

LION HEART MMA Code of Behaviour for Parents & Students

Lion Heart MMA academy is proud of how we present ourselves in the dojo and in public. It is especially important that we understand as sportsmen, sportswomen, coaches and parents how we conduct ourselves when involved in sport and competition.

Unfortunately, some people fail to live up to the traditional values of martial arts and what our club stands for. Worse still, our young martial artist can be influenced and have the rest of their sporting careers coloured by negative experiences.

The codes of behaviour that follows identify a series of key principles on which adults and young competitors, parents and coaches should base their sporting involvement.

Our academy tries to ensure that all of our martial artists will develop good sporting behaviours and have an enjoyable experience in our sport. This will encourage them to remain actively involved in martial arts throughout their lives and learn to always show courtesy and respect to each other.

Introduction:

The purpose of this code of conduct is to provide Parents, Students and Family members with some simple rules concerning the standards of behaviour that are expected.

Code of behaviour from our Parents & Family members

- Parents please remember that children participate in martial arts competition, for their enjoyment. Please encourage this!
- Parents please encourage your child/ren to participate in sport and competition, also encourage them to have fun.
- Focus on the child's efforts & performance rather than on winning or losing in competition.
- Encourage your child to always compete according to the rules of the tournament and settle disagreements without resorting to hostility, verbal shouting or violence.
- Parents try not to ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing in a competition. Encourage them to try again, regardless of winning or losing.
- Remember that children learn best from the examples we set as parents.
- Respect all official decisions and teach your children to do the same. Show appreciation for the efforts of volunteers, coaches and administrators: remember that without them you or your child/ren could not participate in these events.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their martial art background, gender, culture or religion.
- At all times parents must learn to control their temper, unsportsmanlike language. Verbal abuse of staff, officials, coaches, insulting other competitors or deliberately distracting or provoking officials are not acceptable or permitted at any tournaments.
- Parents found guilty of abusing or insulting any official or competitor, will be warned and may be asked to leave the event or dojo.
- Parents have to remember that they need to speak to the coach first if they would like to lodge a protest after the competition event. Parents are not to approach the officials. Please speak to the coach without raising your voice or using verbal abuse.
- Referees, Judges & officials do make mistakes and bias can occur. The head coach can lodge a protest on behalf of the competitor and parents.
- All Coaches are accountable to control their players, parents and family members. Warnings, suspension or expulsion from tournaments may happen if we do not stop bad behaviour, especially from parents.
- All Instructors and coaches have to remember that a competitor whether young or old participates in competition for their enjoyment and winning is only part of that fun.

Code of Behaviour from our Students

- Please respect and abide by tournament rules and all officials decisions in competition, even if it seems to be unjust or incorrect.
- Never argue with any Official or Administrators at any tournament.
- During competition if there is a disagreement competitor must have their Instructor approach the officials directly after the competition.
- All competitors must learn to control their temper. Verbal abuse of an official and insulting other competitors, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviour by Lion Heart MMA.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all competitors, where they win or lose, as this is the true meaning of martial arts and sportsmanship.
- Treat all competitors, coaches and officials as you would like to be treated. Remember true martial arts begin and end with courtesy.
- Participate in tournaments for the competition and enjoyment, encourage others to do the same.
- Respect the rights dignity and worth of all competitors regardless of their gender, ability, martial art and cultural background or religion.
- Any competitor/student found guilty of abusing our code of behaviour can be reprimanded, warned or denied training or competition privileges.

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