

# **MEMBERSHIP POLICY**

Welcome to KWA, this document is to acquaint all of our new members with what we do.

Firstly all Memberships are provisional for the first 12 months, this gives you time to learn what we do and to adopt the few membership conditions that we include in this Policy document, particularly our insurance and accreditation requirements.

## **KWA Policies**

Our policies can be found on our website these include but are not limited to our policies on 'Risk Management' and 'Member Protection'.

**Code of Practice:** All KWA members and instructors/coaches within a members organisation are bound by the MAIA Code of Practice for Martial Arts Centre and Instructors. This is an Industry Standard document.

**Accreditation:** All KWA member instructors/coaches need to be 'accredited'. Accreditation is defined as obtaining accreditation via the NCAS (Australian Coaching Council) or NMAS (MAIA) - these are the only two forms of recognised accreditation. Information on accreditation can be found here:

https://kungfuwushuaustralia.com/martial-arts-instructor-accreditation/ and here:

https://kungfuwushuaustralia.com/government-recognised-accreditation/

## https://maia.com.au/insurance/

**Insurance:** Insurance is something that is increasingly important and complex, you need to be fully conversant with our 'Membership Conditions of Insurance Policy' that can be found here: https://kungfuwushuaustralia.com/wp-content/uploads/KWA-Insurance-and-Membership-Policy.pdf **Waivers**: As part of our Risk Management assistance to members we provide a legally formatted Waiver/Membership application template. It is a condition of membership that this waiver be used in your club/organisation. Out experience has been that many instructors create their own waiver or download a waiver from American websites, either way you are unlikely to be adequately protected. Protecting our members is a high priority. So any students participating in classes conducted by KWA members must complete an **'the approved waiver form'** before commencing their first class. The waiver template can be found here:

https://kungfuwushuaustralia.com/policies-and-forms/

## **Professional Assistance**

We are a not for profit organisation staffed by volunteers. We are not an organisation that will bombard you with emails and newsletters that are often trying to sell you something. If there is something you need to know, for example a legislative change that affects our industry then we will of course advise.

If you need help with advice on insurance, risk management, marketing or indeed anything that you feel is needed to help your school/club/organisation then contact us and we will deal you're your enquiry promptly and expertly.

We believe KWA members are our greatest resource and the combined experience and knowledge of over three thousand accredited instructors Australia wide means that our capacity to adapt and evolve and provide solutions to our members challenges is our organisation's greatest strength.

#### Some contacts:

Insurance: insurance@maia.com.au

General membership and related matters:

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