

# **World Ju-Jitsu Federation**

## **Rules and Regulations**

### **Student Annual Membership**

- o All Annual memberships will be co-ordinated by the club coach, and registered at the WJJF headquarters PO BOX 424, Skelmersdale LANCS WN8 1DP.
- o All records will be held on a secure data base.
- o Memberships are renewed annually and it is the responsibility of the member or the parent/guardian of those under 16 to ensure they keep their annual membership in date.
- o Your membership is your license to train and allows the student to visit, as a guest to any official WJJF registered club.
- o The WJJF has the right to refuse, decline or terminate any membership without the need to provide an explanation.
- o The annual membership will be invalidated if any of the information supplied on the application form is not correct, in particular any undeclared medical conditions.
- o Membership fees include a free of charge insurance cover, no insurance claim will be accepted if students are out of date with their membership.
- o All students under the age of 16 will be classed as juniors and their membership application must be signed by a parent/guardian.
- o All students can visit, as a guest, any WJJF club, however if they wish to transfer clubs they must complete the necessary form, completed in full, requesting the move and send direct to the governing body.
- o On acceptance of membership a Budo pass will be issued, this will be the individual's personal grading/training record.
- o The Budo pass is the property of the individual.

All registered students undertake to abide by the rules and regulations of the WJJF at all times and in deference to their club rules where they come into conflict, if any dispute should occur between the student and his/her club this should be referred to the WJJF for arbitration.

### **Dojo Rules**

- o Students must be polite, respectful and conform to the dojo etiquette at all times.
- o Personal hygiene is of paramount importance
- o Jewellery cannot be worn, items that cannot be removed must be covered.
- o All existing injuries must be reported prior to the lesson taking place and if necessary as they occur.

- o The WJFF accepts no responsibility for injuries that occur by students that attempt techniques that were not demonstrated by the club coach or are appropriate to their current level of training.
- o The word of the coach(s) must be observed and followed at all times
- o Students not dressed appropriately will not be permitted to train
- o No training equipment that has not been approved by the club coach can be brought into the dojo or be used.
- o All students must arrive in good time for the class to start and will not leave the mat without the permission of the coach.

The student will not bring into the dojo any articles other than those for a specific application during training. Shoes must not be worn in the dojo, slippers or suchlike are permitted and these may be left at the side of the tatami.

## **Grading Requirements**

- o All students are required to have the appropriate number of badges on their Gi at all times **PRIOR** to any grading taking place, all badges stated are additional to badges for previous grades.

White	WJFF chest badge
Yellow	WJFF back patch
Orange	Arm badge of choice
Green	Arm badge of choice
Blue/White	Pair leg flashes
Blue	Leg patch of choice
Purple	Leg patch of choice
Brown/White	Arm badge of choice
Brown	Arm badge of choice

The WJFF reserves the right to refuse to grade students not displaying the correct combination of badges at the time of an official grading.

## **Grading Timetable**

A required number of weeks training must be completed prior to any grading taking place, this assumes one training session per week.

White Belt	16 Weeks
White to Yellow Belt	16 Weeks
Yellow to Orange Belt	16 Weeks
Orange to Green Belt	16 Weeks
Green to Blue/White Belt	16 Weeks
Blue/White to Blue Belt	16 Weeks
Blue to Purple Belt	16 Weeks
Purple to Brown/White Belt	16 Weeks
Brown/White to Brown Belt	20 Weeks
Brown to Black/ Shodan	52 Weeks

- o However, grading's should not be conducted totally on the stipulated number of weeks alone, the senior coach should/will take into account, firstly the level of grade, the ability of the individual, the knowledge, commitment and attendance of the student.
- o Revision of previous grades are an **inclusive** part of the grading process.
- o The club coach has the final word on who can grade, grading guidelines and criteria are published on the web site. Kyu grading's are White to Brown inclusive.
- o Club Kyu grading's will be conducted in accordance with each individual clubs grading policy but under the guidance rules and authority of the WJFF.

Black Belt/Dan grading's and Gold Tab grading's are conducted annually at a suitable location in the north west, save in exceptional circumstances when permission can be granted for these to take place at an individual's club.

## **Training**

- o All students will follow the established syllabus of the WJFF, variations and techniques taught elsewhere must not be attempted demonstrated or used in the dojo.
- o Students will not use any of the techniques for personal gain.
- o All students must follow the instructions of the coach conducting the training session
- o All reasonable efforts must be made to deescalate and manage individuals who are aggressive or violent towards you.
- o However, if techniques taught in a WJFF dojo are to be used, and as a last resort, it must be in a self-defense manner only, the level of force used must be reasonable and proportionate to the circumstances, only enough force should be applied to control the situation.
- o The common law has always recognised a person's right to defend themselves or others as long as their actions are reasonable in the circumstances and can be justified in a court of law.

## **Uniform**

- o All students will wear an **official WJFF Gi (uniform)** during all training sessions unless otherwise instructed by the coach conducting the session and certainly for grading's
- o All students attending WJFF seminars, events or representing the organisation must wear official WJFF attire.
- o All technical officers/coaches conducting official grading's will wear black blazer with WJFF appropriate badge, grey trousers, blue official WJFF shirt, WJFF tie, black socks and black shoes. Female technical officers/coaches will wear the aforementioned with the exception of choice of trousers or skirt.

## Opening of Clubs

No one will open a WJJF club unless, they have completed and achieved all relevant coaching qualifications, and these qualifications are in date.

Have an up to date and valid PI insurance

Have an up to date and valid dojo registration

Have an up to date and valid DBS applied for through the WJJF

The club is registered with the governing body and their club is not within 2 miles of a current WJJF club

- o Only the approved WJJF syllabus can be taught without variation.
- o All students must be registered with the organisation.
- o The governing body retains the right to not allow new clubs to open if it is felt that it is not in the best interest of the WJJF

## Conduct/Respect

- o All students/coaches will respect each other at all times.
- o No racist, homophobic or religious discrimination by behavior, word deed, conduct or action will be tolerated, including all areas in the public domain, including social media.
- o No items of clothing that offends another person or group can be worn when attending a WJJF club or function, in the UK or internationally.
- o Bullying (physical or mental) or any conduct against another person or group that could be construed as harassment will not be tolerated.
- o Breaches of any of your club or the federation rules could lead to expulsion from the WJJF.
- o If any complaints/disputes occur and cannot be resolved by the club coach it should be referred directly to the organisation.
- o We operate a zero tolerance policy on the use of recreational or illegal drugs, any member found using or supplying drugs within the federation will be dismissed from the WJJF. **No exceptions.** Their details will be passed onto the authorities.

Under the Health and safety act 1974, the misuse of Drugs act 1971 and the management of health and safety at work regulations 1999. We the WJJF have a duty of care to all our students who practice martial arts within our clubs.

## **Governing Body**

- o The World Ju-Jitsu UK CIC  
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The WJFF reserves the right to amend add or delete any rule or regulation without prior notice, all amendments will be published on the federation web site

**[www.wjff.co.uk](http://www.wjff.co.uk)**