



Remote E-Warriors and Belts, Certifications etc1.

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This article touches upon the 'rules' article I had written a while back. It also covers the topic of belts and certifications etc. In the photo above, you will see the belts which are common place in most martial arts systems. In Kung-Fu, they have a sash system which is their version of the belt system.

In Remote E-Warriors - REW I will not be offering a belt system as a way to show how students are progressing. I may offer an introductory certificate. However, I am not certain about that. **Real world results are the things REW are concerned about.** The key is to keep mastering your REW body of knowledge and to continue working on your work and/or personal projects. Balance your time between these endeavors. (Balance is one of the 29 Remote Influencing (RI) keys to success.)

Here is some updated info on Thai Boxing belt and ranking system.

In traditional Muay Thai there is no such thing as a colored belt to show fighter's rank. Titles, sometimes also referred to as belts, can be gained only by fighting and winning Muay Thai championships or single fights.

Some western Muay Thai schools have introduced a colored system to rank their students but this is not widely recognized and often seen as a way of marketing or way of ranking without having to fight.

It came as a big surprise to me that there are actually some Muay Thai gyms in the U.S. and other western countries that use colored belts to rank fighters. Must be some sort of a marketing thing by western Muay Thai teachers, probably invented to just make more money off their students as there

really is no such thing in real traditional or modern Muay Thai as belts. If you see one, it's strictly a thing inside a certain gym.

Source:

muaythaiteacher.com

(The above confirms what I have known for many years: Belt systems are incorporated into Thai Boxing in Western countries so that the schools, gyms offering those belts can make money through their students. The more students they have, the more money they will make.)

Well...in Thailand Muay Thai is mostly a professional fight sport! There aren't any levels or black belts like in other martial arts! The belt is in the ring!

Those who join a pro Muay Thai camp do so to make a living! If you join, you train 6 days per week, 6 to 8 hours per day! When your trainer feels you're ready for your first fight...you fight! No questions asked! It's your job!

These armbands however are just a reminder of the students progress so that they may know how far they've come and what's still ahead! But they don't have the same connotation as a colored belt does in other martial arts!

They symbolize mostly the exchange between a student and his teacher! A non-written contract where the student promises to learn, be sincere and loyal to his camp, and the teacher promises to share his knowledge to the best of his ability!

The colors of these armbands may vary from school to school and the corresponding association. But in muay thai we don't look at levels and colors! We look at the work and effort put in every class and it's pretty much at the teacher's discretion to promote or not a student!

(The segment above ties in with what REW is about – putting in the work and getting the results.)

Source:

<http://daosawanmuaythai.ca>

I had chosen five martial art and combat systems which make up the mental aspects and the mindset of a Remote E-Warrior:

1. Jeet Kune Do
2. Thai Boxing

3. Street fighting
4. Boxing
5. Guerilla Warfare

What are the common elements of the five martial and combat arts above?

Answer: **They do not have belt systems.**

In boxing, the boxer moves up in rank through the wins they achieve in boxing matches. Granted, they can win championship belts. However, they don't wear colored belts as in martial arts.

In REW when we achieve success with our projects, they are wins. We should strive to be humble and modest, respectful of others when we win.

I do not believe that standardised tests are a real indication of intelligence. In traditional tests, students are given a test to see how much information they remember. They cram for the tests and they learn by rote. These students forget most of what they had learned after a short while.

However, I would say that the Phd thesis is a more realistic model of intelligence. It is the highest degree awarded to students. Phd students have to create a project – thesis. They then have to present the thesis to the Examination board. The Phd student then has to give an oral presentation to the exam board. This is usually called a viva. I do not have a Phd. I do admire Phd holders though. In the real world of work, it is highly unlikely that your employer is going to give you tests to show what you have learned. Instead, you are given tasks or projects to complete.

The key word here is projects. I will write more about projects in future articles.