The Eight Kata of Uechi Ryu

1	**Sanchin** Primary kata	**Three Conflicts (Chinese)** There are many interpretations, but the generally agreed upon conflicts Sanchin refers to are mind, body, and spirit.
2	**Kanshiwa** Secondary kata	**The former name of this kata was “Kanshabu”. Both names are a mix of Kanbun and Shushiwa (Shushabu).**
3	**Kanshu** Secondary kata	**The former name to this kata was “Daini Seisan” meaning second Seisan. The current name is a mix of Kanbun and Shushiwa.**
4	**Seichin** Secondary kata	**Ten Conflicts (Chinese)**
5	**Seisan** Primary kata	**Thirteen (Chinese)** This is generally understood to mean “Thirteen modes of attack and defense”
6	**Seirui** Secondary kata	**Sixteen (Chinese)**
7	**Kanchin** Secondary kata	**Tactics of Kanbun.**
8	**Sanseiryu** Primary kata	**Thirty-six (Chinese)** It is heavily associated with the moniker “Tiger coming down the mountain”

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