

# 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.***

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## **1st Dan to 2nd Dan**

- i) Attend Umpires Course Part 1. (17 years and over)
- ii) Officiate (*or compete in at least 2 events*) at a minimum of one national TAGB tournament each year. (17 years and over)
- 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 for students aged 16 years and over is 2 years.  
(For juniors aged under 16 years see below \*)***

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There is no requirement for any black belt who is under 16 years old to attend umpires, referees, instructor courses, or to officiate or compete at any TAGB tournaments.

*\* The minimum training times for black belts aged under 16 years' old are double those printed. Any training time between Dan grades whilst a student is under the age of 16 counts as half that of an adult. Once the student reaches the age of 16 their training months are then counted as adult months. The student MUST complete the equivalent of 24 adult training months between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan.*

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## **JUNIOR STAR SYSTEM**

All junior 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees (under 16 years of age) have the opportunity to enter the junior star system.

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## **TAGB COURSES**

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

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