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Founded 1972

Members of Sport & Recreational Alliance
SportCoach U.K. & English Karate Council Governing Body
World Members of WUKF, WCJJO, WKF, UWK

Amateur Martial Association
Multi Styles
Information, aims, format,
benefits, criteria and history

*Amateur Martial Association / English Karate Associations / World Union Karate Federation
World Council Ju-Jitsu Organisation / International Chinese Kung-Fu / Amateur Karate
Associations / Amateur Taekwondo Associations / Amateur Ju-Jitsu Associations / World
Kali-Escrima Associations / BR. Kickboxing Board of Control / Sport Ju-Jitsu Associations
Krav Maga / Choi-Kwan-Do, Jeet-Kun-Do, Internat Wu-Shu Assoc, Capoeir,/
supporters of United World Karate*

WELCOME TO THE AMATEUR MARTIAL ASSOCIATION

History:-

The AMA started with the Amateur Karate Association in 1972 and later expanded to include other martial arts. Now the largest martial arts association in the UK. The AMA is also active on the International scene with members and associated members from many foreign countries. The AMA is controlled by its Directors and an amateur executive committee with a general secretary, a president, a vice president and a technical committee.

Amateur:-

As well as the amateur executive the amateur rule for contests is that no prize money or financial inducement may be awarded. Professional instructors and proprietors are welcome in the AMA, but if elected to executive committee may not receive pecuniary advantage by reason of controlling interest.

Purposes:-

1. To promote the sport and practice of the martial arts and recognised coaching.
2. To promote codes of safety in sport and practice of same.
3. To promote the moral, mental, physical and social well being of its members.
4. To obtain, collect, receive and administer money and funds for these purposes.
5. To co-operate with other bodies having similar aims for purposes recognised by law and as charitable.
6. The association shall be controlled by its Directors.
7. The associations competitions shall be amateur i.e. no prize money will be awarded by the association
8. Members shall be amateur i.e. shall not receive any prize money from the association

Professional Instructors:-

These are welcome in the association, subject to the rules of the constitution.

Insurance:-

We have the best accident and indemnity cover for martial arts, instructors, members and clubs. Public liability, fee per club (check with head quarters for current rates) and premises and for any person legally on the premises. Groups with large membership may apply for special discounts.

Student Gradings:-

Authorised instructors may grade their own students (same club code) up to three grades below examiner e.g. 1st Dan or equivalent can grade to 2nd kyu or equivalent. Low grades require minimum three months between grades. Assistance with gradings and courses can be arranged via the AMA office.

Dan/Degree Gradings or Master or Sifu:-

These can be awarded by appointed instructors of the Association. Dan grades from other reputable associations will be honoured subject to approval. The formula is: Minimum 3 years to 1st Dan (but usually 5 years) Then 2 more to 2nd Dan, then 3 more to 3rd Dan, 4 more years to 4th Dan, 5 more years to 5th Dan etc. AMA awarded 4th Dan and above is by approval of the AMA executive committee's set criteria via the Snr awarded up-grade application form. Note these are the minimum years and exceptional. AMA Dan grade Certificates are available to approved Dans on request, from the AMA office.

Cadet Dans:-

Persons under the age of 16 years are Cadets. The "C" or "Cadet" must prefix the 1st Dan grade on any publication. Within six months after 16th birthday they must take a Senior 1st Dan grading. The Dan grading procedure document explains the updated information relating to Practical Dan gradings by the instructor or AMA Technical committee.

Qualification & Education obtained in:

Dan Gradings, Refereeing , Judging, Coaching, First Aid, Health & Safety and Awareness courses for all AMA styles are available via the AMA. Information on request from the AMA Head Quarters (see address and telephone numbers given on front cover)

Regions:-

Regional organisers are ready to help with competitions and courses. Each region has a championship and selection courses and competitions in the main martial arts sports. The winners and best go through to the national squads. All regions have good instructors/representatives ready to help you. These include WUKF, WKF, WCJJO, JKA, ITF, WTF, Karate, Kickboxing and Ju-Jitsu Dan grades. These are all subject to your acceptance. There is no financial compulsion or coercion in the AMA.

Training:-

AMA provides and arranges courses and arranges, National Coaching Diplomas, First Aid and Refereeing Certificates. Instructors are encouraged and advised to seek continual advancement.

Internationals:-

AMA is affiliated to the best international bodies to give your members the best opportunity to take part at the highest levels, which included WCJJO, WTF, ITF, WKF, WUKF , and WKEA etc...

Styles:-

Many styles co-exist within the AMA. Some follow the traditional styles and curricula; some combine to form new ways. All this is quite valid as long as the teaching, training and curriculum can be approved, and so long as the Dan or Master degree achieved can hold up with the best in any style. AMA has every style of martial art including Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Malaysian, Thai, Indian, Western, Modern Freestyles, Kickboxing and Self – defence. The styles have ad-hoc committees meeting as required.

Snr Instructors:-

Must be of contractual age (18 years Minimum) and must hold an approved Dan or equivalent. They must have AMA Public Liability and Indemnity insurance. New entrants must provide

photocopies of Dan Grades and/or Certificates and if these are from unknown sources then we may need to assess the applicant.

Assistant Instructors:- of 16-17yrs must hold an approved Dan grade or equivalent. They must fit and hold certification and fit the same criteria as the Snr instructor. Exception is that they cannot teach unsupervised.

For the sake of good service and for your own protection in case of defence in litigation Instructors must have :

- A. Up-to-date First Aid Certificate (AMA Medical officer runs courses)
 - B. Coaching Qualification (AMA office for next AMA course)
 - C. DBS (forms from AMA office - 01617635599)
 - D. Child Protection Awareness (Educare, AMA home page) .
- Info on courses available via AMA for A, B & D.

Current News:-

Events and news are published in various martial arts magazines and the AMA web site www.amauk.co.uk Please send your AMA related news items to the AMA office office@amauk.co.uk

Recruiting:-

We advertise nationally and recruits are directed to our nearest clubs. Make sure our computer listings are up to date.

Constitution:-

A copy of the Constitution is available on request for £5.00 from our Head-Quarters:-

The Annual General Meeting is open to any licensed member.

Annual Audited and Certified Accounts are available at A.G.M.

Nominations are receivable every year for the Executive Committee at the AGM, Other committees are appointed by the AMA Executive only, to cover special needs and purposes. Make your wishes known to the Committees. A copy of the last A.G.M minutes is available from H.Q.

Finally:-

You are entering into a voluntary arrangement with fellow members in a democratic organisation and association. The Committees Officers and Organisers are here to help you at your request. We have no chief instructors and the newest recruit has as good a vote as a 7th or 8th Dan at the AGM. We have no dictators or over priced compulsory courses or grading. Anyone breaking these codes should be brought to the attention and notice of one of associations' officers or Head Quarters.

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