

Grading Etiquette

In tradition with the military history of Tae Kwon-Do gradings are conducted in a formal manner. Detailed below are items of etiquette to assist a student in successfully passing the gradings.

Preparation

- Ensure your dobok is clean and pressed
- Make sure your belt is tied properly
- The date and location of your grading should be filled out correctly in the appropriate place in your licence booklet
- If you are required to spar as part of your grading you will need a full set of undamaged and clean TAGB approved safety equipment
- Arrive in plenty of time for the start of your grading

At all times

- Address all senior grades and instructors as Sir or Ma'am

Entering the dojang

- Bow to the front of the dojang or the flags (if present)

During the grading

- When your name is called answer loud and clear with "Here Sir" or "Here Ma'am"
- Make your way quickly to your starting mark as instructed
- When at your mark take up attention stance, bow and then ready stance
- When asked for name and grade, come to attention, raise your right hand and loudly say your name and present grade then assume ready stance again
- Listen to instruction from your examiner and at no time talk unnecessarily
- Should you need to adjust your dobok or belt, do so while facing away from your examiner
- When answering theory questions you will be asked to come to attention, bow then assume ready stance. You may change position only to demonstrate techniques or stances if requested to do so.
- Only when dismissed by the examiner may you leave your mark
- Your grading begins when you enter the grading dojang and is only finished when you are instructed to leave the dojang

Leaving the dojang

- Bow towards the examiner and/or the flags