



## **Bearsden Martial Arts Club**

### **Constitution**

#### **Name:**

The name of the Club will be "Bearsden Martial Arts Club", formerly known as "Bearsden Karate Club".

#### **Aims:**

To advance the practice of Martial Arts under the auspices of the parent organisation, Shotobudo Karate.

To bring together all individuals through the practice of Martial Arts in a spirit of equality.

To develop, maintain and expand the standards of mixed Martial Arts through a process of gradings and courses of instruction.

To advise and support members who wish to commence their own clubs in the spirit of cooperation.

#### **Membership:**

Club membership will be open to all irrespective of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, actual or perceived religion or belief, sex and actual or perceived sexual orientation.

Adult members will be aged 16 or over.

Junior members will be under 16 years of age.

Club members must be join the Shotobudo organisation and maintain the necessary insurance cover by membership of the Martial Arts Development Commission.

Members must behave in an appropriate, responsible manner at all times, especially when representing the club. They must abide by the Club's Code of Conduct.

**Club Officials:**

Chair: Hugh Russell  
Secretary: Jackie Russell  
Treasurer: Ian Stevenson  
Committee members; John Marley  
David Craig  
Eric Walton

**Annual General Meeting:**

The Club will hold an annual general meeting each year in December. Any club member may raise any issue with the Club Committee at the meeting, or by writing to the Club Secretary two weeks prior to the AGM.

The Club Secretary may be contacted at:

[bearsdenmartialarts@hotmail.com](mailto:bearsdenmartialarts@hotmail.com)

tel 0141 570 1345

**Finance:**

The Club will hold an account, currently held at the Bank of Scotland. Monies received by way of fees etc will be paid into this account. The account funds will be used for business appropriate to the club, such as course fees, letting fees and travel and associated expenses incurred on club business. The authorised signatory for the account will be the Club Chair.

The Club Secretary will be responsible to the Treasurer for maintaining an accurate record of club expenditure.

**Child Protection:**

As the Club has junior members, all Club instructors have PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) membership.

The Club Chair (who is an authorised signatory for such purposes) will be responsible for ensuring that the appropriate arrangements are in place to ensure compliance.

The Club Secretary will be responsible for maintaining records in accordance with current Data Protection legislation.

The Club Secretary will also be responsible for a "Parents Guide" to be made available to parents, detailing all aspects of the above arrangements, including first aid , emergency contacts etc.

**Alteration to the Constitution:**

Any alteration to this constitution will be by agreement with all Club Officials. In any case of dispute relating to any proposed alteration, the Chair will have the casting vote.

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