

Kyle Karate Club



Our Grading System

The grades shown here are those used by our club. Other styles vary from this, some have additional grades and others have less.

From beginner up to 1st Dan, the grade of a practitioner is shown by the colour of the belt they wear. Those below 1st Dan are known as “Kyu” or “Student” grades. Those above Kyu grade are “Dan” grades and all wear a black belt.

Unlike many other styles of karate, assessment for a new grade is a continual process carried out by your club instructor, with a final confirmation by all Dan grades at a weekend course.

Tabs are coloured stripes across the end of a belt to show that the JUNIOR wearing it is above the basic belt grade. Seniors do not have tabs.

Adult Grades		Junior Grades			
Grade	Colour	Grade	Colour	+1 Tab	+2 Tabs
Beginner	White	Beginner	White	White with 1 red tab	White with 2 red tabs
6th Kyu	Red	6th Kyu	Red	Red with 1 yellow tab	Red with 2 yellow tabs
5th Kyu	Yellow	5th Kyu	Yellow	Yellow with 1 orange tab	Yellow with 2 orange tabs
4th Kyu	Orange	4th Kyu	Orange	Orange with 1 green tab	Orange with 2 green tabs
3rd Kyu	Green	3rd Kyu	Green	Green with 1 blue tab	Green with 2 blue tabs
2nd Kyu	Blue	2nd Kyu	Blue	Blue with 1 brown tab	Blue with 2 brown tabs
1st Kyu	Brown	1st Kyu	Brown	Brown with 1 black tab	Brown with 2 black tabs
All Dan Grades	Black	All Dan Grades	Black		

