



PETER MORTON ACADEMY OF JUDO JUJITSU KARATE

モートン流自修館柔術

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Oath	<i>A solemn affirmation or declaration</i>
Support	<i>To uphold</i>
Ceremony	<i>A formal act or set of formal acts established by custom or authority as proper to an occasion</i>

1. Agreement of support

- 1.1 With acceptance of a membership, a member of any standing agrees to support:
 - 1.1.1 the Constitution of the Academy
 - 1.1.2 any legal rule or policy made under the authority of the Academy.

2. Shodan Oath

- 2.1 A Dan Belt of any standing will be bound by oath to support:
 - 2.1.1 the Constitution of the Academy
 - 2.1.2 any legal rule or legal policy made under the authority of the Academy.
- 2.2 Before all rights, obligations and responsibilities of a Shodan are granted, a newly graded Shodan must take the following oath:

As a Shodan of the Peter Morton Academy of Judo Jujitsu Karate, I do sincerely affirm to the Academy and to all who witness, that I will to the best of my ability:

Honour the principles of the Academy

Support the constitution and rules of the Academy

Further the Academy martial art through teaching and training

Practice self-restraint and humility

Use an Academy martial art technique only in defence of another or myself

Use only necessary force in defence of another or myself

3. Ceremony

3.1 Ceremony is to be performed at the formal commencement and completion of a:

- 3.1.1 class
- 3.1.2 training
- 3.1.3 grading
- 3.1.4 seminar.

3.2 An opening or closing ceremony is conducted in the same manner.

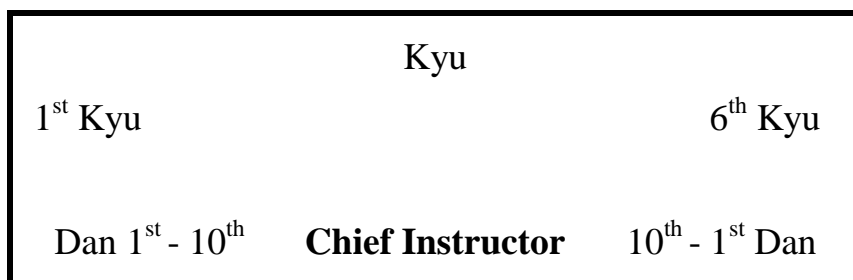
4. Around and on tatami positions

4.1 Upon the command of the Chief Instructor:

- 4.1.1 a participant will move quickly and quietly to position around or on the tatami
- 4.1.2 the Chief Instructor positions facing the centre of and at the head centre of the tatami
- 4.1.3 Dan belts position in decreasing rank facing the centre of the tatami, either side of the Chief Instructor

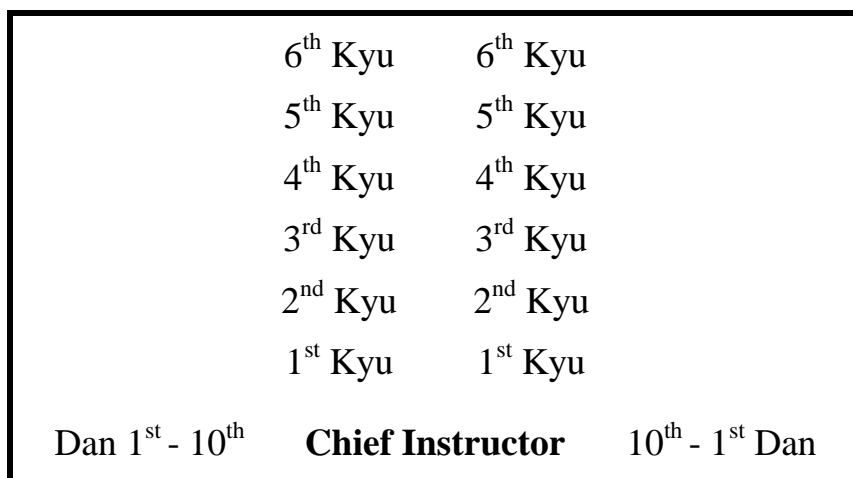
4.2 Positions around the edge of a tatami - traditional:

- 4.2.1 Kyu belts position in decreasing grade facing the centre of and to the left side of the tatami, commencing on the left of Dan belts.



4.3 Positions on a tatami - only when practical:

- 4.3.1 Kyu belts position in lines of decreasing grade down the tatami opposite to and facing Dan belts.



