

USA Jiu Jitsu Ranking System



Minimum Time in Grade

Age

All Beginners

Note: Juniors Green belts can advance to Purple after two years of training as Green Belt AND age 16

Juniors may advance to Purple if they have been 1 year Green and 1 year Blue (Senior) at age 17

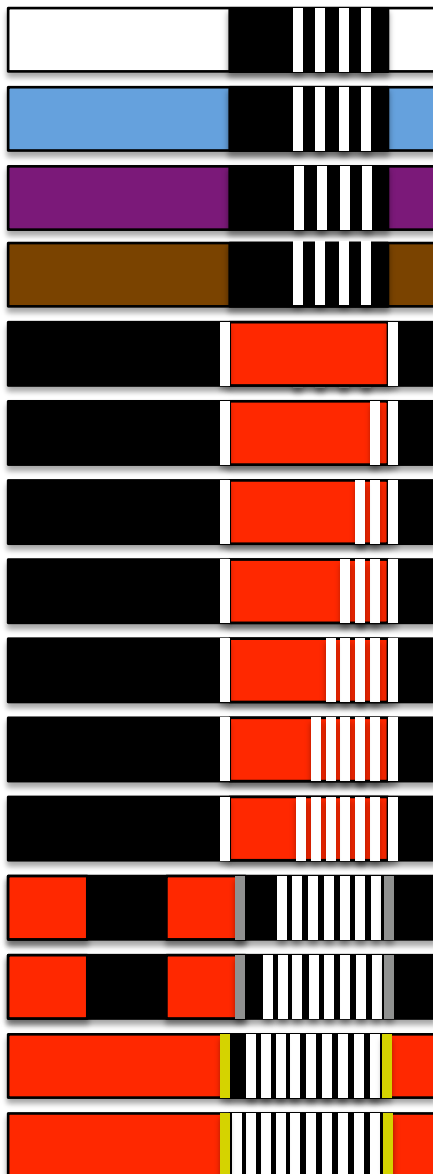
Junior Ranks



Senior Ranks

Age

Minimum Time in Grade



Any

8 to 24 Months

16

2-5 Years

16

1.5 - 5 Years

18

1 - 5 Years

19

1 - 2 Years

21

2 - 4 Years

25

3 - 5 Years

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4 - 6 Years

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5 - 8 Years

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5 - 8 Years

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6 - 9 Years

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7 - 10 Years

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10 Years

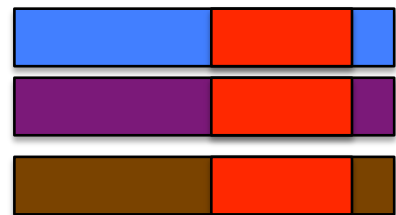
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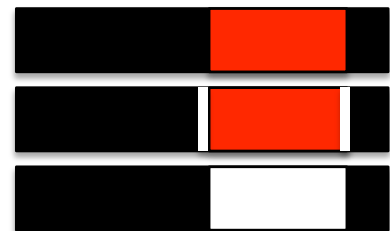
Founders Only

Wear of Red and White Sheaths



Red sheath denotes "Instructor". It can be worn by Purple Belt and Higher. It is authorized for wear by USAJJ Certified Instructors

Note: Blue belts that hold a black belt in another martial art may be considered for exception and granted the red sheath once they have completed the instructor course.



Note: Red Sheath for Black Belt Instructors
White Sheath for Black Belt Non-Instructor

Qualified Black belts will also wear white borders on red sheath to denote Professor status.