

AMERICAN BUTOKUKAN  
GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT  
ACCEPTANCE OF KYU (UNDER BLACK BELT) RANKS TO TRAINING:

Welcome to the American Butokukan System. Thank you for taking an interest in our organization. We pride ourselves in professionally run programs with strict quality maintenance controls.

The curriculum of the American Butokukan system is a highly organized, broad-based training regimen reflecting a holistic approach to both mental and physical conditioning. Due to the extensive nature of the curriculum and our dedication to quality and professionalism, we find it necessary to make certain demands and stipulations concerning the potential influences introduced by individuals from alternate training formats. To facilitate the continuation and continuity of our curriculum and training format, we must request that all incoming students of under black belt ranking wear a white belt until the first possible test date. At that time you will be advanced as far as possible, depending of course, upon your demonstrated knowledge and skills capabilities as required by the club's curriculum.

There are many ways to do certain techniques. Our methods have been closely scrutinized and improved over time. We require that all of our students execute technique in the same manner. In order for you to learn and grow within the American Butokukan System, we suggest you "empty your cup." In other words, open your mind to new ideas and new ways, temporarily putting your previous learning on the shelf. This will help to ensure the smooth acquisition of new skills. Should you have pertinent questions as to why our techniques may be executed differently, you may politely discuss these matters with the instructor after class.

American Butokukan students have been ranked in the top ten percent in Open-Style competition since 1979. We intend to maintain this caliber and invite you to join our ranks. We hope you understand our need to constantly upgrade our quality and ask for your patience during your transitional phase.

Thank you,  
American Butokukan  
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