

Video Belt Testing Regulations

Testing Regulations are consistent or in some cases more restrictive than that of the American Style Nunchaku Federation which is the primary rank certification entity for American Style Nunchaku on VirtualNunchaku.com

General Regulations:

- Any registered member of VirtualNunchaku.Com with an active subscription may test for certified rank in American Style Nunchaku (ASN) through video belt testing.
- Registered members have the opportunity to test directly under Shihan E. Hawkins, Jr or other certified instructors.
- Any colored belt rank may be tested through video.
- 1st degree black belt must be tested in person under a certified instructor at one of our testing centers!
- In the event a registered member/student's ability to test in person is not geographically feasible, "live video" testing may be conducted at the sole discretion of Shihan E. Hawkins, Jr.

Testing Procedure:

- Video Testing may be submitted at the completion of viewing a particular rank training video provided all previous rank tests have been passed a valid subscription is in affect for the member student and the promotional testing fee has been paid.
- The date of the test and the name of the practitioner must be stated in the beginning of the video.
- All techniques requested by the promoting instructor must be demonstrated in the video Every technique in the video must be announced by the practitioner. We cannot guess what you are about to show us.
- Any techniques, combinations or forms where the practitioner executes techniques with the back to the camera must also be done in a side view.
All techniques or combinations must be executed at a minimum of five to ten times with each hand.
- If a technique fails or you do a mistake when filming, don't stop, just do it again. We want to see mistakes too. Minor mistakes will not be counted against you provided you are able to continue performing the technique multiple times without error.
- Video must be of good quality with sufficient lighting. The test will be failed if we cannot see the techniques clearly enough.
- Video must include sound.
- The video may not be edited afterwards.
- The video must be delivered in via a YouTube link.
- Testing fees include the initial test and one retest in the event the exam is not passed. Subsequent third or more attempts may be subject to additional testing fees.

Failing a Video Belt Test:

- Failing a belt test is considered a part of a normal martial arts career.
- Passing a belt test though video is harder than done in person. When testing in person the instructor may ask for additional performances when feeling unsure. When testing through video you only get one chance.
- The test will fail if the quality of video is not good enough
- The test will fail if some of the requested techniques are missing
- The test will fail if the practitioner does not execute the techniques with the required level of skill.
- If a practitioner fails a belt test he or she may test again at a later time directed by the certified instructor.
- A minimum of 2 weeks of continued practice is generally required before retesting. However, you may have to practice for a while.