

RED SUN KARATE

Shotokan Karate for everyone to enjoy
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Club Constitution – 1st January 2015

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1) Name:

The Club's name shall be: RED SUN KARATE. Referred to here after as 'the Club'.

The club is an independent body which is associated to the World Traditional Karate Organisation; which is a world wide body promoting personal excellence and the advancement of Shotokan Karate.

RED SUN KARATE have been affiliated to Salford Sports Network since 2006 and work closely with Salford Schools Sport Partnership.

2) Aims and Objectives:

The objective of the club is to provide facilities for, and promote the participation in the amateur practice of Traditional Shotokan Karate, in the Salford Area.

3) Membership:

Membership of the Club is open to all members of the community who agree to the terms and conditions of the club constitution.

All members must complete a membership application form prior to participating in a training session. Juniors under 16 years of age must have this duly signed by a parent or guardian.

Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of Shotokan Karate.

The club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis.

The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

The Chief Instructor may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute.

Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.'

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Individuals who are not members of the Club may only participate in Club activities with the consent of the Chief Instructor and the Assistant Instructors and must agree to abide by the terms set out for guests and associate club membership.

4) Club Subscriptions and Club Finance:

A monthly membership fee is required from all Club members.

The monthly fee is subject to revision on an annual basis to ensure that the costs for provision of a suitable venue and any equipment can be covered by the club.

Members will pay the monthly fee by standing order. Members who do not have facilities to pay by standing order can pay by cash or cheque, but must do so at the first training session of each month.

The club chief instructor may draw monies from the club account in connection with legitimate expenses incurred in connection with Club business; including travel to and from Instructor and other training courses as required by either the association and/or other bodies (Child Protection Awareness/CRB etc, new equipment and fees for guest instructors/coaches.

All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club.

No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.'

5) Licences:

All members must buy an annual licence. The licence fee is payable directly to RED SUN KARATE. Licences run for a period of one year and it is the responsibility of the member to ensure that their licence is renewed at the appropriate time.

6) Gradings

GRADING RULES

The objective of Red Sun Karate is to promote and foster Shotokan Karate based on traditional values.

The Club shall organise, regulate and control the promotion of Karateka to higher degrees in accordance with the association constitution.

Gradings shall be conducted by the Chief Instructor or an Approved Grading Instructor.

- A Grading Instructor must hold a minimum level of 2nd Dan and be fully conversant with the grading examination syllabus.
- A grading instructor must have completed at least 12 months probation/training, working alongside and "shadowing" the Chief Instructor at grading examinations on the examination table. During this period the "Trainee Examiner" will be taught how to conduct and mark grading examinations in accordance with club standards.

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- Approved Grading Instructors will be permitted to grade students up to the following levels:
 - 2nd Dan: from beginner up to 7th Kyu (Yellow Belt)
 - 3rd Dan: from Beginner up to 4th Kyu (Purple Belt)
 - 4th Dan: from Beginner up to 1st Kyu (Brown Belt)All Dan Gradings will be by panel grading and shall be conducted under a panel of Senior Instructors as recognised by the WTKO

All members wishing to take a grading examination must hold a valid licence and grading record book before attempting any grading examination.

Individual Karate-ka are permitted to enter gradings in accordance with the association constitution provided they are training regularly and have been approved to attempt the grading examination by their club instructor.

Members found to be breaking the rules of grading times will not be recognised by RED SUN KARATE and may have their licence suspended, subject to an enquiry, revoked, or be asked to leave the association.

If any member fails a grading examination they will wait a period of time as stated by the grading examiner before retaking the examination.

Any karate-ka from another organisation or style that joins RED SUN KARATE may wear the belt of the grade that they have attained, but, after 6 months regular training they must take the same grade with the examiner.

THIS APPLIES TO ALL GRADES, INCLUDING BLACK BELTS.

All licences are to be renewed annually

7) Changes to Club Constitutions

Changes will be implemented to the club constitution as required.

New regulations and legislation have required the club to review membership, insurance and teaching practices. As the club endeavours to keep in accordance with current guidelines on best practice, new regulations and procedures will be introduced.

8) Child Protection Policy:

As a responsible Martial Arts club, RED SUN KARATE is keen to ensure the safety and wellbeing at all times of children and vulnerable adults involved in the clubs training sessions and activities.

(Children are defined as people under 16 years of age)

To help us do this the Club has adopted a Child Protection Policy based on consultation and best practice with the aim of "ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children involved in all training sessions and activities.

(A full copy of the club's CPP is available upon request from the Chief Instructor)

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9) Club Complaints Procedure:

This procedure has been created to allow Club members to raise complaints about issues, which might include the following:

- The safety of the club activities.
- Poor standards of instruction or leadership.
- The standard of the equipment used for Club activities.
- Poor Club administration.
- The Lack of suitable activities for their level of participation.

All complaints concerning club safety or operational matters should initially be addressed to the Chief Instructor, who will provide a written acknowledgement of receipt of the complaint within 7 days. The Chief Instructor will peruse the matter and if necessary consult with the assistant instructors and respond within 14 days from receipt of the written complaint.

If the proposed outcome does not provide a satisfactory solution a further written complaint should then be made to Mr Scott Langley – Head of the WTKO-GB

10) Discipline:

The club expects all members to have respect for each other.

Instructors shall be addressed as "Sensei"

Members should not wear jewellery during training as rings, necklaces, earrings and watches can cause harm to the wearer and other members during training sessions
Food and drink is not allowed in the dojo (if a student feels light headed or faint and needs some water during training they should raise their hand and ask sensei first)

Any member deemed to be using a lack of self control or respect for other members during training sessions will be asked to leave the dojo.