

NAKMAS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/CARERS

This code of conduct applies to all parents/carers at any training session or other event. Its purpose is to promote positive training, and to protect students, parents and club staff from unpleasant situations which may occur.

Parents should:

- Focus on the child's efforts and enjoyment rather than winning or losing
- Provide positive verbal feedback in training, grading sessions, and tournaments
- Encourage students to participate within the rules and regulations of the martial arts
- Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of who they are or what the outcome
- Leave the instructor to communicate with individual students during the session/event
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach children to do the same
- Respect instructors, referees, judges, students and spectators
- Inform the instructor of any injury, health or welfare issue that they feel it is appropriate for them to know
- Ensure that their child/children arrive and are collected promptly for training and other events
- Remember that children participate in martial arts for their enjoyment, not the parents'
- Treat everyone equally regardless of age, ability, gender, race, religion, ethnic origin, social status or sexual orientation. Everyone has the right to be protected from abuse.
- Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every person within martial arts
- Report any concerns you may have in relation to a young person, to the Club Welfare Officer
- Challenge and/or report discriminatory behaviour

Parents should not:

- Force their child/children to participate in martial arts
- Ridicule or show at their child/children or other students for making a mistake or failing a grading
- Question publicly the referee, judge, instructor or student's decisions within a tournament, grading or training situation
- Use foul, sexist or racist language or gestures at any time
- Leave their child/children at the training venue/event, before the person in charge has arrived
- Condone behaviour that contravenes the codes of conduct
- Bring young children or babies to watch classes, unless they are quiet. If they start to make any noise or run about, parents should take them out of the sessions IMMEDIATELY.