4.4 Except for ceremony: Kyu and Dan belts may sit in the kneeling or the crossed leg position.

4.5 Except when spoken to: a participant must remain silent whilst in position around or in position on a tatami.

5. Opening and closing ceremony

- 5.1 Participants position themselves around the tatami:
 - 5.1.1 in the seiza position
 - 5.1.2 facing the centre of the tatami.
- 5.2 To a picture of Soke (Founder Peter Morton) and upon the command of the Chief Instructor:
 - 5.2.1 participants turn and position themselves to face the picture
 - 5.2.2 *Soke, ni rei*, all bow to the picture.
- 5.3 Upon completion of the bow, all turn and face the centre of the tatami.
- 5.4 If there is a visiting Dan Belt with a rank of Yondan or above, upon the command of the Chief Instructor:
 - 5.4.1 participants turn and position themselves to face the visiting Dan belt
 - 5.4.2 *otagai ni rei*, all bow to the visiting Dan belt.
- 5.5 Upon completion of the bow, all turn and face the centre of the tatami.
- 5.6 Upon the command of the Chief Instructor:
 - 5.6.1 *otagai ni rei*, all bow.
 - 5.6.2 *tatte*, all jump to the feet and bow from a standing position.

6. On-tatami presentation

- 6.1 All participants position themselves around the tatami.
- 6.2 The receiver:
 - 6.2.1 is called from position
 - 6.2.2 walks across the tatami and stands before the presenter.
- 6.3 From a standing position, the presenter and the receiver:
 - 6.3.1 bow to each other
 - 6.3.2 shake hands with the right hand.
- 6.4 The receiver accepts the presentation with the left hand.
- 6.5 From a standing position, the presenter and the receiver bow to each other.
- 6.6 The receiver returns to their position on the tatami.

7. Off-tatami presentation

- 7.1 The receiver:
 - 7.2.1 is called from position
 - 7.2.2 walks up to and stands before the presenter.
- 7.2 From a standing position, the presenter and the receiver:
 - 7.2.1 bow to each other
 - 7.2.2 shake hands with the right hand.
- 7.3 The receiver accepts the presentation with the left hand.
- 7.4 From a standing position, the presenter and the receiver bow to each other.
- 7.5 The receiver returns to position.

8. Belt ceremony

- 8.1 The receiver:
 - 8.1.1 is called from position
 - 8.1.2 walks up to and stands before the presenter.
- 8.2 From a standing position, the presenter and the receiver bow to each other.
- 8.3 The receiver kneels down on one knee.
- 8.4 The presenter:
 - 8.4.1 kneels down on one knee
 - 8.4.2 removes and discards the receiver's old belt of grade or rank
 - 8.4.3 ties a new belt of grade or rank around the receiver's waist.
 - 8.4.4 from a kneeling position, the presenter and the receiver bow to each other.
- 8.5 The receiver and the presenter stand.
- 8.6 From a standing position, the presenter and the receiver bow to each other.
- 8.7 The receiver returns to position.

9. Shodan ceremony

- 9.1 Before witness, a newly graded Shodan will take an oath of support to the Academy by:
 - 9.1.1 reciting the Shodan Oath to all present
 - 9.1.2 putting their identifying signature, as their testament to and taking of the Shodan Oath, upon:
 - 9.1.2.1 the Shodan Register
 - 9.1.2.2 a Shodan Oath certificate.
- 9.2 An eligible Academy representative, holding a minimum rank of Yondan (4th Dan), will put their identifying signature, as witness to a Shodan's testament to and taking of the Shodan Oath, upon:
 - 9.2.1 the Shodan Register
 - 9.2.2 each newly sworn Shodan signed Shodan Oath certificate.
- 9.3 A newly sworn Shodan is presented:
 - 9.3.1 with a Shodan:
 - 9.3.1.1 belt
 - 9.3.1.2 certificate of rank
 - 9.3.1.3 oath certificate
 - 9.3.1.4 memorabilia pack.
 - 9.3.2 to all who witness with the applicable statement:
 - 9.3.2.1 All rights, obligations and responsibilities of a Shodan are hereby granted to each of these Shodans and the Academy welcomes Sensei... *(each presented by name)*.
 - 9.3.2.2 All rights, obligations and responsibilities of a Shodan are hereby granted to this Shodan and the Academy welcomes Sensei... *(presented by name)*.