The goal of the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance is to support its members and school heads. We have always understood there are many ways to interpret the Arts of Kodenkan Jujitsu, as well as, the varied studies in the other varied Martial Arts. As such, we developed our Black Belt Promotion criteria and our Rank Recognition Standards.

In order to best serve our Martial Community and to support the school heads of the PJA, we offer two options for black belt ranking that the school head can choose to follow. This can assist school heads who have more than one Organizational Affiliation and prevent confusion within the school and Community.

The Tradition Rank structure, Used by Master Okazaki and Shihan Montero, uses a 5 level system that is defined below:

> Black Belt -Rank 1
> Advanced Black Belt -Rank 2
> Black Belt Instructor -Rank 3
> Advanced Black Belt Instructor -Rank 4
> Master Black Belt Instructor -Rank 5
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> The use of a Black Belt is the standard of this ranking structure. For Rank 1-3, Gold script may be embroidered on the belt, and for Rank 4-5, red script may be used. At Rank 5, an optional Black and White belt may be used. This belt is black on one face and white on the other. Embroidery as the wearer may choose.

The Contemporary Rank Structure is the 10 Dan system and is defined below:

> Shodan –Sandan (1st -3rd Degree Black Belt) Black Belt with Gold or Red Kanji
> Yodan-Godan (4th and 5th Degree Black Belt) Black Belt with Gold or Red Kanji, Black and Red Panel belt is also an option
> Rokudan (6Th Degree Black Belt) Black Belt with Red Kanji or Black Belt with Red Panel on end, Black Kanji
> Shichidan-Hachidan (7th and 8th Degree Black Belt) Belt Same as Rokudan, Optional Red and White Panel belt with Black Kanji
> Kudan and Judan (9th and 10th Degree Black Belt) Belt same as Rokudan, Optional Red Belt with Gold Kanji.

Our hope in providing these two options is to give the School Heads the best options for their club and the freedom to choose the path they wish to follow.