

System of Ranking

Tang Soo Do Belt Ranking System

Students of Pak's Karate Academy show their progress in Tang Soo Do by the colors of the belt that they wear. Each rank is a marker along the way to the ultimate goal of Black Belt. Requirements for each rank differ for the Tiny Tigers as well as those in the regular program. Tiny Tigers have their own Student Manual. Please see Ms. Heidi if you are enrolled in Tiny Tigers and do not have a manual.

The purpose of the test is to make sure that each student is progressing on schedule. Your first step is the white belt. During each quarter, you will receive progress stripes for learning certain techniques. After you receive all your required progress stripes for your rank, you are eligible to test for the next belt rank. Test for belt ranks are every three months. The Tang Soo Do Belt Ranks differ depending on your age and are separated into Junior ranks and Senior ranks as follows:

JUNIOR RANKS (under 10 years old)

SENIOR RANKS (10 years old and up)

Beginner Kup Levels

9 th Kup	White/Yellow Stripe	8 th Kup	Yellow Belt
Deputy 8 th Kup	Yellow/White Stripe	7 th Kup	Green/White Stripe
8 th Kup	Yellow Belt		
Dep 7 th Kup	Yellow Belt/Green Tip		
7 th Kup	Green/White Stripe		

Intermediate Kup Levels

6 th Kup	Green Belt	6 th Kup	Green Belt
Dep 5 th Kup	Green Belt/Blue Tip	5 th Kup	Blue/White Stripe
5 th Kup	Blue/White Stripe	4 th Kup	Blue Belt
4 th Kup	Blue Belt	3 rd Kup	Brown/White Stripe
Dep 3 rd Kup	Blue Belt/Brown Tip	Deputy 2 nd Kup	Brown Belt
3 rd Kup	Brown/White Stripe		
Deputy 2 nd Kup	Brown Belt		
Junior 2 nd Kup	Brown Belt/Red Tip		

Advanced Kup Levels

2 nd Kup	Red/White Stripe	2 nd Kup	Red/White Stripe
Deputy 1 st Kup	Red Belt	Deputy 1 st Kup	Red Belt
1 st Kup	Red/Black Stripe	1 st Kup	Red/Black Stripe
Deputy 1 st Dan	Black/White Stripe	Deputy 1 st Dan	Black/White Stripe

Dan Levels

1 st Dan	1 Gold Stripe
2 nd Dan	2 Gold Stripes
3 rd Dan	3 Gold Stripes

Master Dan Levels

4 th , 5 th , 6 th Dan	Black/Red Stripe
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