

AJFF Business Page

The Board of Professors has approved a new program that will benefit all of our members.

What is it?

The Danzan Ryu Instructor Development Program (DZRIDP) has been established to support our instructors in their development as teachers of Dan Zan Ryu Jujitsu and in the operation of their schools/dojo.

The physical skills of our Ryu are standardized through the AJFF Black Belt examination process. But until now, our instructors and school heads have not been offered direct information on such things as teaching methods, physiology of training, risk assessment, business skills, or the psychology of teaching.

All of these subjects and more will be offered in seminars to participants of ikkyu and black belt ranks who are teaching, or may be teaching in the future. Program participants will deepen their understanding and practice of Kodengan Danzan Ryu, while improving their communication skills and enhancing leadership abilities.

The courses are taught by AJFF professors and master instructors, and administered by a standards committee.

Master Okazaki had a dream that one day there would be schools in every state of the union teaching Danzan Ryu. Our new program helps facilitate the realization of our organization's primary directive: "The AJFF is dedicated to preserve and promote the quality and worldwide growth of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu."

The DZRIDP is committed to accomplishing that goal by developing competent instructors.

Who is it for?

Some sections will be for ikkyu and above, others will be for black belts and some just for school heads. Though the classes are not mandatory, the material offered is a vital component to the continued transmission of Danzan Ryu.

When do we start?

The first pilot program was offered at Davis Ju-do Kai in California. A group representing the ranks of Sandan, Yodan, Godan and Professor gathered to review two sections of the program. The participants gave valuable feedback that will shape and focus the program. Later in 2005, a similar class will be offered on the East Coast, again to evaluate and refine the materials.

When the program is more finalized, a calendar will be released with dates for future courses.

The committee is excited to begin this new series.

Submitted by Cynthia Frueh, Yodan

DZRIDP Committee

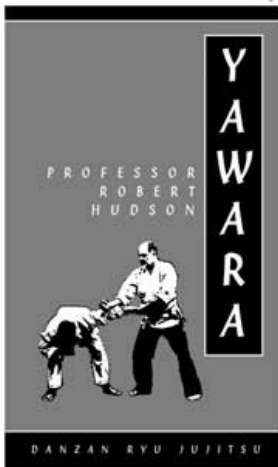
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YAWARA VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE

YAWARA is the most important of all the Danzan Ryu JuJitsu lists. It is so important that it is taught at the beginning of our system, and then after learning all the other courses, you return again to the beginning, to Yawara. The word Yawara can be translated as yielding or going around conflict, and this is the fundamental principle which underlies all the techniques of our style. This tape covers the course of twenty basics but also elaborates on those with variations, combinations, and other challenging ways to help you master this most significant list.

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Professor Robert Hudson, Shichidan, has traveled extensively within Danzan Ryu and has trained with many of its finest practitioners, giving him a unique insight into the methods and principles of Danzan Ryu JuJitsu. From his many years of research he has created a series of videotapes to explore the principles and concepts behind the techniques, to help you better understand your art.

Visit www.profhudson.com for video trailers and ordering information.