

Terms & Conditions – Reading West AIWAKAI Wado Karate Club

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1. Introduction

These Terms & Conditions (“Terms”) govern your participation in classes, events, and any other activities organized by **Reading West AIWAKAI Wado Karate Club** (“the Club”, “we”, “us”, “our”). By registering, attending a class, or otherwise using Club facilities, you agree to be bound by these Terms. If you do not accept them, please do not enrol or attend.

2. Membership & Registration

2.1 Eligibility – Participants must be at least **5 years old** (or have parental/guardian consent). Minors must have a parent or legal guardian complete the online application on their behalf.

2.2 Registration – Membership is confirmed only after:

- I. Completion of the **online membership application**;
- II. Payment of applicable fees; and
- III. **Continuation of the online application** (i.e., clicking “Submit” or any final confirmation button).

By continuing the online application, the applicant expressly acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agree to all provisions contained in these Terms & Conditions.

2.3 Fees – Fees are payable in advance (monthly, term-based, or per-class as indicated on the Club’s price schedule). Late payments may result in suspension of class access until arrears are cleared.

2.4 Refunds – Fees are non-refundable except where required by law or in the event of a Club-initiated cancellation of a scheduled class.

3. Code of Conduct

3.1 Respect & Safety – All members must treat instructors, staff, and fellow participants with respect. Harassment, discrimination, or abusive language will not be tolerated.

3.2 Uniform & Equipment – Members shall wear the prescribed karate gi and belt appropriate to their rank, and any required protective gear (e.g., mouth-guard, shin guards) during sparring or conditioning drills.

3.3 Health & Hygiene – Participants must be in good health, free of contagious illnesses, and must notify the Club of any medical condition that could affect training. Cleanliness of uniforms and personal hygiene are expected.

3.4 Alcohol & Drugs – Consumption of alcohol or illegal substances before or during Club activities is strictly prohibited. Violation may lead to immediate termination of membership.

4. Liability & Waiver

4.1 Assumption of Risk – Karate training involves physical activity that carries inherent risks of injury. By participating, you acknowledge and accept these risks.

4.2 Waiver – **The act of completing and submitting the online membership application serves as a binding waiver** releasing the Club, its owners, instructors,

and volunteers from any claim arising from bodily injury, loss, or damage incurred during Club activities, except where caused by gross negligence or wilful misconduct.

4.3 Insurance – The Club does not provide personal injury insurance. Members are encouraged to maintain appropriate personal health or accident coverage.

5. Intellectual Property

5.1 Materials – Training manuals, videos, curricula, and any proprietary content provided by the Club remain the exclusive intellectual property of the Club. Reproduction, distribution, or commercial use without written permission is prohibited.

5.2 Photographs & Media – The Club may capture photographs or video of classes for promotional purposes. By attending, you consent to such use unless you notify the Club in writing beforehand.

6. Privacy

6.1 Data Collection – Personal data (name, contact details, emergency contacts, health information) is collected solely for administrative and safety purposes.

6.2 Data Protection – The Club stores data securely and will not sell or share it with third parties, except as required by law or to protect health and safety (e.g., emergency services).

6.3 Communication – By providing your email/phone number you consent to receive Club communications (schedule changes, newsletters, event announcements). Opt-out options are provided in each communication.

7. Cancellation & Rescheduling

7.1 Club-initiated Cancellations – The Club reserves the right to cancel or reschedule classes due to instructor illness, facility issues, or force-majeure events. Notice will be given via email or the Club's official communication channel.

7.2 Member-initiated Cancellations – Members may cancel a booked private lesson up to **24 hours** before the scheduled time without penalty. Later cancellations may incur a fee equal to 50 % of the lesson cost.

8. Termination of Membership

8.1 Grounds for Termination – The Club may terminate membership immediately for:

- Breach of the Code of Conduct (Section 3).
- Repeated failure to pay fees.
- Providing false information during registration.

8.2 Effect of Termination – Upon termination, the member loses all rights to attend classes, use facilities, or receive Club communications. Any prepaid fees are non-refundable unless termination is due to a Club breach.

9. Governing Law & Dispute Resolution

9.1 Jurisdiction – These Terms are governed by the laws of the United Kingdom.

9.2 Dispute Process – Parties shall first attempt informal resolution with the Club's management. Unresolved disputes will be submitted to mediation; if mediation fails, the matter may be brought before the competent courts of the governing jurisdiction.

10. Amendments

The Club may amend these Terms from time to time. Updated versions will be posted on the Club's website and communicated via email. Continued participation after notice constitutes acceptance of the revised Terms.

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