

UNION KARATE DO GRADING POLICY

Union Karate Do aim to provide a safe and fair grading system for all our students.

The stipulated criteria must be met as set out in the relevant guidance programme. A student will not pass or fail just by their performance on the day.

Additional factors considered by the grading panel are:

- **Character of student and training regularity/ Length of time training**
- **The age of the student and any underlying conditions.**
- **An elementary student is deemed as an attendee of early years classes.**
- **A junior student is deemed to be a person below sixteen years of age.**
- **A Senior student is deemed to be a person above sixteen years of age.**

Current grading fees include (if successful) a new belt, certificate, and examination.

Any unsuccessful grading may be re-attempted at the next club grading session free of charge.

Grading Scoring Criteria

A student must achieve a minimum of C in all categories to achieve their next belt.

- Excellent all **A** pass = **BMABA OUTSTANDING GOLD SEAL** on Certificate
- All **A** passes in categories = **BMABA GOLD SEAL** on Certificate
- 1 x **B** or **C** but all other categories **A** = **BMABA SILVER SEAL** on Certificate
- 2 x **B** or **C** but all other categories **A** = **BMABA BRONZE SEAL** on Certificate
- 3 x **B** or **C** or more passes in any categories = **BMABA RED SEAL** on Certificate

Grading fees:

White belt to Black with a White stripe belt fee - £20.

All Black belt grading fees are - £95.

UKD Black Belt Register grading fee - £20. (This includes entry to the on-line register and certification)

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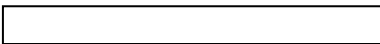











JUNIOR Union Karate Do Colour Belt Progression Programme

White Belt (12 th Kyu)		Your Union Karate Do Journey Begins
Grey with a White stripe		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
Grey Belt (11 th Kyu)		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
White with a Red stripe		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
Red Belt (10 th Kyu)		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
White with a Yellow stripe		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
Yellow Belt (9 th Kyu)		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
White with an Orange stripe		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
Orange Belt (8 th Kyu)		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
White with a Green stripe		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
Green Belt (7 th Kyu)		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
White with a Blue stripe		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
Blue Belt (6 th Kyu)		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
White with a Purple stripe		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
Purple Belt (5 th Kyu)		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
White with a Brown stripe (4 th Kyu)		Minimum of 20 lessons to grade
Brown Belt (3 rd Kyu)		Minimum of 20 lessons to grade
Brown with a Black stripe (2 nd Kyu)		Minimum of 30 lessons to grade
Black with a White stripe (1 st Kyu)		Minimum of 30 lessons to grade
Black Belt (1 st Dan)		Minimum of 40 lessons to grade

Grey Belts for Elementary students only/ Stripe Belts for students Under 16 years of age

SENIOR Union Karate Do Colour Belt Progression Programme

This Grading Scheme is for ages 16 and above

White Belt Beginner		Your Union Karate Do journey begins
Red Belt (10 th Kyu)		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
Yellow Belt (9 th Kyu)		Minimum of 10 lessons to grade
Orange Belt (8 th Kyu)		Minimum of 20 lessons to grade
Green Belt (7 th Kyu)		Minimum of 20 lessons to grade
Blue Belt (6 th Kyu)		Minimum of 20 lessons to grade
Purple Belt (5 th Kyu)		Minimum of 20 lessons to grade
White with a Brown stripe (4 th Kyu)		Minimum of 20 lessons to grade
Brown Belt (3 rd Kyu)		Minimum of 30 lessons to grade
Brown with a Black stripe (2 nd Kyu)		Minimum of 30 lessons to grade
Black with a White stripe (1 st Kyu)		Minimum of 30 lessons to grade
Black Belt (1 st Dan)		Minimum of 40 lessons to grade

Please refer to your attendance book to see if you have completed the minimum number of classes to Grade

All of Union Karate Do grades are nationally recognised. Belt promotions will only be rewarded to students that have met all the criteria and completed the syllabus to BMABA and UKD standards.