

ATF Black Belt Testing Procedures as of 12/17/2018

In order for any Junior or Senior Black Belt Candidate or existing Black Belt to be considered for Testing they Must:

1. Have meet all curriculum requirements up to their rank and the rank desired to test for.
2. Have an Active Instructor Status in good standing.
3. Submit a formal typed request to their Head Instructor.
 - a. This request will include no less than 10 Reasons why they should be considered for Black Belt Testing.
4. That request must be approved by their Head Instructor and then presented to the Black Belt Board for approval.
5. Then that request is submitted to the system head by the BBB President for final approval.
6. Upon approval, then a test date will be set by the System Head.
7. The exam will begin with a series of assignments leading up to that day.
 - a. The BBB will each assign one.
 - b. Special assignments/tasks must be approved by the System Head before assigned.
 - c. These tasks may include areas of improvement in test requirements (i.e. pass at least Five 3-minutes rounds of sparring, or work on attitude, anger control, etc.)
 - d. Test may be delayed or canceled if these special or assignments are not fulfilled.
8. The BB test board is selected.
 - a. Formal invitations are sent out by the school's head instructors.
9. The test day - "Test or be Tested". – System Head to set the pace and outline of the exams (or designate others to do so).
 - a. Black Belt Oaths, Oral Exams, and typical protocols will be in effect as outlined in the ATF Blue Book.
 - b. Oral exams for Jr. BB candidates will be limited to 5 questions created by and asked by their head instructor to regulate the process.
10. Grading
11. Promotion or No promotion.
12. BB ceremony or admonishment for improvement. (If specialized ceremony is desired for any candidate, it must be discussed with and approved by the Head Instructor and System Head.)

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