



# Northern Ireland Karate Board

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The Northern Ireland Karate Board recognises the right of every individual to participate in the sport of Karate regardless of race, gender, ability, religious belief, cultural identity, sexual orientation or political opinion.

The aim of this Code of Conduct is to ensure that those working with young people in the Northern Ireland Karate Board at all times provide a quality sporting and social programme for the junior members by working to an agreed philosophy and set of standards. Enforcement of this Code of Conduct is the responsibility of every member of

the Northern Ireland Karate Board any queries about the Code should be referred to any member of the Committee, the Junior Club Co-ordinator or the person looking after Child Protection.

## **All members of this club must: -**

respect the rights, dignity and worth of all and treat everyone equitably;

not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.

## **Coaches within The Northern Ireland Karate Board must:**

Place the well-being and safety of the young person above the development of performance and follow all guidelines laid down by the Governing Body of the sport. Coaches must ensure they are working at a level commensurate with their coaching qualifications and are insured.

## **The record of the Northern Ireland Karate Board related**

To training is kept up to date and undertake relevant training courses which are organised by Youth Sport, the Northern Ireland Institute of Coaching/ the National Governing Body and The Northern Ireland Karate Board.

Ensure that the activities which they are directing and advocating are appropriate to the age, maturity and ability of the young people.

Always promote the positive aspects of sport and never condone or participate in rules violation, bad sportsmanship, the use of foul and abusive language, the use of sectarian language and banter, the use of prohibited substances, the use of gestures, emblems, flags or salutes which could be interpreted as provocative.

Display high standards of personal behaviour and appearance and respect the club facilities and equipment

Never overtly criticise other players/performers or officials judgement or use language or gestures which may cause a young person to lose self-esteem or confidence.

Arrive on time for all coaching sessions, matches, competitions, social occasions and inform an appropriate person if ill or unable to attend.

Ensure that car insurance is appropriate for transporting young people to and from events if necessary. Please note, normal car insurance may not be sufficient.

Ensure that all sports programmes will be safe, enjoyable and progressive and will cater for all young people who wish to take part.

Encourage and guide young people to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance and encourage young people to feel confident and comfortable in making personal choices.

Ensure that attendance records are kept of all recognised club sessions and social activities with the attendance of each participant noted appropriately.

A club incident form must be used to record any accidents, injuries or untoward event.

Ensure that all those working with young people hold appropriate qualifications in coaching, leadership, officiating. Any helpers, during coaching sessions, or competitions, must work under the guidance and supervision of a qualified coach.