

International Kwanmukan

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Ranking System of the International Kwanmukan

| Ranks | Age | Title* |
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| Jo-Dan (10th) <i>over 10 years after Ku-Dan</i> | 70 years old or older | Hanshi over 15 years after Kyoshi and at least 55 years old or older |
| Kudan (9th) <i>over 9 years after Hachi-Dan</i> | 62 years old or older | |
| Hachi-Dan <i>over 8 years after Shichi-Dan</i> | 50 years old or older | Kyoshi over 10 years after Renshi and at least 40 years old or older |
| Shichi-Dan (7th) <i>over 7 years after Roku-Dan</i> | 42 years old or older | |
| Roku-Dan (6th) <i>over 5 years after Go-Dan</i> | 35 years old or older | Renshi over two years after 5th dan and 35 years old or older |
| Go-Dan (5th) <i>over 4 years after Yo-Dan</i> | Under 35 years old | |
| Yo-Dan (4th) <i>over 3 years after San-Dan</i> | Under 35 years old | Sensei Over 3 rd dan and recommended by Shihan |
| San-Dan (3rd) <i>over 2 years after Ni-Dan</i> | Over 18 years old | |
| Ni-Dan (2nd) <i>over 1 year after Sho-Dan</i> | Minimum age 16 years old | No formal title |
| Shodan (1st) <i>at least 6 months after shodan</i> | Minimum age 14 years old | No formal title |
| Shodan Ho Probationary Black Belt At least 2 ½ years training | Minimum age 14 years old | Probationary black belts may test for final black belt after 6 months probation. |
| Junior Black Belts | No specific age | Junior black belts may earn a new level every 6 months until they attain their Shodan. |
| Kyu (Kup) ranks It is recognized that various systems use different types of ranking | No specific age | Below black belt recognized by different colors, but are considered white belts relative to Black Belts. |

*NB Titles may not be given irrespective of how high the rank, but must be awarded for exceptional achievement and outstanding character.

General Kyu Ranking System used by most dojos.

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| Orange Belt | 12 th Kyu and 11 th Kyu | Purple Belt | 4b and 4a Kyu | Black Belt Ho | 1 st Dan Probationary |
| Yellow Belt | 10 th Kyu and 9 th Kyu | Red Belt | 3b and 3aKyu | Black Belt | 1 st Dan |
| Blue Belt | 8 th Kyu and 7 th Kyu | Brown Belt | 2b and 2aKyu | Second Degree Black | 2 nd Dan |
| Green Belt | 6 th Kyu and 5 th Kyu | Brown Belt | 1b and 1aKyu | Third Degree Black | 3 rd Dan |

General Comments

Ranking is done separately for Karate, Jujitsu, Judo and Kobudo under the International Kwanmukan.