



British Council for Chinese Martial Arts

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Welcome

The British Council for Chinese Martial Arts (BCCMA) working title 'the Council' would like to extend a warm welcome to all Clubs, Associations of Clubs, or Federations of Associations of Clubs, practising the Chinese Martial Arts in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

It would also like to extend an invitation to you to join the 'family' of organisations already represented and become a full member of your Sports, Governing Body.

History

'The Council' was set up in accordance with the Sports Council's guidelines in 1973 and was granted Sports Council recognised Governing Body status, in 1990. It has a current membership of some 146 Organisations/Associations in membership, representing our members across all of the major disciplines of Chinese Martial Arts. Its Constitution sets out the organisational make up and management structure, with an elected Executive and Technical Committee who are directly responsible to its members via a Members Council which meet at least once a year at an Annual General Meeting (AGM). Members have the right to dissolve the 6 man Executive Committee and 8 man Technical Committee at any time giving due regard to the time requirements and process of the constitution.

Aims & Objectives

The aims & objectives of 'the Council' are very simple and strait forward, they are to:-

1. To promote the study and safe practice of Chinese Martial Arts and regulate as far as possible, the ever-growing numbers of clubs and organisations claiming to teach Chinese Martial Arts.
2. Affiliate to, assist, co-operate with and support National and International organisations having objectives approved by the Members Council.
3. Act as an advisory body on all matters appertaining to the practice of the Chinese Martial Arts, through liaison with statutory and voluntary bodies, news media and other relevant parties.
4. Provide members with such services and support as may be available through their membership.



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Membership

BCCMA membership is open to all practitioners of Chinese Martial Arts Systems, internal or external, Health or Martial and is open to Clubs, Associations or Organisations who has a membership of 30. When you join the BCCMA you will pay £50 membership fee, and £210 for 30 student membership licences. If you do not have 30 students to join straight away, then we will hold them in credit for you for one year.

Conditions of Membership

1. Must be practising an Authentic Chinese based System.
2. All Students to be registered through the Governing Body (BCCMA). (minimum of 30 a year)
3. All Instructors to have Instructor Membership arranged through Governing Body.
4. Adhere to Safe Teaching practice – implemented or are working towards a Coach Education Programme. (Being a good practitioner does not necessarily mean that you are a good or knowledgeable coach. (Body dynamics, philosophy and physiology of safe stretching, legal requirements, safety, abuse etc.)) Coach education programmes are available through the Governing Body for assistant coach through Club Coach to National Coach Levels. And are available as Governing Body awards or Professional National Vocational qualifications.
5. Must be committed to continuous improvement for the development of Chinese Martial Arts.
6. Commit to sending a representative to the Annual General Meeting AGM.
7. Have implemented or are working towards fulfilling statutory requirements for Equal opportunities.
8. Fulfil the technical requirements.
9. Abide by the Council's Equal Opportunities policy
10. Work towards and implement Code of Conduct for Coaches
11. Seek to adopt & implement guidelines and procedures for the Protection of Children from Abuse

Technical Requirements

A BCCMA observer will attend one of your training sessions at a time and date convenient to you, where possible. He or she is NOT there to assess your personal standard of performance nor that of your students, but is there to satisfy him or herself on behalf of 'the Council' that the class is conducted in a safe manner and that the style taught is of authentic Chinese origin. He or she will ask questions on the Systems background, general safety and first aid arrangements. He or she will also satisfy himself or herself that the training facility meets the minimum safe training requirements. See attached Checklist.

Additional requirements: If Chinese names are used reference will be made to the Technical committee to make sure that the translation is not offensive, and is representative your Chinese System and that The name of your Club/Association is not already registered.



