

Kyu-grade requirements for juniors

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8. kyu, 3 yellow tags

I yellow tag 10 days of practice since starting
dojo etiquette
Taisabaki: tenkan
Ukemi: mae, ushiro
Tachiwaza
Aihanmi katatedori ikkyo omote

II yellow tags 10 days of practice since obtaining I yellow tag
Taino-tenkan-ho
Kamae: tandoku, sotai
Taisabaki: irimi-tenkan
Tachiwaza
Aihanmi katatedori ikkyo ura
Gyakuhanmi katatedori shihonage omote

III yellow tags 10 days of practice since obtaining II yellow tags
Ikkyo-undo
Shomen-uchi (towards a partner)
Tachiwaza
Aihanmi katatedori iriminage
Gyakuhanmi katatedori shihonage ura
Shomen-uchi iriminage
Jiyuwaza
Aihanmi katatedori 2 techniques of free choice

7. kyu, 2 orange tags

I orange tag 15 days of practice since obtaining 8.kyu
Shikko: mae, ushiro
Tachiwaza
Aihanmi katatedori nikyo omote
Aihanmi katatedori kotegaeshi
Ryotedori tenchinage

II orange tags 15 days of practice since obtaining I orange tag
Tachiwaza
Aihanmi katatedori nikyo ura
Gyakuhanmi katatedori ikkyo omote
Gyakuhanmi katatedori kokyonage
Suwariwaza
Ryotedori kokyo-ho
Jiyuwaza
Gyakuhanmi katatedori 2 techniques of free choice

6. kyu, 2 green tags

I green tag 15 days of practice since obtaining 7.kyu

Shikko: tenkan, irimi-tenkan

Tachiwaza

Aihanmi katatedori sankyo omote, ura

Aihanmi katatedori shihonage omote, ura

Gyakuhanmi katatedori ikkyo ura

II green tags 15 days of practice since obtaining I green tag

Tobikoshi ukemi

Tachiwaza

Shomen-uchi ikkyo omote, ura

Suwariwaza

Shomen-uchi iriminage

Shomen-uchi ikkyo omote, ura

Jiyuwaza

Shomen-uchi 2 techniques of free choice

5. kyu, 2 blue tags

I blue tag 20 days of practice since obtaining 6.kyu

Ukemi (striking the tatami)

Tachiwaza

Gyakuhanmi katatedori nikyo omote, ura

Gyakuhanmi katatedori iriminage

Katadori nikyo omote, ura

Katadori iriminage

II blue tags 20 days of practice since obtaining I blue tag

Tachiwaza

Gyakuhanmi katatedori kokyonage

Shomen-uchi nikyo omote, ura

Shomen-uchi kotegaeshi

Suwariwaza

Katadori ikkyo omote, ura

Jiyuwaza

Katadori 2 techniques of free choice

4. kyu, 2 brown tags

I brown tag 20 days of practice since obtaining 5.kyu

Yokomen-uchi (towards a partner)

Tachiwaza

Gyakuhanmi katatedori kokyonage, 2 different kinds

Gyakuhanmi katatedori sankyo

Shomen-uchi sankyo omote, ura

Yokomen-uchi iriminage

II brown tags 20 days of practice since obtaining I brown tag

Kotegaeshi ukemi

Tachiwaza

Gyakuhanmi katatedori kotegaeshi

Yokomen-uchi shihonage omote, ura

Yokomen-uchi 2 techniques of free choice

Suwariwaza

Shomen-uchi nikyo omote, ura

Jiyuwaza

Gyakuhanmi katatedori

The junior kyu grades are intended for Aikido practitioners under the age of 13. Practitioners aged 13-15 can also achieve junior kyu grades if decided by the club. Junior kyu grades should be registered within the clubs, and Suomisport can be used for this purpose. Colored tags attached to both ends of the belt serve as markers for the completed belt grade. Aikido Federation diplomas are awarded for full kyu grades.

When a junior transitions to adult practices, the transition should be as motivating and appropriate as possible. Club instructors should consider on a case-by-case basis what solution is most suitable for each junior.

As a general rule, full junior kyu grades correspond to adult kyu grades. For example, if a junior has completed the entire 5th kyu for juniors (two blue tags), they can next attempt the adult 4th kyu if the instructor deems it appropriate. If a junior has only completed the first blue tag, they can attempt the adult 5th kyu next. If needed, a junior can also start attempting adult belt tests from the same grade they already have in juniors. In this case, for example, a junior who has achieved the 4th kyu in juniors would reattempt the 4th kyu belt test in adults.

Sometimes, there may be motivated juniors in the club whose junior belt grades are at risk of running out before they are old enough to transition to adult practices. In such cases, a junior who is at least 11 years old and has completed a full junior kyu grade can attempt the equivalent kyu grade as an adult belt test, registered with the federation. The condition for attempting the belt grade is an assessment by the junior's coach and the recipient of the grading regarding the junior's sufficient mental and physical maturity. Additionally, the condition for registering the belt grade with the federation is the purchase of an adult Aikido pass and payment of the grading fee defined by the federation.

During the adult belt grade test, the technique is assessed according to the adult requirements, and the grading recipient must have the Aikido Federation's approved authority to conduct the grading for the specific belt grade.