

## **Additional Promotion Requirements - Brown Belts to Black Belts**

1. Self-defense skit
  - a) Black Belt candidate requires assembling a team of two attackers, to design and to produce a self-defense skit demonstrating his/her knowledge and efficiency in self-defense techniques. The Black Belt candidate plays the role of the defender. Self-defense skit includes empty hand (Karate, Judo, Akido, 擒拿 etc.) and weapon (bo, tambo and knife) techniques executed in continuous, and realistic sequences.
  - b) To qualify to be a Black Belt candidate, he/she must have successfully played the role as an attacker in a self-defense skit for a Black Belt candidate. The experience gained as an attacker in skits would prepare Black Belt candidates for producing their own skit in their Black Belt test. Since each skit requires two attackers, we strongly encourage every Brown Belt to participate in two skits. Extra credits will be given to those participated in two or more skits. Girls are also required to meet this requirement to be an attacker. However, if a situation arises prohibiting her from participating, she may be excused from this requirement at the discretion of Chief Instructor, In such case, additional requirements may be added, such as choreograph a music kata, and perform with efficiency and accuracy. This requirement is in addition to the required self-defense skit test.
  - c) If a Black Belt candidate passed the self-defense skit but failed the Black Belt test. He/she is not required to repeat the skit test.
2. Project
  - a) Brown Belt, Second Black Stripe and Black Belt candidates must present a project. The topic of the project may be in science, arts, literature, etc. Please submit your project plan to the head instructor of your school for approval before preparing for the project.
  - b) Candidates should make an effort in preparing the project and its presentation. In general, one to two weeks dedicated time is required for this task. The success of the project will be judged by its contents and its presentation. The students are forbidden to use their high school or middle school projects to fulfill this requirement.
  - c) Project must be presented to fellow students at Jue Tao Center on Tuesday or Friday nights. Presentation at promotion test and probation test dates is prohibited due to time restriction.
  - d) If a student passed the project presentation, but failed the promotion test. He/she is not required to repeat the project.
  - e) Adult candidates can write essays in stead of doing projects.
3. Black Belt Speech

Black Belt candidate must give a speech (3 to 5minutes), detailing his/her experience in martial arts training. Please prepare your speech in advance. In the past, we have failed Black Belt candidates for poor speech. A Black Belt is a teacher (sensei). Public speaking is frequently required.
4. Board Breaking
  - a) Board breaking test is required for Brown Belt (adults) and First Black Stripe (youth) and above. Please refer to the Board breaking requirement for details.
  - b) If a student is on probation for board breaking, he/she will have two chances to pass the test. One is before and the other is at the probation test date.
5. The Brown/Black Belt requirements are subject to modification at the discretion of the Chief Instructor in consideration of physical limitations and other circumstances of each individual student.