

Black Belt

A black belt is more than just a decorative thing that people wear around their waist. It is a badge given to a few elite members of the participants in martial arts. If one is ever just given away it will no longer represent this. If someone who wears a black belt slacks off in any way this would also lose its honor. This is why when I wear my black belt I must always remember to use the tenets of tae-kwon-do and show that I am worthy of my rank. I must use courtesy and be polite to instructors while they teach me while also being polite to those who I teach. I must use integrity and always do all that I can. I must use perseverance and through thick and thin never give up. I must use self control and never do something I would regret. I must use indomitable spirit and never show weakness. I must use honesty and show that I can be truthful. I must use self discipline and always obey orders. I must use honor and always respect those around me. And finally I must use loyalty and never let my faith in others waver. Then I will be a black belt in fact as well as name.

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