

# Master Cycle<sup>®</sup> | Blue Belt Stripe 1

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- · Continue to perfect, and never forget, your Gracie Combatives techniques.
- · Beyond Gracie Combatives, each belt level is comprised of 4 Stripe Courses.
- Each Stripe Course is broken down into 7 Positional Chapters.
- There are approximately 8-12 lessons per Chapter.
- Each Chapter should be cycled through two or three times before moving on.

# **Training Equipment**

- · Grappling mats are recommended for optimum training.
- A jiu-jitsu gi will be needed Master Cycle lessons and stripe tests.
- · 16-18oz. boxing gloves and mouthpieces are required for Fight Simulation Sparring.
- Practice weapons (stick, knife, gun) will be needed for Chapter 7.

## **Street Switch**

- In the Master Cycle, you will learn the street and sport aspect of Gracie Jiu-Jitsu.
- Practicing sport techniques can enhance your understanding of balance, timing, etc.
- The key is never to become too reliant on any technique that leaves you vulnerable to punches.
- Practice everything, but develop an internal "Street Switch" that can be flipped on whenever punches are added to the equation.

### **Stripe Tests**

- A Stripe Test will be used to assess your eligibility for promotion after each Stripe Course.
- Stripe Tests will feature a technical demonstration portion as well as sparring portions.
- · The sparring portion will include gi, no-gi, and fight simulation sparring.
- · Rushing to test is rushing to fail. Be patient and aim for perfection.

## **Final Thoughts**

- Focus on developing the Grand Master's scientific mindset.
- · Go through the lessons in the prescribed sequence for maximum results.
- · Be as dedicated during the repeat viewing of a lesson as you were during the initial viewing.
- · To make it to the top, you will need one or more training partners who will dedicate with you.
- Since you are now part of the family, please forgive Ryron and Rener for acting ridiculous from time to time.