

Getting from Brown to Black in Judo



Got your Brown and wondering how to get to **BLACK BELT...??**

There is a **'Time in Grade'** Requirement;

- You need to maintain continuous membership with Judo NSW and you need to actively participate.
- The higher the grade the more time you are expected to be in that grade; '...learning the trade...'

You also need to get grading **'Points'**. Either by;

- Competing in Tournaments to get **'Contest'** points from wins
- **'Batsugun'** - 5 consecutive Ippon wins in a single tournament against Brown Belts for immediate promotion.
- **Kata Competition** Points - Gold, Silver and Bronze medal performance in authorized JFA Nationals, OJU Championships and IJF tournaments.
- Helping grow your Club, Judo NSW or National organisation to get **'Service'** points
- or a combination of both **'Contest'** & **'Service'** points

You can gain **'Service Points'** over time for the following;

- Administration (Marketing/Admin/Other)
- Coaching
- Refereeing
- Team Management
- You can **accelerate** the points with higher responsibility &/or level of organisation

Finally you need to demonstrate that you have the Judo **'Knowledge'** & skills;

- You attend the Dan Grading to demonstrate your knowledge and competency with Throwing (Tachi-waza) including combinations & counters, Grappling (Ne-Waza) including turnovers & escapes, Kata, Referee Rules and any other requirements.

Time in Grade	Contest Points and Knowledge	Service and Knowledge	Knowledge only #
1 st Dan Black Belt	1 Year (150 points) 2 Years (100 points)	3 years (150 points)	5 years

You must have a **cumulative total of financial years in grade equal to the minimum time in grade requirement.**

This method of attaining promotion is very rare and there must be a **legitimate reason for not being able to participate in competition or being of service** to the sport.

Contest Points	2 Grade Lower (or more)	1 Grade Lower	Same Grade	1 Grade Higher	2 Higher Grade (or more)
Ippon	5	7	10	15	20
Waza-Ari	3	5	7	10	15
Golden Score Shido	1	2	3	4	5



Help 'On the Mat' and get **Coaching & Referee Points...**

Organisation Level	Coaching Level	Service Points Per Year
Club	Assistant	5
	Head	10
State (Judo NSW)	Assistant	10
	Head	15
National (JFA)	Assistant	15
	Head	20
NCAS	Club (Level 1)	Additional 10
	State (Level 2)	Additional 15
	National (Level 3)	Additional 20
IJF	Level 1	Additional 25
IJF	Level 2	Additional 30

Example – A Club Level Head Coach is awarded only those points for the specific appointment held (10).

An additional 10 points are awarded for having a NCAS (Club) Level 1 totalling 20 points.

Where other appointments are held separately, these points can be claimed.

However, the NCAS points can be claimed only once.

Organisation Level	Referee Level	Service Points Per Year
State (Judo NSW)	C Class	5
	B Class	10
	A Class	15
National (JFA)	C Class	15
	B Class	20
	A Class	25
Oceania (OJU)	C Class	25
	B Class	30
	A Class	35
International (IJF)	Continental Union	40
	A Class	50

Example – An State A Class Referee is awarded those points only for the highest level held (15).

Referees must have participated in at least one tournament per year at the appropriate level, and be recognised as competent by the relevant authority.

If a referee (eg National A Class) actively participated only at State Level, points received would total 15 only.



Help 'Off the Mat' for Administration & Team Management Points...

Organisation Level	Role Level	Service Points Per Year
Club	Committee	5
	Executive	10
Region/Zone Committee	Committee	10
	Executive	15
State	Committee	15
	Executive	20
National	Committee	20
	Executive	30

Level of Team	Role Level	Service Points
State	Assistant	15
State	Manager	20
National	Assistant	20
National	Manager	25
International	Assistant	25
International	Manager	30

Where multiple appointments are held separately, these points can be claimed.

Example – A State Level Manager is awarded only those points for the specific appointment held (20).

Where other appointments are held separately, these points can also be claimed.



Points Scenarios – 3 pathways to **Black Belt**

Scenario 1 – Tim gains **112 Contest Points** over 2 years by participating in 4 (Judo NSW KYU Grade only) tournaments* per year.

- He averages 4 fights per competition and wins 50% ie 2 wins per competition.
- Tim has one win against the same grade for waz-ari (7 points each win) and one win against a lower grade for ippon (7 Points) – Total 14 Points per Competition.
- Tim has 112 points (Total Required = 100) so proceeds to the next grading as a **Contest Grade** Applicant.

Scenario 2 - Cathy gains **56 Contest Points** in Year 1 then gets injured at training. She decides to get the remaining 94 Points (Total 150) through service contribution to Judo NSW over the next 3 years (Total Time in Grade = 4 Years).

- She completes an NCAS Club Level Course to get 10 Points (10X3) and helps at the club coaching Juniors adding 5 Service Points (5X3) (**Total 45 Service Points over 3 years**).
- She referees 3X per year at local tournaments* gaining her 'State C Class' licence. In year two she is graded to a State B Class gaining another 10 Points per year (**Total 25 Service Points over 3 years**).
- To get the remaining Points, Cathy helps with club admin (5 points) and in the following year takes on a club exec role (10X2) (**Total 25 Service Points over 3 years**).
- With a **Total of 151** points over 4 years, Cathy presents at the next Dan Grading as a **Service & Knowledge** Grade.

Scenario 3 - Max is no longer capable of open age competition but as a 'Recreational' player loves 'club' Judo and Randori.

- He completes a NCAS Club Level Course and gets 10 Points/year (10X4) and coaches Juniors at the club, adding 5 Service Points per year (5X4) (**Total 60 Service Points over 4 years**).
- Max referees 3X per year at local tournaments gaining 5 points with his 'State C Class' licence. In year two he is graded to a State B Class gaining another 10 Points per year (**Total 35 Service Points over 4 years**).
- Having more time to help grow the club, Max joins the Club Executive (4X10), and for the remaining points he joins the State Tournament Committee in Year 3 (2X10) (**Total 60 Service Points over 4 years**).
- With a **Total of 155** points over 4 years, Max also presents at the next Dan Grading as a **Service & Knowledge** Grade.

** Judo NSW and Member Clubs conduct more than 25 tournaments a year – approx. 50% of these are 'regional' tournaments*