

Your first Karate Grading

We would like to warmly welcome you to your first Karate grading within our school.

Tell me a little about Gradings:

Within our Style we offer students the opportunity to participate in formal gradings hopefully working from white belt (10th Kyu) eventually arriving at the coveted Black belt (Shodan) and beyond.

Sensei Matt personally feels that formal grading is an essential part of a Karate student's development and the achievements and indeed disappointments are essential in their growth mentally, physically and emotionally.

Train hard for the forthcoming challenge; meet it head on with 100% desire and intention.

How often are gradings held?

Gradings are held, on average, once every 3-4 months (depending upon standard/ belt/ hours trained) and all students must hold an up to date licence.

What is the licence for?

Because the students are learning a Martial Art they must be registered with a governing body and their owning of a licence meets this requirement. A licence also provides insurance and guarantees grading authenticity.

We understand that a "first grading" can seem a complicated and nerve wracking affair. This guide is designed to make your experience as enjoyable and simple as possible.

What to do next:

1. *Fill in the following Karate licence form*
2. *Write a cheque for £17.00 payable to U.K.S.K.O (this is for your United Kingdom Seiki Juku Karate Organisation licence)*
3. *Write a cheque for £21.00 payable to "BUSEN" (this is the grading fee itself)*
4. *Fill out the short form on the "next grading info sheet"(this is so that we know if you are intending to grade)*
5. *Hand the cheques and forms into Julia or your Sensei*

What happens then?

Your licence and licence fee will be handed in, by us, to the Association headquarters (Honbu).

Licences take approximately 4 weeks to process although, from past experience, we suggest you prepare to wait up to 6!

Your newly issued licence will be handed, by the Association back to YOUR INSTRUCTOR who will present it to you at the soonest appropriate opportunity.

Once I have my licence, when do I use it?

You will need your licence to grade. All grading results are kept up to date by the Headquarters and written into your licence book.

What should I do with it in between gradings?

Keep it in a very safe place, preferably with documents like passports etc.

How long does a licence last?

Licences are to be renewed annually.