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Black Belt Title Ranking System

“ SHOGO”

NB:

- 1- All given Black Belt titles must be accredited by the Canadian Karate Association and its board of directors.
 - 2- Each individual that is being considered for these ranking must supply a complete resume to be verified by the board of the directors of the Canadian Karate Association.
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KOHAI:

Title given to a student by the chief instructor. The student must be Brown (minimum age of 12 years old) and teach on a requested basis by the Chief instructor.

He or she will be acknowledge as junior instructor.

SEMPAI:

Title given to a student by the chief instructor. The student must be Brown or Black Belt, adult (minimum age of 16 years old) and teach on a regular basis.

He or she will be acknowledge as an assistant instructor.

SENSEI:

Title obtained when owner, chief instructor or teaching on a regular basis for at least 5 years in a karate club, must be an adult with a minimum of a 3rd degree (Sandan) Black Belt.

He or she will be acknowledge as an instructor.

RENSHI:



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Title awarded by the Canadian Karate Association and its board of directors to a senior teacher that has been teaching for a minimum of 20 years and rank minimum of a 4th degree (Yodan).

He or she will be acknowledge as a senior teacher and one who has mastered oneself.

SHIHAN:

Title awarded by the Canadian Karate Association and its board of directors to a chief or senior instructor of a club owner that has been teaching for a minimum of 20 years and has a minimum of a 5th degree (Godan) Black Belt.

He or she will be acknowledge as a chief or expert instructor.

KYOSHI:

Title awarded by the Canadian Karate Association and its board of directors to a senior instructor with a minimum of a 7th degree (Shichidan) Black Belt in his or her style with a minimum of 30 years in teaching.

He or she will be acknowledge as master teacher, a knowledgeable person, a teacher of the way.

HANSHI:

Title awarded by the Canadian Karate Association and its board of directors to an individual that is head of a style or organisation, he or she must have a minimum of a 8th degree (Hachidan) Black Belt with a minimum of 40 years experience in teaching.

He or she will be acknowledge as a senior master teacher, a model of the way.

SOKE:

Title awarded by the Canadian Karate Association and its board of directors to an individual that is founder and head of his or her style with its own program, methods, ranking system of the style of karate that it teaches, or in



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rare cases it's successor that has a minimum of a 8th degree (Hachidan) Black Belt with 50 years of experience in teaching. Note that this is an extremely rare title even in Japan.

He or she will be acknowledge as head of the family house of his or her style, grand master of is style, the ultimate authority within their style and have final discretion and authority regarding promotions, curriculum and disciplinary actions.