

UMA Ranking Policy and Procedures

(Non Traditional Combat Sports and/or Modern Martial Arts)

Due to the growing popularity of None Traditional Martial Arts and Modern Day Combat Sports since the mid 1990's to date, the UMA fully appreciate and understand the problems and complexities of gaining rank and recognition with reference to becoming a Instructor and/or Coach.

The UMA have formulated a very simple, easy to follow, fair and sensible Ranking System which we feel is compatible with any other Traditinal or Non Traditional Martial Art Ranking System to date with regard to Rank, Instructor and/or Coaching abilities etc.

There are Modern Combat Sports and Modern Martial Arts that do not have ranks, belts or bands etc, so with that, the UMA have put together a simple but real Ranking Chart as so our own Federation or anyone else are able to present, use and help and Award and Recognise Instructor and/or Coach for the Martial Art or Combat Sport they represent.

It is widely known and understood that to obtain a Black Belt to become a Instructor and/or Coach in the more Traditional Martial Arts such as Karate, Judo, Taekwondo, Kickboxing and Kung Fu, it takes on average of 3 years to attain such a Rank, however, some people do take less time, and some people do take longer, however, as a average based on standards world wide, it is 3 years. Once one achieves the Rank of Black Belt, they are considered proficient enough to Teach and/or Coach Students of a lower rank and without supervision etc, subject to age of course.

With all these factors in mind, the UMA have compiled a very easy to follow simple System to help assist Practitioners gain Ranking that is as compatible to the main stream Martial Arts, and to help assist any other Bodies or Organisation to help assist and understand and hopefully accept they're position/s earned in their quest for recognition of the Non Traditional, Modern Martial Arts and Combat Sports of today.

- Submission Grappling/Submission Wrestling: 3 years as a Practitioner minimum for Instructor and/or Coach Status, with the recommendation and endorsement from their current or previous Instructor/s or Coach/s.
- Mixed Martial Arts: 3 years as a Practitioner minimum for Instructor and/or Coach Status, with the recommendation and endorsement from their current or previous Instructor/s or Coach/s.
- Mauy Thai Kickboxing: 3 years as a Practitioner minimum for Instructor and/or Coach Status, with the recommendation and endorsement from their current or previous Instructor/s or Coach/s.
- Brazilian JiuJitsu: Instructor and Coach Status from Blue Belt with the recommendation and endorsement from their Instructor and/or Coach, who may be a Purple, Brown or Black Belt Instructor/s and/or Coach/s.
- Any other Martial Arts or Combat Sport with no Belt or Ranking: 3 years as a Practitioner minimum for Instructor and/or Coach Status, with the recommendation and endorsement from their current or previous Instructor/s or Coach/s.