



USJA (ACE) Aikido Certified Examiners Rank Structure Junior & Senior Minimum Aikido Requirements



Belt Rank / Belt Color / Age / Days in Class / Time In Grade / Instructor Ranks

Jr. Deg " Mon"	Belt Color	Age	Required Days in Class	Months in Grade
1 st	Yellow	5	12	Two
2 nd	Yellow	6	12	Two
3 rd	Orange	7	24	Three
4 th	Orange	8	24	Three
5 th	Green	9	30	Four
6 th	Green	10	30	Four
7 th	Blue	11	36	Five
8 th	Blue	12	36	Five
9 th	Purple	13	42	Six
10 th	Purple	14	42	Six
11 th	Brown	15	48	Seven
12 th	Brown	16	48	Seven

Guidelines For Advancing From Youth To Adult Classes
 Students advancing from youth class to adult class must be given an examination to establish their qualification, using the below chart as a guide. As a general rule, youth ages 5-16 train in the youth/shonenbu class. youth ages 17-Above train in the adult class.

Conversion chart:

Jr. Deg " Mon" Ranks	Age	Required Kyu Exam	Sr. Kyu Rank
12 th	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; margin-right: 5px;">↓</div> <div style="text-align: left; margin-right: 5px;">17</div> </div>	1 st - 3 rd	Nikyu
11 th		1 st - 3 rd	Sankyu
9 th thru 10 th		4 th	Yonkyu
5 th thru 8 th		5 th	Gokyu
2 nd thru 4 th		17	6 th

Sr. Kyu	Belt Color	Age	Required Days in Class	Months in Grade
Rokyu	White or Yellow	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="font-size: 2em; margin-right: 5px;">↓</div> <div style="text-align: left; margin-right: 5px;">17</div> </div>	48	Three
Gokyu	White or Orange		60	Four
Yonkyu	White or Green		72	Five
Sankyu	Brown		84	Six
Nikyu	Brown		96	Seven
Ikkyu	Brown		108	Eight

Sr. Dan	Belt Color	Age	Days in Class / Test	Inst. Rank	Yrs in Grade
Shodan	Black	17	100 + 20 Teaching / Shodan	N/A	9 Months
Nidan	Black	19	100 + 32 Teaching / Nidan	N/A	One
Sandan	Black	22	100 + 44 Teaching / Sandan	N/A	Two
Yondan	Black or Red / Black	26	100 + 56 Teaching / Yondan	N/A	Three
Godan	Black or Red / Black	31	100 + 68 Teaching / Godan	Renshi 2 nd Class	Four
Rokudan	Black or Red / White	37	N/A	Renshi 1 st Class	Five
Shichidan	Black or Red / White	44	N/A	Kyoshi 2 nd Class	Seven
Hachidan	Black or Red / White	52	N/A	Kyoshi 1 st Class	Eight
Kudan	Black or Red	61	N/A	Hanshi 2 nd Class	Nine
Judan	Black or Red	71	N/A	Hanshi 1 st Class	Ten

Note: Promotions to Rokudan and above will be by Recommendation and Service in teaching the spirit of Aikido within the "Aikido Division" of the United States Judo Association and approved by the Aikido Promotion Board and Certified by the USJA National Board of Directors. (a separate Instructor Ranks Certificate will be issued for "Renshi, Kyoshi, Hanshi" along with the corresponding Black Belt Rank Certificate for Godan thru Judan)