

## **Grade Levels in International Mo Do Kwan Taekwon-Do Federation**

Belt	Grade Level	Description
XX.	10th geup	White – Signifies innocence, as that of the beginning student who has no previous knowledge of taekwon-do – 3 months min requirement.
>	9th geup	White with yellow tip. 3 months min. requirement
<b>&gt;</b>	8th geup	Yellow – Signifies the earth from which a plant sprouts and takes root as the foundation of taekwon-do is being laid – 4 months minimum requirement.
<b>&gt;&gt;</b> <	7th geup	Yellow with green tip. 4 months minimum requirement
<b>&gt;</b> <	6th geup	Green – Signifies the plant's growth as taekwon-do skills begin to develop – 4 months minimum requirement.
>~<	5th geup	Green with blue tip. 4 months minimum requirement
<b>&gt;</b> <	4th geup	Blue – Signifies the Heaven towards which the plant matures into a towering tree as training in taekwon-do progresses – 4 months minimum requirement.
<b>&gt;&gt;&lt;</b>	3rd geup	Blue with red tip – 5 months minimum requirement

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<b>&gt;</b> <	2nd geup	Red – Signifies danger, cautioning the student to exercise control and warning the opponent to stay away – 6 months minimum requirement.
<b>&gt;</b> <	1st geup	Red with black tip. 1 year requirement
<b>&gt;</b> *<	1st dan	Black – Opposite of white, therefore signifying maturity and proficiency in taekwon-do; also indicates the wearer's imperviousness to darkness and fear. (must remain at this rank at least one and a half (1½) years). The practitioner is given the title of "Bosabum-nim"
<b>&gt;&gt;&lt;</b>	2nd dan	Assistant Instructor (must remain at this rank at least 2 years)
<b>&gt;&gt;</b> <	3rd dan	Assistant Instructor (must remain at this rank at least 3 years)
>><	4th dan	International Instructor (must remain at this rank at least 4 years). Minimum age is 21. The practitioner becomes a "Sabum-Nim"
<b>&gt;&gt;</b> <	5th dan	Instructor (must remain at this rank at least 5 years)
<b>&gt;&gt;</b> <	6th dan	Instructor (must remain at this rank at least 6 years)
<b>&gt;&gt;&lt;</b>	7th dan	Master Instructor (must remain at this rank at least 7 years). The practitioner becomes a "Sakhyo-nim". Minimum age is 40
<b>&gt;&gt;</b>	8th dan	Master Instructor (must remain at this rank at least 8 years)
<b>&gt;</b>	9th dan	Grand Master - "Sasung-nim". Minimum age is 60