



BLACK BELT REQUIREMENTS

The details below are intended for junior (6 yr old to 15 yr old) and senior (over 16 yr old) brown belts going for their first dan grading i.e. the Black Belt. Where there are differences between junior and senior grade they are noted below.

The prerequisites for black belt are as follows;

1. You have been graded to brown belt and your budo pass is officially marked accordingly
2. You have been graded on katas 1, 2, 3 and 4 and your budo pass is officially marked accordingly
3. You have attended 4 WJJF courses which are all shown in your budo pass
4. Between your brown belt grading and the black belt assessment, 12 months have passed (a bare minimum of 9mths, but your instructor will make the final decision for you)
5. Your insurance is valid and up to date
6. SENIORS – You must attend an assistant club coach course. These are currently run twice a year, and a week or so after the black belt gradings. This course can be attended at any time after you have passed your purple belt grading and is free to those below black belt.

If you cannot prove ANY of the above then you will NOT BE ALLOWED to grade. If your budo pass is not correctly marked then you must have your certificates as proof, or else it didn't happen.

The black belt grading comes in two parts;

Part1 – The Assessment

This is the assessment which you MUST pass. It consists of you performing the whole of the grading in front of a senior examiner (normally Sensei Elliot 7th Dan or Sensei Marriot 6th Dan) at the Hombu in Chesterfield and usually takes place on a Saturday or Sunday.

If you cannot attend the pre-arranged date, special arrangements can sometimes be made, but the cost for this is higher.

Written Test

There is a written medical test, your instructor will provide you with notes which contain most of the information required. I say *most* as you should not be surprised if one or two questions were not answered in the notes. You must learn these notes as you will not be allowed to use the notes during the test.

The pass mark for this test is around 60%.

The assessment takes place normally 2-3 weeks before the grading.

To reiterate;

- If your budo pass is not stamped with the correct gradings, courses AND your insurance is not valid you will not grade.
- If you fail the assessment because the senior examiner feels you are not ready you will not grade.
- If you fail the written medical you will not grade.

Part 2 – The Actual Grading

This will take place either at the Hombu in Chesterfield or at the Sharley Park Leisure Centre in Chesterfield. Grading you will undoubtedly be Sensei Clark 9th Dan, himself along with one or two of his senior examiners. Sensei Clark wants you to pass, but he also wants you to impress him, so you can expect him to spur you on with his inimitable ability and lots of shouting!

- Do not be late.
- Ensure your gi is clean and ironed
- Ensure you have all required badges (see “Badges” below)
- Ensure you have and are wearing your brown belt
- Ensure you have any medicines you regularly use with you such as an inhaler if you have asthma
- Take plenty of drinks with you (NOT fizzy)
- Take a banana and or a Mars bar for quick energy release

Badges

By the time you go to take black belt you should have all of the following badges;

- One chest badge
- 2 Arm badges
- 1 Back badge
- 1 set of leg flashes (one on each leg)

Syllabus

The syllabus followed for the grading will be identical to the one you have been training with, though some regions will perform slightly different techniques to the ones you have been trained in – don't worry, just perform all of your techniques to the best of your ability.

The junior grading is written down exactly as required.

The senior grading is written down largely as required but there are areas of “freedom”. For example, the 25 throws are of YOUR choice, but if at the assessment you are advised to change a throw, then change the throw – believe me when I say that the senior examiners know best.

Note any comments made to you at the assessment and let your instructor know at your next training session.

Costs

Black Belt Assessment - £10

Special Black Belt Assessment (if you cannot attend the pre-arranged one) £25

Black Belt Grading – Junior £75, Senior £140.

These are paid at the grading venue on the date of the assessment/examination.

Make sure that you check your budo pass NOW, and that you have all of the required marks.

If you are unhappy or unsure about ANYTHING then ask your instructor.

Good Luck.

Useful Information

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