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Benefits to Members

1. Accepted as being an Authentic Chinese System.
2. Reassurance to the general public; accepted as having fulfilled technical and safety requirements. People wishing to take up Chinese Martial Arts have the Guarantee that member organisations meet all of the necessary health and safety standards and that their system, teaching and techniques are of genuine Chinese origin.
3. As a member of a Sports Council recognised Governing Body you will have easier access to Local Authority Sports Centre facilities.
4. Access to Governing Body Coach Education Programme – coaching manuals and supporting documentation.
5. Access to National Vocational Qualifications in Chinese Martial Arts at beneficial rates.
6. Access to courses - seminars by Nationally and Internationally recognised Masters / Authorities.
7. Arbitration for the settlement of disputes. The BCCMA offer an arbitration service to help settle disputes between member and non-member organisations where possible. Act as an advisory body on all matters appertaining to the practice of Chinese Martial Arts.
8. Entry to Governing Body National Championships and chance of selection to National Team to represent the U.K. at European and World Championships. (Modern Wu shu taolu and full contact sanshou events)
9. Opportunity to take part in National and or International IWUF judging or refereeing courses.
10. Opportunity to be part of the policymaking Body or policy decision process.
11. Opportunity to develop inter club inter style relationships.
12. Free advertising for your clubs or events on the BCCMA web page.
13. National database of clubs and associations held by the Secretary with published lists to prospective new members in your areas.
14. Monthly – Information letter.



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B.C.C.M.A. MEMBERSHIP **FOR MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTORS**

ALL QUESTIONS to be completed FULLY and form returned to "The Secretary" with the appropriate fees.

PLEASE NOTE - Membership will not commence until a correctly completed and signed proposal and correct fees have been received.

ALL QUESTIONS to be completed in INK and BLOCK CAPITALS.

- (1) YOUR FULL NAME: D.O.B.....
- (2) YOUR FULL ADDRESS:
.....
- (3) TELEPHONE NUMBER: HOME:..... WORK:.....
- (4) YOUR LICENCE NUMBER: (VERY IMPORTANT)
(Cover only available to valid holder)
- (5) NAME OF ASSOCIATION:
- (6) E-MAIL ADDRESS.....

Please read the following declaration, sign at the bottom and return this form to:

B.C.C.M.A. 110 Frensham Drive, Stockingford, Nuneaton, CV10 9QL

With the appropriate cheque in the amount of £45.00 for the PI cover + £7.00 Member to member cover, or £11.00 for an increased cover. Made payable to: B.C.C.M.A.

DECLARATION

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief there are no known incidents or circumstances that might give rise to an action being taken against me and/or my club.

Signed:..... Date:



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Application for Association Membership

Name of Association or Club:.....

Name and address of contact:.....

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Telephone number Home:.....

Office:.....

e-mail address.....

Is this your Chief Instructors own system Yes/No

If yes, please list chief Instructors martial arts experience, stating names of teachers and what length of time spent training and grades achieved. Please give this information overleaf.

If No, please identify master of system, the length of time the chief instructor trained with them and the grade achieved. Please give this information overleaf.

If No, please state has the master given permission for the chief instructor to teach. Yes/No.

If the master has given permission for your chief instructor to teach please supply documentation to substantiate your claim.

Has the applicant ever been a member of the BKFC or BCCMA before Yes/No

If Yes, what was the name of your Association:

If Yes, please state reason for leaving:

Has the applicant any criminal convictions apart from minor traffic offences. Yes/No.

If Yes, please give details overleaf.

What is the registered membership of your association?

Are you a British Citizen?

If yes what is your NI number

If you are not a British Citizen answer the following questions

1. Are you a student
2. Do you have a work permit
3. What is the number

Where did you hear about the BCCMA

Number of Instructors:..... Number of Students:.....

nb. It is a condition of membership that all registered members are licensed through the B.C.C.M.A. within three months from the date of their acceptance. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary procedures, extension of probationary status or dismissal.

Applicants must complete the application form in full and return it to the Membership Secretary with the fee and all relevant documentation including constitution or articles of association or club (if applicable). The B.C.C.M.A. reserves the right to request all new applications to give a demonstration on the system they practice. Groups accepted into membership will be subject to a probationary period and subject to all B.C.C.M.A. rules.

Fee is £50 for annual membership
30 Member to member licences/BCCMA annual membership @ £7.00 £210
Instructors membership £45
Total fee £305.00

The 30 Student Membership will be held for the year and credited to you as you apply for your students membership.

Signature of applicant: Date:

