



Middletown Judo Club

Judo Ranks (*Belts*)

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Achievement in Judo is recognized by a series of ranks. The student ranks are called *kyu* and are usually differentiated by colored belts (*obi*). Different colors may be used around the world and in some countries there are more than 6 *kyu* ranks. The ten black belt, or expert, ranks are called *dan*.

The traditional Judo ranks are:

Judo Rank			Belt Color	
English	Japanese		Junior	Senior
6 th grade	Rokyu	六級		
5 th grade	Gokyu	五級		
4 th grade	Yonkyu	四級		
3 rd grade	Sankyu	三級		
2 nd grade	Nikyu	二級		
1 st grade	Ikkyu	一級		
1 st degree	Shodan	初段		
2 nd degree	Nidan	二段		
3 rd degree	Sandan	三段		
4 th degree	Yodan	四段		
5 th degree	Godan	五段		
6 th degree	Rokudan	六段		
7 th degree	Shichidan	七段		
8 th degree	Hachidan	八段		
9 th degree	Kudan	九段		
10 th degree	Judan	十段		