

TAGB REQUIREMENTS FOR BLACK BELT GRADING

All black belts, including juniors, wishing to grade must train on a regular basis and must be in possession of a current TAGB licence. He/she must have held a TAGB licence continuously over the whole training period.

All black belts, including juniors, must attend at least one of the special TAGB Black Belt pre-grading training sessions every six months (licence books must be stamped) and all three immediately prior to the grading for which they are applying.

In addition, the following requirements must be strictly adhered to:

3rd Dan to 4th Dan

- i) Attend Referees Course Parts 1 & 2. – Must have been a qualified umpire for at least 6 months. Must officiate at least one TAGB tournament before attending Part 2
- ii) Officiate (*or compete in at least 2 events*) at a minimum of two TAGB tournaments each year at least one of which must be a national TAGB Tournament.
- iii) Application forms must be signed by student (or parent if student is under 16 years of age) and endorsed by their Instructor and Area Co-ordinator.

Note: Minimum training time is 4 years

4th Dan to 5th Dan

- i) Fulfil all the requirements of previous gradings.
- ii) Attend and pass Assistant Instructors Course.
- ii) Send a written application to the TAGB Committee, via their Area Co-ordinator, together with the relevant Instructors' recommendations.

Note: Minimum training time is 5 years

5th Dan to 6th Dan and above

- i) Fulfil all the requirements of previous gradings
- ii) Attend and pass all parts of the Instructors Courses.
- iii) Have at least one TAGB school registered and running in their name.
- iv) Awarded at the discretion of the Black Belt Grading Examiners Panel.

Note: Minimum training time is 6 years

TAGB COURSES

The following minimum age limits apply to TAGB courses and qualifications:

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| Umpires: 16 years | Referees: 18 years | |
| Class Assistants: 14 years | Assistant Instructors: 17 years | Instructors: 18 years |