



# The Black Belt Club

## What is the Black Belt Club?

The BBC is a program designed to maximize your martial arts experience. Students who are firmly committed to achieving their black belt and are willing to train consistently throughout the year are good candidates for this program. Once this commitment is made, additional training opportunities will become available. Our belief is that the more a student wishes to invest in their personal development; we in turn will provide them with additional methods and opportunities to help them achieve their goals.

## What are the benefits?

BBC members receive numerous additional benefits, all of which are at the discretion of the student, and with approval from Villari's Martial Arts Center. BBC members can learn about character development, social skills, and find out what it takes to become an instructor by joining our **STORM and Certified Instructor Training (CIT) Programs**. They can begin to explore the world of martial arts weapons with **Basic Bo Staff Training**. As they progress in rank other weapons become available to them. They get the prestige of wearing a **Black Uniform**, and will be invited to special social events during the year through our **BBC Just for Fun** program. Members are eligible to attend additional rank specific classes in our **Turbo Training** program. Finally, Adult students and parents of students may attend our **Tai Chi** program! There is no charge for any of these programs, with the exception of the Certified Instructor Training Program.

## What are the costs?

There is no cost or schedule change when you become a BBC member. You may purchase a black uniform for \$39.00 if you choose.

## Your Commitment

In order to maintain your membership in the Black Belt Club, you must commit to your training. Attend your classes. Practice at home. Keep your membership fees current. If you take a leave of absence from the school for more than 30 days (such as during summer vacation) you still keep your membership fees current. Any class time you miss may be made up upon your return in the form of extra group classes or through personal training sessions. These are semi-private lessons (no more than three students to one instructor) that are done through an appointment. One personal training session is the equivalent on two group classes.

If you take a leave of absence from the school but do not keep your membership fees current, you have broken your commitment and forfeit your black belt club membership. You may earn reinstatement in the black belt club after training consistently for six months upon your return. If there is a tuition increase during your absence, you will be subject to that increase.

# Black Belt Club Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Is your goal *in the* martial arts to achieve your black belt?    **YES**    **NO**
  
2. At this time, do you think you will continue to train beyond black belt?    **YES**    **NO**
  
3. Do you consistently attend your classes during the week?    **YES**    **NO**  
If not, what prevents you from coming to class regularly?  
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4. How on time are you for class?
  - I almost always get to class 5-10 minutes early
  - I arrive in time to line up with the class
  - I usually come in as my class is bowing in
  - I usually arrive during warm-ups or stretches
  
5. What Black Belt Club programs are you interested in joining, if any? (Check all that apply)  
 Black Belt Club Just for Fun                       Leadership Program  
 Turbo Training Classes                               Tai Chi (Adult Students and Parents)  
 Weapons Training
  
6. Why do you train in the martial arts?  
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7. What does 'being a black belt' mean to you?  
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8. What is your commitment level towards earning your black belt?  
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9. How will the Black Belt Club help you reach your goal of Black Belt?  
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10. How will the school benefit from having you in the position of a role model?  
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*I understand that there are no fees associated with being a member of the Black Belt Club, with the exception of the Certified Instructor Training Program. I also understand that should I take a leave of absence from the school without keeping my membership fees current, I forfeit eligibility in the Black Belt Club. I may be reinstated upon my return after training consistently for six months. If there is a tuition increase during this absence, I will be subject to that tuition increase.*

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature (If under 18)