



Dan Levels Testing and Promotion

Requirements from the Member School Manual

Student's Eligibility to Test

All students of an affiliated Taekwon-Do International school are entitled to participate in belt testings sponsored by the Member Schools. They must be members of good standing at the Member Schools and have completed the minimum requirements for the grade level they request. These requirements include proficiency in the required patterns, step sparring, sparring and breaking, as well as "time-in-rank" (explained below) and a minimum age requirement. Continuing character development consistent with the five tenets of Taekwon-Do (**courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and indomitable spirit**) is also a significant part of the achievement required at each grade level.

Lower belt students may test about every Three months. Black Belt students in Taekwon-Do International must satisfy a minimum time (or "time-in-rank") requirements as follows:

Japan Karatedo	Testing From	Testing To	Minimum Time in Rank	Minimum Age
Sho-dan	1st Degree	2nd Degree	2 years	18
Ni-dan	2nd Degree	3rd Degree	2 years	21
San-dan	3rd Degree	4th Degree	3 years	27
You-dan	4th Degree	5th Degree	4 years	30
Go-dan	5th Degree	6th Degree	5 years	34
Rku-dan	6th Degree	7th Degree	6 years	39
Shichi-dan	7th Degree	8th Degree	6 years	45
Hachi-dan	8th Degree	9th Degree	8 years	53
Ky-dan	9th Degree	10th Degree	10 years	60

Examiner Rank Requirements:

Under Taekwon-Do International by-laws, the following Black Belt ranks may conduct grade tests:

