

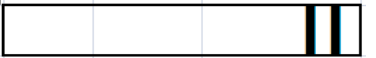
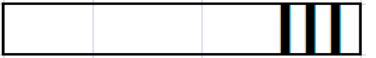
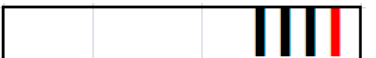


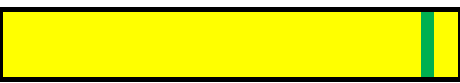






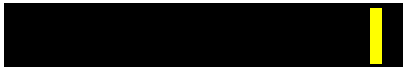
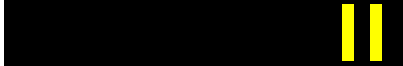
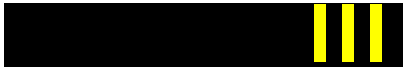









Seiyo-No Shorin-Ryu Belt Ranks

Rank	Belt	Notes	Kata
<b>Mudansha</b>			
10th Kyu		White: Represents the innocence of the beginning student. The wearer has no knowledge of the Art.	
10.1		YOUTH: 1 tape stripe. Represents first goals for rank are achieved.	
10.2		YOUTH: 2 tape stripe. Represents second goals for rank are achieved.	<b>Kihon Shodan</b>
10.3		YOUTH: 3 tape stripe. Represents third goals for rank are achieved.	<b>Kihon Nidan</b>
10.4		YOUTH: 4 tape stripe, Red Tip signifies they are ready for rank review.	<b>Kihon Sandan</b>
9th Kyu			<b>Pinan Nidan</b>
8th Kyu		Yellow: Represents the Earth, in which the seed of knowledge is planted, the plant will sprout roots.	<b>Pinan Shodan</b>
7th Kyu			<b>Naihanchi Shodan</b>
6th Kyu		Green: Represents the growth of the plant as the student progresses.	<b>Pinan Sandan</b>
5th Kyu			<b>Seishin Sho</b>
4th Kyu/Chuden		Blue: Represents the sky to which the plant grows.	<b>Naihanchi Nidan &amp; Sanchin</b>
3rd Kyu/Chuden			<b>Pinan Yondan</b>
2nd Kyu/Joden		Brown: Represents the diminishing of innocence and the gaining of knowledge.	<b>Naihanchi Sandan</b>
1st Kyu/Joden			<b>Matsumura Rohai &amp; Kokushaku</b>

Key: *Shorin Ryu*, *Other*, *Weapon*

Rank	Belt	Notes	Kata
	<b>Yudansha</b>		<i>Key: Shorin Ryu, Other, Weapon</i>
1st Dan/ Shodan		Black: Represents the opposite of white, the loss of innocence and the attainment of maturity and knowledge. Titles can be Sensei if teacher or Okuden. If not a teacher, Sempai.	<b>Pinan Godan, Tensho, Oemeru</b>
2nd Dan/ Nidan		Titles can be Sensei if teacher of a school or Sensei-Dai if assisting a school.	<b>Passai Sho, Passai Dai, Won Kang</b>
3rd Dan/ Sandan		Titles can be Sensei or Kyoshi. (Must be teaching.)	<b>Seisan, Chinto, Kwang Jang</b>
4th Dan/ Yodan		Titles can be Sensei or Shihan-Dai.	<b>Gojushih, Seishin Dai, Jong Jo</b>
5th Dan/ Godan		(Red and white striped, however, they may opt to wear a black belt) Titles can be Sensei or Shihan.	<b>Hakutsuru So, Hakutsuru Ton, Cho No Kun I</b>
6th Dan/ Rokudan		(Red and white striped, however, they may opt to wear a black belt) Titles can be Sensei or O'Shihan.	<b>Kusanku, Matsumura Hakutsuru, Cho No Kun II</b>
7th Dan/ Shichidan		(Red and black striped, however, they may opt to wear a black belt) Titles can be Sensei or Dai-Shihan.	<b>Paipuren, Kumemura Hakutsuru, Cho No Kun III</b>
8th Dan/ Hachidan		(Red and black striped, however, they may opt to wear a black belt) Titles can be Sensei or Dai-Hanshi.	
9th Dan/ Kudan		(Solid red belt, however, they may opt to wear a black belt) Titles can be Sensei or Hanshi.	
10th Dan/ Judan		(Solid red belt, however, they may opt to wear a black belt) Titles can be Sensei or Kaiden. If president of style, then Kaicho. Usually, there is only one person at this rank per system. This person also holds the title of Soke (head of style). Due to the custom of only being able to promote someone up to 2 ranks below you, they hold an "honorary" rank of 12th Dan. In this way they can promote others as high as 10th Dan.	

### Other Belts



A ceremonial belt worn by the Soke-Dai. It is typically only worn at special events or promotions. This belt, in Seiyo-No Shorin-Ryu, represents the chosen inheritor of the system and is an honorary 11th Dan. When the Soke (head of style) passes on, this person will become the head of the style.