

B.B.T.A. Terms and conditions

1. FEES

- 1.1. You shall pay a non-refundable membership fee on joining the British Black Belt Taekwondo Academy (hereafter called the BBTA). This fee is payable at the first lesson, renewed each year, and is non-refundable even if membership is terminated after one lesson.
- 1.2. You shall pay training fees of an amount applicable to the membership plan agreed with your instructor. Training fees are payable **before any training takes place. One months' notice must be received to terminate membership.**
- 1.3. Monthly fees are due in advance for the following month's training, by Direct Debit. The instructor is entitled to disallow a student from training if their fees have not been paid. Yearly fees are divided into 12 equal monthly payments and take into account all Bank Holidays, Grading Exams and occasional holidays when normal classes may be cancelled.
- 1.4. Payment of fees by Direct Debit is the sole responsibility of the student. Over-payment of fees by this method or continuing payments (received by The BBTA) after termination of training cannot be reimbursed.
- 1.5. The BBTA cannot be run on the basis that students may or may not turn up; therefore you will not be entitled to a refund if you miss lessons. If however the lessons are cancelled by the instructor, it is the instructor's responsibility to reimburse training fees or offer an alternative e.g. grading or equipment discount vouchers.
- 1.6. Before you take part in any BBTA classes, you are required to have paid your BBTA membership fee. Membership is personal and a student may not transfer his membership to another person.

2. WHAT IS THE BBTA

- 2.1. The BBTA provides the training syllabus and guidelines, for BBTA instructors to run and organise tuition classes in Taekwondo
- 2.2. In consideration of the monthly training fees payable under Clause 1.2, you shall be entitled to train at any of the schools in the BBTA network unless otherwise stated by your instructor.

3. VARIATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

The BBTA may vary these rules and amend any of the fees set out in Clause 1 at any time on not less than 10 days' notice. Any alterations to these rules will be made available through your instructor.

4. TUITION AND GRADING

- 4.1. BBTA classes follow a set syllabus. The instructor has full discretion as to what a student is taught and when. If you should have any queries at all about your tuition, please see your instructor as a first port of call.
- 4.2. The eligibility to take grading exams is dependent upon the number of sessions trained, the mandatory syllabus being learned and a required standard having been achieved. The instructor has full discretion in every situation over when and whether a student is eligible to grade.
- 4.3. All grading exams in BBTA Schools with no exception are conducted by the appointed BBTA examiner.

5. CONDUCT AND ETIQUETTE IN THE CLASSES

- 5.1. Instructors and students in our classes must conduct themselves in accordance with the tenets of Tae Kwon Do namely, courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control and indomitable spirit.
- 5.2. Respect must be shown at all times towards the instructor and any students. Any disrespect or discrimination in any form will not be tolerated nor accepted.
- 5.3. Any behaviour by students that is not conducive to the training environment chosen by the instructor will not be tolerated and the instructor may require the student to leave the class. You will be expected to adhere to the discipline of the class and to the requests of the instructor.
- 5.4. All students must wear official BBTA suits in all classes, gradings, tournaments and other events unless otherwise authorised by the instructor.
- 5.5. You must inform your instructor of any injury or other relevant factors that may affect your ability to train. Your instructor may ask you to produce a doctor's certificate if necessary before you are permitted to train.
- 5.6. In particular, the BBTA and its instructors have full discretion as to whether to exclude any student from the school and other BBTA schools if any of the above codes of conduct are breached or are likely to be breached by the student, or any other information is given to the instructor or BBTA School which leads them/it to believe that it would not be in the best interests of the schools and those of other students for that students to remain part of any BBTA School.
- 5.7. Any student whose conduct shall be deemed by the BBTA to be improper or likely to endanger the welfare, safety, harmony or good reputation of the school and/or the BBTA may be reprimanded or have their membership suspended or cancelled by The BBTA. The BBTA shall be the sole judge of what constitutes such conduct.
- 5.8. In the event of suspension, expulsion or cancellation under this clause. No refund of fees paid under Clause 1 shall be made.
- 5.9. The instructor has the right to prevent entry into the school by any student or former student whose membership has been suspended or cancelled.

6. THE NATURE OF TAE KWON DO CLASSES

- 6.1. You must accept that training in Tae Kwon Do involves some physical contact and, as with any sport, carries a risk of being injured. However, it is of course your instructor's duty to reduce that risk as far as possible but students must take some responsibility for themselves especially during partner work. You are free to exclude yourself from any activity which you are uncomfortable taking part in for this reason, informing the instructor at the time.
- 6.2. In the case of any injury being sustained during our classes, you MUST inform the instructor immediately, however minor the injuries.
- 6.3. The student must accept, and parents of students under 18 must accept, that there will be physical contact between students and between the instructor and the students, particularly for example, when the instructor needs to correct the students' techniques. Any queries arising in this respect must be made in first instance to the BBTA instructor.
- 6.4. No BBTA student may enter any Competition or tournament of ANY kind without the written permission of the Chief Instructor of the BBTA. If permission is granted the student competing MUST wear an official BBTA Uniform (Dobok) and FULL BBTA approved Safety equipment.

7. EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. In order to attend your second grading you need to have purchased an official BBTA training suit. These are available from your instructor.
- 7.2. All other equipment used in classes (including but not limited to sparring equipment) should be BBTA approved equipment. All equipment for use at ALL BBTA schools must be purchased from your BBTA instructor.

8. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Payment of fees by Direct Debit is the sole responsibility of the student. Continuing payments received after termination of training cannot be reimbursed. It is courteous and respectful to notify your instructor of your intentions to terminate membership but not a legal requirement.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

There is an inherent risk of physical injury in the practice and learning of a contact sport such as Tae Kwon Do. The instructors engaged by the BBTA will take all reasonable steps to minimise the likelihood of an accident, but you acknowledge that the risk of physical injury cannot be eliminated. The acceptance of your application for membership of the BBTA and your participation in BBTA classes or events (including but not limited to gradings and competitions) does not constitute and should not be considered as constituting any form of confirmation or assurance by The BBTA or its instructors to the effect that you have the necessary skills or physical ability to safely take part in those events, it being your sole responsibility to judge such matters for yourself. If you have any doubt whatsoever as to your ability to safely complete any exercise in any BBTA class, gradings, competition or other event, it's your responsibility to withdraw from the same. Neither the BBTA, nor its instructors accept any liability for injuries sustained in the course of practising and learning Taekwondo or in the course or participation in these events