

# GOJU KARATE AUSTRALIA

## MEMBERSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Martial Art training is a physical activity involving movement and exercise, which is potentially dangerous. Practising Martial Arts and self-defence techniques may involve training with a partner, and contact with training equipment (including but not limited to: Striking, punching, kicking, elbows, knees, throws and locks).

GKA members must abide by the code of conduct and rules of the club with regard to general training, both in and out of the dojo.

Members should consult their doctor before engaging in training if they have any concerns about the level of their health and fitness.

## MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

### Maintain good personal hygiene

Good hygiene shows respect for others, this helps to ensure everyone's personal health and creates a positive, courteous environment. Uniforms should be clean and neat. Fingernails and toenails should be both clean and trimmed.

### No jewellery

Please remove all jewellery when training. This is for the safety of yourself and fellow students in the class.

### Be courteous, respectful and professional

Maintain courtesy and professionalism when dealing with any person within the club. Conduct yourself in a formal, respectful manner at all times when in the Dojo. Unnecessary roughness, crude language, or display of ill-temper is forbidden. Students or Parents not adhering to these rules of conduct will be dismissed.

### Always train safely

We always strive to train in a manner that is safe and prevents injury. The best way to do that is to be cooperative and respectful to those around you. If you have a physical condition that limits your ability to perform certain techniques, please let your instructors know.

### No unnecessary contact

Students are to be careful not to make contact through neglect or carelessness. Contact due to carelessness is a serious offence.

### No drugs or alcohol

No one under the influence alcohol or a prohibited substance may train or will be allowed to enter the training hall/dojo.

### Disclosure

Each student is required to give full and frank disclosure of any criminal convictions relating to sexual offences, violence or any criminal conviction relating to children.

### Anti-Bullying

Bullying is regarded as the repeated oppression, psychological and or physical, of a less powerful person by another person or group of persons. We consider all forms of bullying as an inappropriate behaviour and will take all allegations seriously.

## **GKA CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Beliefs**

A person is entitled to pursue their own beliefs and standards without undue disruption and interference from others. These differences may arise through religion, personal values, gender or ethnicity. Instructors and fellow students will be respectful, understanding and accommodating of these matters.

### **Care of Children**

Parents entrust their children with our club, and Instructors and students must live up to that trust by ensuring that all behaviour towards children is entirely appropriate. By their nature children will view their *Sensei* as a leader and a person to be respected and in turn an Instructor will have earned this respect by the way the Instructor conducts himself or herself.

### **Sexual Harassment**

Any form of sexual harassment is totally unacceptable. Sexual harassment can take the form of verbal comments concerning appearance, private life or other issues. It can take the form of unwanted physical contact, adult humour or innuendo. Although we do not seek to encroach on the normal social interplay between people, we must show respect for your fellow participants, and any form of sexual harassment runs completely counter to our ethos and will not be tolerated.

### **Equal Opportunity**

We will not tolerate discrimination against any person on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, age, physical or mental handicap. At the same time our Instructors and students will be mindful of unique personal situations or medical conditions that may affect the safety and wellbeing of other students. Any concerns of this nature are to be dealt with sensitively and reported to the Instructor at the earliest opportunity.

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Photographs and videos may be taken of your participation in any and all activities, including classes, gradings, meetings, seminars and tournaments conducted by Goju Karate Australia, Goju Ryu Karate-Do Shuseikan and JKF Australia. Photos and videos may be used for a range of purposes which may include, but not limited to, promotional print material, and any online/electronic material such as websites and social media. From the date they are taken, all photographs and videos become and remain the property of Goju Karate Australia.

## **CLUB UNIFORM**

GKA prides itself on our high standard of DoGi (Karate Uniform). Students must only wear a uniform supplied by GKA including the official Embroidered Club badge on the left breast of Gi top and our official club label on Gi pants, Gi top and Belt. Upon application, students may seek advice from Scott Read Sensei to wear an alternative pre-selected and pre-approved uniform. Shureido, Seishin and Tokaido are permitted brands. Students who are transitioning from previous Karate clubs may use their previous Karate uniform for a short time after removing all badges and labels. No other Martial Arts Uniforms are permitted.

I agree to all of these terms and conditions set out in the Goju Karate Australia membership document above.

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (If student is under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Signature \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_