

Code of conduct for spectators

It is important that members may feel comfortable and undistracted while training and going through an examination, it is therefore important for any spectators to be mindful of this and the pressure that both the members and instructors/examiners are under. To this end we require the following code of conduct to be followed.

Much of this will be pure common sense and should probably not need to be mentioned, however for clarity and full transparency we have made the code as complete as possible (at the risk of unintentionally causing offence).

Within classes the instructors will be responsible for ensuring spectators follow the code, whereas at events such as grading examinations there will be senior grades performing the roles of usher to ensure not only the code is followed, but also answer any questions/queries a spectator may have.

Karate training can be dangerous when full attention is not given by the practitioner (whether training individually or with partners), for this reason we have a zero tolerance policy for adherence to this code and any spectator not willing follow them will be asked to leave the dojo. All karate activities will cease until that individual has left the room.

The Code

- **No conversations** - the odd whisper is acceptable but anything longer than 20 seconds in length is not.
- **No “back seat” judging** - the instructors and examination panels have been specifically trained on what to look for in order to uphold the standards required by BMAA.
- **No parental coaching during the event/class** - we greatly appreciate parental encouragement and involvement from family members, but this must not distract members from the tutelage of the qualified instructors*.
- **No “coming and going”** - please do not enter and leave the room during a session, if you cannot wait until a rest period to leave the room then please leave quietly and do not return until the next rest period.
- **No mobile phones** - phones must be turned off during the session, even a vibrating phone will cause distraction.
- **No flash photography** - Flashes from several directions will cause a distraction. We will often have an approved photographer at an event and we are willing to share any pictures of your family members with you.
- **Be mindful of what you photograph** - Any photographs you do take must only be of your own child and any photos taken ***must not be put onto any social media without the expressed permission*** of anyone else captured in the image**.
- **No food in the dojo** - This is a dojo rule that must be adhered to by both members and non-members.
- **Children must be kept under control** - We like to keep our events family friendly, but any children that are spectating must be sat still and quiet, both for their safety and the enjoyment of everyone else.

* information about how you can effectively assist in your child's progression can be sourced separately from the club instructor

** we ask this out of respect of our members and their rights. If this is not adhered to we will have to ban all unofficial photography.