

AJJF Persons With Disabilities Exam Policy

To establish an AJJF standard and basic guideline for National Black Belt requirements and standards for disabled individuals.

Vocabulary

1. Disability: refers to any condition that impedes the completion of daily tasks using traditional methods. **Disabilities** are considered permanent and are across all environments.

2. Modification: Changing the the technique to fit the person's personal abilities while retaining the cognitive understanding and description of the technique.

3. Accommodations: Changing the environment to fit the needs of the individual.
i.e. An interpreter for hearing impaired, etc.

List of Disabilities

1. Cognitive Delays
2. Speech/ Language
3. Learning Disabilities
4. Gifted and Creativity
5. Emotional Disorders
6. Visually Impaired
7. Hearing Impaired
8. Physical Disabilities & Health Impairment
9. Autism

Legal Requirements

1. Confidentiality
2. Accommodations
3. Least Restrictive Environment
4. Dignity of Risk. * See Disabled Bill Of Rights

Responsibility for accommodations at Black Belt Exams fall upon the Regional Exam Coordinator, Sensei and the candidate.

Exam requirements

1. Candidate must specify on the Letter of Recommendation from Sensei and application for Black Belt Exam with all accommodations listed.
2. Candidate may perform techniques modified for their ability.
3. If candidate is unable to perform a technique candidate must be able to teach the technique as described in the Kata manual to persons of able body.
4. Candidate must demonstrate a good understanding of the AJJF curriculum.

