



RULES OF GRADING

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1. GRADING AUTHORITY

- 1.1.1 The grading authority of Martial Arts Queensland is provided within the constitution and is to be applied in the manner set down within these Rules. All certificates and other forms of acknowledgement of promotion are to be personally authorized by the head of the school.
- 1.2 Martial Arts Queensland acknowledges lineage and association with Kyushin Ryu school of Jujitsu. As such, all ranks awarded within that school receive full acceptance by Martial Arts Queensland.
- 1.3 Following a successful grading the school may provide a certificate of grade signed by the grading authority.

2. COACHING ACCREDITATION

Martial Arts Queensland supports participation in the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme for all instructors and the NCAS Level 1 Jujitsu or the online Beginning Coaching General Principles course is to be achieved prior to confirmation of the rank of Shodan. Subsequent to Shodan a person is to hold a current accreditation prior to promotion to higher Dan Ranks.

3. COACHING AND GRADING CURRICULUM

The head of school will be responsible for the ongoing development and approval of a coaching and grading curriculum. The Curriculum will set down the assessment criteria and standards to be achieved for successful grading.

4. **Assessment for promotion (Kyu Grades)** – Members who hold the rank of Shodan may award grades under the assessment criteria set-down within the coaching and grading curriculum of the School, up to the grade of senior 1st kyu. Brown belt

Kyu grades

Yellow 10th kyu
Orange 9th kyu
Green with white stripe 8th kyu
Green 7th kyu
Blue with white stripe 6th kyu
Blue 5th kyu
Purple with white stripe 4th kyu
Purple 3rd kyu
Brown with white stripe 2nd kyu
Brown 1st kyu

5. SHODAN-HO AND DAN GRADES

- 5.1 **Shodan-Ho** - This grading represents a period of probation prior to confirming as a Shodan. The successful candidate at this grading may wear a black and white belt. There is a minimum age for Shodan-Ho or Shodan of 16 Years.

5.2 Dan Grades minimum age Shodan 16 years.

| Dan Grade | Belt Colour | Degree/s |
|----------------------|------------------|----------|
| 1 st Dan | Black | 1 |
| 2 nd Dan | Black | 2 |
| 3 rd Dan | Black | 3 |
| 4 th Dan | Black | 4 |
| 5 th Dan | Black | 5 |
| 6 th Dan | Red and White or | 6 |
| 7 th Dan | Red and White or | 7 |
| 8 th Dan | Red and White or | 8 |
| 9 th Dan | Red or | 9 |
| 10 th Dan | Red or | 10 |

5.3 Assessment for promotion (Dan grades)

5.3.1 Grading Assessment - The head of the school will be the chairman of a grading Panel or can appoint a chairman and the grading will be conducted under the assessment criteria set-down within the coaching and grading curriculum of the School.

5.3.2 Panel formation - The official Panel shall be made up of three (3) members all of whom are accredited within Martial arts, Jujitsu or self defence and who are graded to a rank not less than one Dan higher than the grade to be examined: Provided that In special circumstances the head of the school may approve a panel where two (2) members of the panel who have considerable experience beyond their personal grade level, are of a rank equal to the grade to be examined.

5.3.3 Mat Steward - The head of school may appoint a member of appropriate rank and ability to control the mat and convey the requirements of the Panel to the candidate. This person may be invited by the Panel to express an opinion as to the success of the grading.

5.3.4 Successful grading - The approval of a successful grading and awarding of the rank promotion will require the support of two of the three members of the official Panel.

5.3.5 Re-grading Following An Unsuccessful Grading - Should any grading be unsuccessful then a further 6 months must elapse before becoming eligible for re-examination. A member, who has been previously unsuccessful, shall be required to repeat all requirements of the grading at the time of re-examination. This can be at the Principals discretion.

5.3.6 Head of School gradings - The head of school may be graded by an external panel made up of qualified approved members of higher rank.

5.3.7 Trainee Instructors – Members of the school will be allowed to wear a white and black belt in a class that they are acting in a teaching capacity, until they reach the rank of shodan.

6. TIME BETWEEN GRADINGS

6.1 Time Lapse Through Senior Kyu Grades to Achieving Shodan - Progression through the Senior Kyu grades is competency based and there is no minimum time period. However as a guide it is expected that a person attending regular training and of reasonable ability would progress to Shodan within 4 to 6 years. This period will however differ from individual to individual and will be relative to the time dedicated to learning and practice. Given the depth of knowledge and level of required competence it is not expected that a person would progress to Shodan in a period of less than 4 years.

6.2.1 Time Lapse Between Black Belt Gradings - The minimum time, which shall elapse after graduation to Shodan, and before becoming eligible for higher gradings, shall be as follows:

| Dan Grade | Belt Colour | Time Lapse in years |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1 st Dan | Black | 2 |
| 2 nd Dan | Black | 3 |
| 3 rd Dan | Black | 4 |
| 4 th Dan | Black | 5 |
| 5 th Dan | Black | 6 |
| 6 th Dan | Red and White | 4 |
| 7 th Dan | Red and White | 4 |
| 8 th Dan | Red and White | 4 |
| 9 th Dan | Red | 4 |
| 10 th Dan | Red | 4 |

6.2.2 During these years the member is to take an active interest in the administration duties of the School, to pass on their knowledge in Jujitsu and to generally assist in the promotion of the Objectives of the School. The Head of School may reject or defer an application for grading where the applicant has not demonstrated compliance with these requirements.