

**Martial Arts Way  
Shorin Ji Ryu Karate**

**Examination Ranking Requirements (Revised – Effective January 2016)**

<b>Rank and Minimum Years Total Training</b>	<b>Approx Age</b>	<b>Kata Requirement</b>	<b>Examination Fee</b>	<b>Certificate Fee</b>
<b>Rokyu</b> ( Yellow ) At least 3 months	<b>At least 5</b>	Pinon Shodan Kihon & 3 Ippon Kumite	\$25	\$10
<b>Gokyu</b> ( Green ) At least 3 months	<b>At least 5</b>	Pinon Shodan & Nidan Kihon & 3 Ippon Kumite	\$25	\$10
<b>Yonkyu</b> ( Purple ) At least 6 months		Pinon Sandan & Yondan Kihon & 3 Ippon Kumite	\$25	\$10
<b>Sankyu</b> ( 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree brown ) Over 1 Year		Pinon Godan Naihanchi Shodan Kihon & 3 Ippon Kumite	\$25	\$10
<b>Nikyu</b> ( 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree brown ) 2 Years		Naihanchi Nidan Potsai Dai Kihon & 3 Ippon Kumite	\$25	\$10
<b>Ikkyu</b> ( 1st degree brown ) 3.5 - 4 Years		Naihanchi Sandan Potsai Dai Oyadomari Potsai Wanshu Empi (Modern or Classical) Kihon & 3 Ippon Kumite	\$50	\$10
<b>Shodan Ho / Shodan</b> (Dojo black belt / 1 <sup>st</sup> degree black belt ) 5 Years	<b>16/18</b>	Kushanku Dai Seisan Wankan Optional Open Hand Kata Matsuhiga no Kon Chatan Yara no Kon Sho Chatan Yara no Sai Sho Matsu Higa <u>or</u> Hama Higa no Tonfa Optional Weapon Kata Ability to Kumite Ability to Instruct and Lead	\$75	\$100 ZBBK International Diploma
<b>Nidan</b> ( 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree )		Kushanku Sho Potsai Sho Optional Open Hand Kata Chatan Yara no kon Dai Chatan Yara no sai Dai Daito Ryu no Tanbo (Sekiu) Optional Weapon Kata Ability to Instruct and Lead	\$100	\$200 ZBBK International Diploma
<b>Sandan</b> ( 3 <sup>rd</sup> degree )		Two Optional Open Hand Kata Optional Bo Kata Optional Sai Kata Optional Kama Kata Optional Tunfa Kata Optional Short Stick Kata No Buri Ryu Tanbo (Single Stick) Ability to Instruct and Lead	\$125	\$300 ZBBK International Diploma
<b>Yondan</b> ( 4 <sup>th</sup> degree )	<b>45</b>	Three Optional Open Hand Katas Optional Bo Kata Optional Sai Kata Optional Kama Kata Optional Tunfa Kata Optional Jo No Buri Ryu Tanbo (Double Stick) Ability to Instruct and Lead	\$150	\$400 ZBBK International Diploma