



Hartlepool Wadokai

GRADING POLICY Hartlepool Wadokai Karate Club

Grade	Colour Belt	MINIMUM Time since last grade
9 th Kyu	Red	
8 th Kyu	Yellow	4 months (12 yrs and under)
		3 months (13 yrs and over)
7 th Kyu	Orange	4 months (12 yrs and under)
		3 months (13 yrs and over)
6 th Kyu	Green	5 months (12 yrs and under)
		4 months (13 yrs and over)
5 th Kyu	Blue	5 months (12 yrs and under)
		4 months (13 yrs and over)
4 th Kyu	Purple	5 months (12 yrs and under)
		4 months (13 yrs and over)
3 rd Kyu	Brown (1 tag)	6 months (12 yrs and under)
		5 months (13 yrs and over)
2 nd Kyu	Brown (2 tag)	6 months (12 yrs and under)
		5 months (13 yrs and over)
1 st Kyu	Brown (3 tag)	6 months (12 yrs and under)
		5 months (13 yrs and over)
1 st Dan	Black	9 months (minimum age 11 yrs)

- Grading is NOT compulsory.
- All students who wish to grade are selected by the club chief instructor.
- The above time scales are guidelines and are based on a student training two hours per week AND practising at home, even with this, students will not necessarily grade when 'their time is up'.
- Students must prove that they are capable of maintaining the standard expected of them on the next belt before being selected to grade.
- A student must be a member of the club and have a full and up to date AIWAKAI licence to be considered for grading.
- A fee is payable to the club for each grade except black, the fee is determined by the General Committee at the AGM. The fee for all Dan grades is payable to Aiwakai Karate-Do and there is an administration fee, payable to Japan Karate Federation (JKF Wadokai).

Important Note

Hartlepool Wadokai treats each student as an individual and values each student will have a differing learning rate to the next student. Parents in particular, must be mindful of this when children are selected to grade. The club chief instructor has final say over ALL technical matters including grading selections.