



## Code of conduct for parents and carers

**Note:** Where we refer to “parents” we mean parents and carers inclusively. The term “children” and “child” describes any person under the age of 18. Any reference to “club” or “clubs”, “organisation” shall mean the Shukokai Karate Academy.

### As a parent of a child taking part in our club activity, we would like you to:

#### The essentials

- Make sure that your child has their right kit for every session as well as enough drink and food for extended sessions, course or competitions.
- Try to make sure that your child arrives to sessions on time and is picked up promptly: or let us know if you are running late or if your child is going home with someone else.
- Complete all consent, contact and medical forms and update us straight away if anything changes.
- Make sure that your child wears any protective equipment that is recommended.
- Maintain a good relationship with your child’s coach or instructor and catch up with them as much as you can about your child’s progress.
- Talk to us if you have any concerns about any part of your child’s involvement – we want to hear from you.

#### Behaviour

- Try and learn about your child’s karate and what it means to them.
- Take the time to talk to your child about what you both want to achieve through karate.
- Remember that children get a wide range of benefits from participating in karate, like making friends, getting exercise and developing skills. It’s not all about wins, losses and gradings.
- Listen when your child says they do not want to do something.
- Behave positively on the side-lines – shout encouragement, say “well done” and let your child know that you are proud of what they are doing.

- Think about how the way you react and behave effects not just your child but other children too.
- Lead by example when it comes to positive behaviour on the side-lines; or let other parents take their cues from you, as well as us.
- Accept the official’s judgement and do not approach them or enter the training or competition area.
- Use social media responsibly when talking about what goes in in our club, by behaving the same way online as you would in person.
- Talk to your child about embracing good etiquette and sportsmanship.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules.
- Ensure that your child understands their own Code of Conduct.

**As a parent, we understand that you have the right to:**

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with us.
- See any of our policies and procedures at any time.
- Know who the welfare officer responsible for your child is and have their contact details.
- Be involved and contribute towards decisions within the club or activity.
- Know what training and qualifications our instructors and staff have.
- Be informed of any problems or concerns relating to your child.
- Know what happens if there is an accident or injury, be informed if your child is injured and see records of any recordable accidents.
- Have your consent sought for anything outside our initial consent form.
- Have any concerns about any aspect of your child’s welfare listened to and responded to.

We expect all parents to follow the behaviours and requests set out in this code. If a parent behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, we’ll address the problem straight away with the parents and aim to resolve the issue.

Persistent concerns or breaches may result in parents being asked not to attend training, events, or competitions, if their attendance is considered a risk to the welfare and enjoyment of any young participant/s.

**Continued issues and repeated breaches of this code may result in us regrettably asking your child to leave the activity, event, or club permanently, something we never want to do.**

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