

UNION KARATE DO PARENTAL STANDARDS

1. Introduction

At **Union Karate Do**, we believe that parents and guardians play a crucial role in fostering a positive, safe, and respectful environment for all students. This agreement outlines our expectations for parental behaviour and engagement to ensure all children can enjoy their training in a supportive and inclusive environment.

2. Commitment to Respect and Sportsmanship

As a parent/guardian, I agree to:

- Encourage my child to respect instructors, fellow students, and club staff.
- Support my child in upholding the values of martial arts, including discipline, respect, and perseverance.
- Refrain from engaging in or encouraging negative behaviour, including disruptive conduct, unsportsmanlike behaviour, or public criticism of instructors, students, or the club.
- Ensure my child arrives on time, properly dressed, and prepared for each session.

3. Communication and Conduct

As a parent/guardian, I will:

- Communicate any concerns or feedback respectfully and directly with the instructor or club management.
- Refrain from coaching my child from the sidelines during training or competitions.
- Respect the club's policies and decisions, recognising that all actions taken are in the best interests of the students.
- Use appropriate channels for discussing any grievances or disputes, following the club's complaint procedure if necessary.

4. Safeguarding and Child Welfare

As a parent/guardian, I acknowledge that:

- Safeguarding is a shared responsibility, and I will report any concerns about my child's or another child's welfare to the instructor or designated safeguarding officer.
- I will provide up-to-date emergency contact details and inform the club of any medical conditions or special requirements my child may have.
- I understand that the club follows strict safeguarding policies in line with BMABA and UK child protection guidelines.

5. Attendance and Participation

To ensure my child benefits fully from training, I agree to:

- Ensure my child attends regularly and notify the instructor if they are unable to attend.
- Encourage my child to actively participate and follow instructions during classes.
- Ensure my child follows club rules, dress code, and personal hygiene requirements.

6. Social Media and Photography

I acknowledge and agree that:

- The club may take photographs/videos for promotional or educational purposes, and I will notify the club in writing if I do not wish my child to be included.
- I will not post negative or defamatory comments about the club, instructors, students, or other parents on social media.
- Any photographs or videos I take during training or events will be for personal use only and will not be shared publicly without permission.

7. Health, Safety, and Wellbeing

As a parent/guardian, I agree to:

- Ensure my child is fit and well enough to train and has no medical conditions that could affect their participation without informing the instructor.
- Follow club health and safety rules, including drop-off and pick-up procedures.
- Encourage my child to train responsibly, taking breaks when needed and staying hydrated

LAST UPDATED – 4th May 2025

