





DOJO

The Dojo is the karate classroom. "The place of the way"

Before you enter remove your shoes. It is required to bow on entering and exiting the dojo. This is to show respect to others and to thank instructors for their guidance.

Senpai - Someone of

higher age or senior.

ago in Okinawa, but was greatly influenced by an even older tradition from China. Literally, "karate-do"means "the way of the empty hand," referring to the fact that its practitioners use no weapons to attack and defend, but only the hands, feet and body. Through constant practice, karate develops not only the body but also the mind and character.

Karate is a martial art and system of self-defence that originated hundreds of years

"The ultimate aim of Karate lies not in victory or defeat, but in the perfection of the character of its participants" Gichin Funakoshi

5 MAXIMS OF KARATE

- 1) Seek perfection of CHARACTER
- 2) Be FAITHFUL
- 3) EFFORT
- 4) RESPECT others
- 5) REFRAIN from violent behaviour



WHO IS JKA?

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sensei - Instructor

(3rd Dan and above)

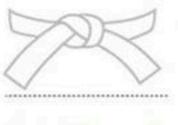
Japan Karate Association - The JKA is the most authoritative, prestigious and by far the largest karate organisation in the world, the keeper of karate's highest tradition.

JKA head quarters is in Tokyo, Japan.

GRADING

Gradings are once a term or twice a year. Students will be eligible if they know their syllabus and have attended the required amount of lessons.

COUNTING **BELTS**



- ICHI



2 - NI

3 - SAN



4 -SHI

5 - GO



6 - ROKU



7 - SHICHI 8 - HACHI



9 - KU

10 - JU





UNIFORM

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KARATE GI

Karate mitts and gum guards are used in competitions to protect you and your opponent.









The World Karate Federation (WKF) is the largest all styles international governing body of sport karate with over 130 member countries. It is the only karate organization recognised by the International Olympic Committee and has more than ten million members.

WHAT IS SHODAN?

Shodan (1st Dan) literally meaning "beginning degree" and is the lowest black belt rank in Japanese martial arts. Nidan (2nd dan) is higher than Shodan.

WHAT IS KATA?

WHAT IS KUMITE?

Kata are small, structured practice routines or protocols. Every move it kata has an application. Kata is done individually or in teams "fighting an invisible opponent"

Kumite is the part of karate in which a person trains against an adversary, using the techniques learned from the kihon and kata. (Fighting)



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DOJO RULES

- Clean hands and feet
- Short Fingernails
- No chewing gum
- No watches and jewellery
- Clean karate gi
- Tie up long hair
- 20 push-ups if you are late If you are late wait to be called onto the mat.
- Stand in grade order at the end of class.
- No shoes on the mat
- Parents to be quiet during classes
- Bow when you enter and leave the dojo