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Dojo Testing and Attendance Policy

There has been some confusion related to when and if students should participate during group testing periods.

To alleviate this problem, from this point forward, Master Vasquez will determine whether or not each student is eligible to test. Master Vasquez will weigh many factors, but the primary one will be whether the student has received 50 or more hours of training at the dojo since the student's most recent test.

The Sensei keep attendance records in whole-class and half-class class periods: this means that, for the student to be eligible for every test during a year, the student needs to attend approximately 2/3 of the available classes during each period.

Prior to each group test, Master Vasquez will produce a sign-up sheet containing a list of those students who are eligible to participate in the group test. If, when the group test list is produced, a student wishes to question his eligibility, that student must take up the matter with Master Vasquez.

As has always been the case, Master Vasquez may make exceptions as he sees fit – but only Master Vasquez can make exceptions as to who may test during a group test. In addition, Master Vasquez may choose, at his sole discretion, to test a student as an individual between group tests.

The entire goal of this new way to determine eligibility is to remove the question of whether a student should or may participate in group testing – Master Vasquez will make that decision ahead of time. Each student should concentrate on working hard whenever he or she is in the dojo and attend when it is possible. It is understood that there are other life priorities, and that those priorities may come before dojo classes. However, it is felt that the student must participate in a particular number of hours of dojo training prior to testing.

Finally, some students may feel that testing is too much pressure, and may opt out of testing. However, it is felt that students must be tested at some point. Therefore, each student will participate in at least one test per calendar year.

Master Greg Vasquez