








Testing Companion

Rank	Belt Color	Minimum Training Time from Last Grading	Points per test
10 th Kyu	 Yellow with White Stripe	15 classes or 3 months	10
9 th Kyu	 Yellow	15 classes or 3 months	9
8 th Kyu	 Orange	30 classes or 5 months	8
7 th Kyu	 Green	30 classes or 5 months	7
6 th Kyu	 Blue	30 classes or 5 months	6
5 th Kyu	 Purple	30 classes or 5 months	5
4 th Kyu	 Purple with Black Stripe	40 classes or 6 months	4
3 rd Kyu	 Brown with White Stripe	50 classes or 6 months	3
2 nd Kyu	 Brown	50 classes or 6 months	2
1 st Kyu	 Brown with Black Stripe	50 classes or 6 months	1

Testing Eligibility Requirements:

1. Have a clean gi (karate uniform).
2. Attend class the minimum amount of time allotted for that test.
3. The \$15 Testing Fee must be turned in prior to testing.

The point system:

Each test is allotted a certain number of points. The student begins the test with that many points. For every error made during a test, a point is deducted. When the student runs out of points they fail the test. Students are graded on knowledge and proficiency of technique, focus, and spirit. Intermediate and Advanced students are also required to take a written exam.

Common things that result in the loss of points:

- Not knowing your Japanese
- Not reading or understanding the test prior to testing
- Not being in proper uniform.
- Showing up late for the exam.

The attached grid shows the basic skills, kata and knowledge required for each belt level.