



RANK AND BELT SYSTEM

The different belt colors symbolize the various stages of physical and spiritual development in Martial Arts. The following is a list of belts and the color interpretations.

GRADE	COLOR	DESCRIPTION
10TH GUP	WHITE	A student who has no knowledge of the art but has begun the journey. White, being a non-color, expresses a VOID, NO ACTION .
9TH GUP	WHITE w/ STRIPES	Student has learned the basics. (1)Ki Bon Dong Jak, (2) the Basic Form, (3) Kicking form.
8TH GUP	YELLOW	Development has slowly begun, yellow represents CAUTION , careful and SLOW MOVEMENT .
7TH GUP	PURPLE	Student receives his first dark color, representing his DESIRE TO LEARN and CONCERTRATION .
6TH GUP	GREEN	Student has begun to ascend to a higher plane of concentration: FOCUS and COORDINATION .
5TH GUP	BLUE	Student has begun to acquire SKILL ; He is developing CONFIDENCE .
4TH GUP	BROWN	Student has begun to coordinate his SKILL with CONFIDENCE .
3RD GUP	RED	Student is now developing SPEED . Techniques have a FLOWING MOTION .
2ND GUP	HIGH RED	Student is combining SPEED with STRENGTH resulting in power. He has now begun to work on ACCURACY .
1ST GUP	DEPUTY BLACK	Student now has successfully combined POWER with ACCURACY . The black signifies MATURITY and NO FEAR . Self confidence as well as self discipline has helped the student overcome himself.
DAN	BLACK	All has now come together in HARMONY . The student has obtained SELF-CONFIDENCE and MATURITY . The student has graduated to a DEGREE in the Martial Arts. There are NINE degrees of the Black Belt.