



Republic of Ireland Taekwon-Do Association (R.I.T.A.)

Student Code of Ethics

R.I.T.A. Taekwon-Do Schools

Our schools and all its members have a responsibility to promote, monitor and ensure the values of respect and fair play. We all must show respect and fair play in all contact with class mates, fellow students, Instructors/assistants, umpires, opposition schools and in general all people involved with the running of our school and competitions in which we compete. Each time you train or compete you are not only representing yourself you are also representing the R.I.T.A your school and all of its members.

When Learning Taekwon-Do you should:

- Give your best and perform to the best of your ability.
- Be polite at all times
- Be respectful at all times
- Always tell the truth.
- Always try your best
- Never give up
- Play fairly – by not behaving in an unsporting manner to gain an advantage.
- Play by the rules, as directed by the Instructors/assistants/umpires.
- Listen to your Instructors/assistants. If you are unsure ask questions but never be disrespectful.
- Never use foul or abusive language; it will not be tolerated in any form or for any reason.

Remember

- Everyone is equal and is entitled to the same respect and should never be discriminated against.
- Turn up for all training sessions.
- You must practice at home as well as in the Dojang
- You should adhere to the tenets of Taekwon-Do.

If you are unhappy with something concerning your training talk to your instructor at a convenient time. Or if you are under 18 have your parent or guardian talk to you instructor.

The school may, if you breach any of the Code of Conduct take any of the steps outlined below:

- Require you to apologise to your class-mates, fellow student(s), Instructors/assistants.
- You may receive a formal warning from your instructor.
- You may be suspended from training or competition.
- Be required to leave the school.

Please note that in the event of a breach of the code of conduct, you (or if you are under 18 your parent or guardian) will be informed and where necessary the R.I.T.A. may be contacted

Taekwon-Do is and enjoyable life skill. All our coaches/Instructors/assistants are here to help you develop your Taekwon-Do skills.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are often given to children for security, enabling parents to keep in touch and make sure they are safe.

However such technology has also allowed an increase in direct personal contact with young people, in some cases used to cross personal boundaries and cause harm. Instructors should encourage responsible and secure use of mobile phones by all school members.

In this respect Instructors/assistants are advised to:

- Use group texts for communication among students and teams and inform parents of this at the start of each year
- It is not appropriate to have constant communication for individual students
- Don't use the phone in certain locations; inappropriate use of your camera phone may cause upset or offence to another person, e.g. changing rooms

In the same manner as above, school members under the age of 18 should make all contact with the instructors via a parent/guardian, it is not appropriate to contact them directly.

Social Media

Social media has become an integral part of the culture in most organisations. The use of social media is a powerful tool in advertising as well as an informational outlet for parents and students. While the use of social media can be a huge benefit it can potentially cause issues.

Your school membership informs parents and students that photographs may be taken and used in the promotion of the school. Photographs/articles may be removed at the request of a parent, student or senior officials.

If using Social Media you should ensure that:

- Any photographs taken are used only on official sites for our school/association.
- Care should be taken to avoid offense, likely offense or embarrassment on any social media outlet.
- Under 18's should not be directly named where possible.
- Social media should not be used for personal purposes or individual gain; it is there for the use of the school and the R.I.T.A. only.

In general you should only post photos and videos which people have posed for (i.e. given permission) or are in an environment where photos and videos are commonly taken (i.e. implied permission) e.g. a tournament, class etc. These photos/videos should only be of Taekwon-Do related activities and not something which may cause embarrassment or offence.

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