

**Amendment 1.02**

**Introduction of the BJC Youth Belt**

Summary of changes from the previous system - for **14-17 year olds only**:

Junior Green belt 1 - 3 brown tabs, **14-17 year olds** can wear on blue belt  
Junior Green belt 1 - 3 black tabs, **14-17 year olds** can wear on brown belt  
These will be called 'Youth' grades. See Page 2 for graphics.

Application Guidelines: **Implementation date: 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017**

1. Only 14 -17 year olds will be permitted to wear a 'Youth' blue and brown belt. i.e. under 14 year old will continue to wear, brown and black tabs, on a green belt. All Youth grades (all ages) will line up on the mat between juniors and seniors.
2. No change to grade in licence. 'Youth' grades are recorded in the Junior 3<sup>rd</sup> kyu section with respective brown and black tabs.
3. No change to grading syllabus and assessments.
4. Youth grades can only be awarded; a) as a progression through the BJC Junior grade syllabus or b) by conversion from another organisation (which must be referred to HQO).
5. New beginners 16 years and above will grade as seniors.
6. Youth grades under 16 year olds will contest as Juniors. At 16 years all members will only enter senior, grading and competitions.
7. An under 16 year junior, with permission of a parent and coach with mismatch considerations by the Grading Officer, may enter contest in the senior grade system. If successful they will be considered senior grades and will no longer be eligible to enter Junior competitions in the BJC.
8. On turning 16 years Junior; Yellow, Orange and Green belts **ONLY** are automatically transferred to same colour belt as a senior grade. This can be confirmed on a suitable occasion.
9. On turning 16 years Youth Blue and Brown belts retain their belt with tabs and are considered 'Youth' grades. They will thereon grade as seniors and cannot remove their tabs until the colour of their belt is confirmed senior.
10. If a Youth grade does not confirm their senior grade by contest, on their 18th birthday they will automatically convert to the senior grade of their belt colour and remove tabs. This can be confirmed on a suitable occasion. They will join the seniors ranks when lining up in grade order.
11. Important: for 'Safety consideration', 'Youth' grades must display their tabs to signify they are 'Youth' grades.
12. When a senior contest grade is achieved, tabs can be removed and the members will join the seniors ranks when lining up in grade order.
13. In principle we are against any member having to remove a higher colour belt to revert to a lower colour of belt. In transferring members from other organisation to the BJC this rule should be up held for Kyu grades and referred to HQO.

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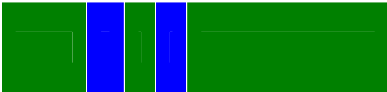
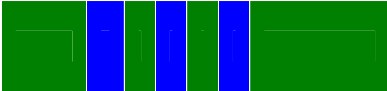



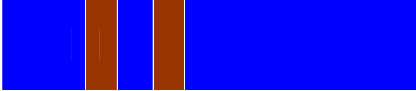

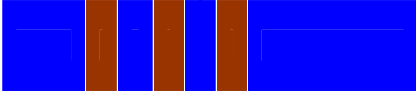






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Grade	Present system	'Youth' belts
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu green belt		No Change
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu ich (1) blue		No Change
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu ni (2) blue		No Change
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu san (3) blue		No Change
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu ich (1) brown		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu ni (2) brown		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu san (3) brown		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu ich (1) black		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kyu ni (2) black		
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