

AMERICAN BUTOKUKAN
GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT
ACCEPTANCE OF DAN (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. Since its inception, the American Butokukan system has produced many highly qualified black belt instructors. Mr. Todd D. Jones, the organization's chief instructor, has been a nationally recognized competitor who held state-wide ranking in forms, fighting, and weapons between 1979 and 1985. Mr. Jones holds dan ranking in Karate, Aikido, Kenjutsu, and Iaido.

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. For consideration, you will be requested, at the discretion of the club's senior instructor and/or Mr. Jones, to:

1. Show proof of Dan rank via certificate.
2. Discuss your training goals/objectives.
3. Discuss your ideas about training and teaching.
4. Abide by club rules and policies.
5. Pay club dues timely.
6. Be allowed to attend advanced classes ONLY; unless given special permission to attend beginner's classes; in which case you will be asked to work out only (NO TEACHING OR CORRECTING).
7. Learn our curriculum and training format.
8. Accept a probationary status.

We welcome visiting black belts to train with us. However, classes are organized to facilitate developmental learning of the various ranked students within our system. Consequently, classes may not always cater to your needs specifically. At a later date, should you show an interest in learning our system, with Mr. Jones approval, we will closely work with you, as needed, to prepare you for ultimate rank attainment within the American Butokukan System.

Thank you,
American Butokukan
Todd D. Jones