# **AKKO Karate belts Meanings**

## White belt



In the beginning there was only light, the light of knowledge, the beginning of your journey. This is the equivalent to the beginning of his/hers education. There are three degrees within this rank. Each exhibited by a green stripes on the white belt.

### **Green belt**



When the basic techniques are learned, the student stands at the foot of the mountain. Achieving the greenbelt is like climbing through the forest on your journey upward. There are three degrees to acquire within this rank. Each exhibited by white stripes on the greenbelt.





As the student leaves the forest behind; the climb becomes increasingly difficult as more skill is required. The understanding of the martial art knowledge and truths begin. There are three degrees of brown belt each shown by a white stripe on the belt. For your brown belt you need to write a report as well as being ready mentally and physically.

**Junior Shodan** 



The junior ranking is for students attained the knowledge of a blackbelt but are under sixteen years of age. At the age of sixteen , it is necessary to test again for there full blackbelt (Shodan). The belt is black and white.

# **BlackBelt HoDan**



The student has now reached the summit of his/hers mountain. As the student reaches the top, they notice the sky is black and there is so much of it. He/she then realizes there is so much knowledge out there to acquire. Proud of achieving the blackbelt, new challenges await. The student has now acquired knowledge equal to a high school diploma. This Rank is for Being not yet a !st Degree Shodan

#### **Blackbelt 1st Degree**



The students education in the martial arts is equal to Associates degree in college.

#### **Blackbelt 2nd Degree**



The students education in the martial arts is equal to Bachelor's degree .

### **Blackbelt 3rd Degree**



The students education in the martial arts is equal to Master of Education (M.Ed).

# **Blackbelt 4th Degree**



The students education in the martial arts is equal to a Post Graduate Specialist.

# **Blackbelt 5th Degree**



The students education in the martial arts is equal to D.Ed = Doctor of Education degree .

### Blackbelt 6th 7th 8th 9th Degree



These ranks awarded to you for your merit of what you have done over the years of your education. All other ranks you must fulfill requirements and be in your Dojo, community and Life