# OKAIGAN KARATE POJO

# GOLD BELT EXAM REQUIREMENTS - 9TH KYU

#### MINIMUM NUMBER OF CLASSES/MONTHS

Minimum 24 Classes for 1x per week Minimum 3 Months for 2+ times per week

Testing is based on training 2-3x per week

We highly recommend that all students in the youth classes train at least two times per week.

## **STANCES**

Ready Position, Front Stance, Straddle Stance, and Back Stance

#### **PUNCHES**

Stationary Reverse Punch, and Lunge Punch

### **BLOCKS**

Rising, Down, Inside, Outside, and Knife Hand Block

#### KICKS

Stationary and Moving Front Snap Kicks, Stationary and Moving Side Snap Kicks

Roundhouse Kick

Stationary Back Thrust Kick

#### **STRIKES**

Bear Claw, Fork to the Eyes, Spear, Single Finger, Forward Elbow

TESTING KATA: Heian Shodan
OTHER KATA: Taikyoku Shodan

# 8 GRABS/SELF DEFENSE with 1 counter per grab

Straight Across, Cross Hand, 1 Wrist, Double Arm, Shoulder Grab from Behind, Shoulder grab to the front, Hair Grab, Bear Hug

## **COMMANDS**

Hidari Zenkutsu Dachi Gedan Barai

Bow

Kiai

Seiza (Formal Japanese Sitting Position)

Turn Down Block

# **BASIC MANNERS AND ETIQUETTE**

Be respectful to others

Know how to greet another black belt/student

Tell Parent(s) Thank you for driving you to and from karate dojo

# MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

White, plain, unmarked Karate gi

#### SPARRING/KUMITE

Students, as new as white belt, may learn how to Spar. Sparring is not mandatory until Orange Belt. However many classes do spar. The equipment needed to spar is as follows: Red or Blue Gloves, White Shin-insteps, Helmet with face shield, mouthguard/case, and a chest guard. We have these at the dojo, please check with office for current pricing.

## **TESTING DATES**

Test dates and students eligible are posted monthly in the dojo

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