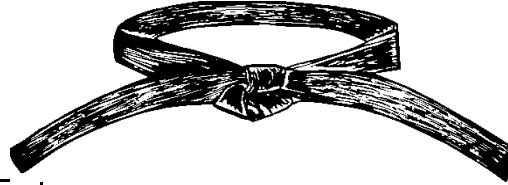


TAE KWON DO RANK



COLOR	RANK	FORM	MEANING OF BELT COLOR
WHITE	10 TH GUP	KIBON	Purity/potential. The seed is hidden under the winter's snow.
YELLOW	9 TH GUP	TAEGEUK-1	Rising sun/awakening. The sun begins to melt the snow to allow the seed to grow.
ORANGE	8 TH GUP	TAEGEUK-2	Setting sun/a day completed. The sun has prepared the way for the seed to sprout.
GREEN	7 TH GUP	TAEGEUK-3	Spring/growth. The seed has sprouted and begins to grow.
BLUE	6 TH GUP	TAEGEUK-4	The blue sky/knowledge. The seedling is reaching for the sky.
PURPLE	5 TH GUP	TAEGEUK-5	The purple sky/deepening of knowledge. The seedling reaches higher.
BROWN	4 TH GUP	TAEGEUK-6	Earth/solid foundation. The seedling is reaching maturity with strong deep roots.
BROWN+	3 RD GUP	TAEGEUK-7	Same meaning as Brown Belt. Secondary meaning: mountain- strong and solid.
RED	2 ND GUP	TAEGEUK-8	Sun/the bloom. The seed has produced an amazing flower for all to see.
RED+	1 ST GUP	ALL FORMS	Same meaning as Red Belt. Secondary meaning: danger- many are tempted to cut the flower at this point, however, the flower has not produced its fruit yet.
BLACK	1 ST DAN	KORYO	All meaning/the fruit. What started as a seed is now ready to be harvested, but this is not the end. The cycle of growth begins again. Now fully matured, the seasons to come will continue to produce wonderful fruit. This is a life long journey.