


BSF GRADING STRUCTURE

Grade		Belt sleeve 	Technical Requirements - grips, throwing, pins and submissions	Technical Requirements - Rules & Knowledge	Minimum Competitive Requirements	Recommended minimum time in previous grade	Guidelines for first promotion fast tracking ** Note: all technical requirements for all fast tracked grades must be satisfactorily completed	Examiner
Student	Level 1	white	Y	Y	none	6 months as novice	Judo: orange belt BJJ: 1 year Olympic wrestling: 1 year	Club coach
Student	Level 2	yellow	Y	Y	none	6 months	Judo: green belt BJJ: 1.5 years Olympic wrestling: 1.5 years	Club coach
Student	Level 3	orange	Y	Y	none	6 months	Judo: blue belt BJJ: 2 years Olympic wrestling: 2 years	Club coach
Student	Level 4	green	Y	Y	Participation in 1 x BSF recognised inter-club event	6 months	Judo: brown belt BJJ: blue belt Olympic wrestling: 2 years	Club coach
Student	Level 5	blue	Y	N	Medal (minimum 1 win) at BSF recognised Senior event	1 year	Judo: black belt BJJ: purple belt Olympic wrestling: 3 years	Club coach & Event organiser or BSF Grading Commission member
Student	Level 6	purple	N	N	3 x Medals (minimum 1 win at each event) at BSF recognised Senior events	1 year	Judo: black belt - national level competitor BJJ: brown belt	Club coach & Event organiser or BSF Grading Commission member
Student	Level 7 - Master Candidate	brown	N	N	Medal (minimum 1 win) at British Senior Championships or approved equivalent international event	3 months	Not applicable	Club Coach & BSF Grading Commission member
Master	Level 1	black	N	N	EITHER Gold medal (minimum 2 wins) at British Senior Championships or equivalent international event	1 year	Not applicable	BSF Grading Commission
					3 x Gold medals (minimum 2 wins) at British Masters Championships or equivalent international event			
					EITHER Represented GB (or country of origin) at World or Continental Senior Championships **			

Master	Level 2 - International Class	black	N	N	OR medalled for GB (or country of origin) at World or Continental Masters Championships **	1 year	Not applicable	BSF Grading Commission
					OR 3 x medallist at international events **			
					** walkover medals not eligible			
Master	Level 3 - Honoured International Class	black	N	N	Exceptional service	5 years	Not applicable	BSF Grading Commission recommendation endorsed by BSF Committee