan	Peaceful Mind 1	21	9, 17
		Heian Nidan	Peaceful Mind 2	26	11, 26
		Heian Sandan	Peaceful Mind 3	20	10, 20
		Heian Yondan	Peaceful Mind 4	27	13, 25
		Heian Godan	Peaceful Mind 5	23	12, 19
		Tekki Shodan	Iron Horse 1	29	15, 29
Sentei	Funakoshi Sensei's original 15	Bassai Dai	Penetrating the Fortress: Major/Big	42	19, 42
		Kanku Dai	View of the Sky: Major/Big	65	15, 64
		Enpi	Flying Swallow	37	15, 36
		Jion	Love and Goodness	47	17, 47
Advanced	Later additions	Tekki Nidan	Iron Horse 2	24	16, 24
		Tekki Sandan	Iron Horse 3	36	16, 36
		Gankaku	Crane on the Rock	42	28, 42
		Hangetsu	Half Moon	41	11, 40
		Jitte	Ten Hands	24	13, 24
		Bassai Sho	Penetrating the Fortress: Minor/Small	27	17, 25
		Kanku Sho	To View the Sky: Minor/Small	47	6, 47
		Sochin	Strength and Calm	40	28, 40
		Nijushiho	24 Steps	33	18, 32
		Chinte	Rare (or Unusual) Hand	33	9, 32
Advanced	Later additions	Unsu	Hands in the Cloud	48	36, 48
		Gojushiho Sho	Fifty-four Steps: Major/Big	65	57, 64
		Gojushiho Dai	Fifty-four Steps: Minor/Small	62	54, 61
		Meikyo	Bright Mirror	33	32 only
		Wankan	King's Crown	24	24 only
		Ji'in <sup>Note 1</sup>	Love and Shadow	35	11, 35

**Note1:** Although Ji'in has historical lineage in Shotokan, it is not part of official JKA kata syllabus. Included here for general awareness as some Shotokan instructors may teach it on occasion.