



Why grading is important for kids?

Grading is a test and acknowledgment of child's training progress in Karate. Each grade is signified by a different coloured belt, starting with White and progressing to Black. Below the black belt, grades are referred to as Kyu, Black belts are called Dan.

Goal setting is an important life skill, and the sooner that children start to learn the importance of achieving what they set out to do, the sooner they learn that they have the power to make things happen

Karate has hundreds of different movements and techniques. By having Grading in place, Routines are broken down into chunks. By participating in the exam children are rewarded with new colour belt. It means they can progress with new routines towards another belt. Furthermore, they start to build their self-esteem by developing their new skills and achievements.

Exams are not compulsory, however in order to take part in karate leagues and championships kids have to progress by participating in them. **Budo pass (licence) has to be present during grading** (licence cost £30).

Below there is grid table to help explain the fees, time frame and order of belt colours (After passing the exam each child will receive certificate and belt)

UNDER 13 YEARS OLD

Pass rate for this age group is as follow:

1/3 – 33% > 2/3 – 66% > FULL – 99% of the Grading Syllabus

KYU LEVEL	BELT COLOUR	TIME FRAME	COST
9 th 1/3 KYU	White/ Yellow Stripe	EVERY 3 MONTHS	£35
9 th 2/3 KYU	Yellow/ White Stripe		
9 th KYU	Yellow 4		
8 th 1/3 KYU	White/Orange Stripe		
8 th 2/3 KYU	Orange/White Stripe		
8 th KYU	Orange		
7 th 1/3 KYU	White/Red Stripe		
7 th 2/3 KYU	Red/White Stripe		
7 th KYU	Red		
6 th 1/3 KYU	White/Green Stripe		
6 th 2/3 KYU	Green/White Stripe		
6 th KYU	Green		
5 th 1/3 KYU	White/Blue Stripe	EVERY 9 MONTHS	£120
5 th 2/3 KYU	Blue/White Stripe		
5 th KYU	Blue		
4 th 1/3 KYU	White/Purple		
4 th 2/3 KYU	Purple/White Stripe		
4 th KYU	Purple		
3 rd KYU	White/Brown Stripe		
2 nd KYU	Brown/White Stripe		
1 st KYU	Brown		

UNDER 18 YEARS OLD

Pass rate for this age group is as follow:

1/2 – 50% > FULL – 99% of the Grading Syllabus

KYU LEVEL	BELT COLOUR	TIME FRAME	COST
9 th 1/2 KYU	Yellow/ White Stripe	EVERY 3 MONTHS	£35
9 th KYU	Yellow		
8 th 1/2 KYU	Orange/White Stripe		
8 th KYU	Orange		
7 th 1/2 KYU	Red/White Stripe		
7 th KYU	Red		
6 th 1/2 KYU	Green/White Stripe		
6 th KYU	Green		
5 th 1/2 KYU	Blue/White Stripe		
5 th KYU	Blue		
4 th 1/2 KYU	Purple/White Stripe	EVERY 9 MONTHS	£120
4 th KYU	Purple		
3 rd KYU	White/Brown Stripe		
2 nd KYU	Brown/White Stripe		
1 st KYU	Brown		

ABOVE 18 YEARS OLD

Pass rate for this age group is as follow:

FULL – 99% of the Grading Syllabus

KYU LEVEL	BELT COLOUR	TIME FRAME	COST
9 th KYU	Yellow	EVERY 6 MONTHS	£35
8 th KYU	Orange		
7 th KYU	Red		
6 th KYU	Green		
5 th KYU	Blue		
4 th KYU	Purple		
3 rd KYU	Brown	EVERY 9 MONTHS	£120
2 nd KYU	Brown		
1 st KYU	Brown		