



Bearsden Martial Arts Club

Constitution

Name:

The name of the Club will be "Bearsden Martial Arts Club.(formerly Bearsden Karate Club).

Aims:

To advance the practice of Martial Arts.

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 maintain the necessary insurance cover by membership of the British Martial Arts and Boxing Association. (Covered by club fees).

Club Officials:

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

Annual General Meeting (AGM):

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 contacting the Club Secretary two weeks prior to the AGM.

The agenda at the AGM will normally include: the club officers' annual reports, the election of officers, discussion and amendment to the constitution and club rules, the presentation of the annual accounts, the chairman or secretary's report, membership secretary's report, any other business.

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

EGMs may be called by a quorum of 3 or more members, or member's legal guardian/parents/carers with a minimum of 30 days' notice.

For both AGMs and EGMs the Club Secretary may be contacted at:

bearsdenmartialarts@hotmail.com
tel 0141 570 1345

All AGM and EGM meetings will be publicised on the BMAC website.

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, senior Club instructors have PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) membership.

The Club Chair is lead signatory and 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 GDPR legislation.

Details of all child protection arrangements are on the club website at bearsdenmartialarts.org.uk.

[Bearsden Martial Arts Club](http://bearsdenmartialarts.org.uk)

Conduct

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 members must treat each other with respect and maintain appropriate standards of personal behaviour at all time. This includes respecting the rights, dignity and values of others and demonstrating fairness, consideration and integrity in all dealings with others.

The club has an e-mail, social networking and photography/video policy which must be complied with by all club members and visitors that will be reviewed at each AGM (or EGM).

Membership refusal or suspension:

The club committee reserves the right to refuse or suspend a membership at their discretion.

Any complaint must be raised via the Club's complaints procedure.

Personal Information

Club membership involves completing a personal information sheet and declaration for club records.

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

The Clubs privacy policy is on the Club website.

<https://www.bearsdenmartialarts.org/info.html>

Health and Safety:

The club has a Health and Safety policy which must be complied with by all members and visitors. This policy and a Health and Safety Risk Assessment must be reviewed annually for the AGM.

Any ailments or injuries that might affect a member's ability to train must be made known to the instructors before the commencement of training on each particular session.

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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