

# Rules of the Dojo

1. All members shall **not use profanity** in the dojo.
2. All members shall **bow to Sensei and the Shihan** upon entering and before leaving the dojo.
3. All members shall **remove their shoes** before entering the dojo.
4. All members shall **bow to each other** at the beginning and end of each class.
5. All members shall bow when coming onto and leaving the deck.
6. All members shall **bow to Sensei or the Shihan** when coming onto the deck.
7. All members shall **bow to any black belt** coming onto the deck.
8. Colored belts shall **never address a black belt by his/her first name.**
9. Members should show respect towards instructor and fellow classmates by **not yawning** or being distracting.
10. Members should **turn away** from instructor **to fix their qi's.**
11. Students are to **stand at attention** or in a parade rest stance unless otherwise directed.
12. Students are to **pay attention** at all times and should **not talk amongst themselves.**
13. Always **respond with yes sir/ma'am or no sir/mam** when speaking to the instructor or higher ranks.
14. **Do not wear your belt outside of the dojo.**
15. **Never eat or drink while wearing your belt.**
16. Show respect to your achieved rank by **not letting your belt touch or drag on the floor.**
17. Students are to **not leave the deck** without permission.
18. Students should **be on time to class.**
19. Always **inform the instructor before class begins** if you **have to leave early** or have an injury or **physical impairment** that might impede your ability to train.
20. At all times **fingernails and toenails are to be kept short** and personal hygiene is to be observed.
21. **Never criticize** fellow students.
22. **Keep your qi clean** and neat at all times.
23. **Do not wear rings, jewelry** or other metal ornaments while on the deck.
24. Do not enter the dojo while intoxicated or under the influence.
25. Do not have pop or candy or chew gum while on the deck.
26. There should be **no excessive laughter, loud talking, rough housing or running in the dojo** while class is in session.
27. Always **look after your junior** and lend a helping hand to lower ranks.
28. Refrain from misusing your knowledge.
29. A **report of any and all fights you engage in** must be made to the office within 24 hours. Failure to do so may result in your discharge from the dojo.
30. Do not show karate techniques to anyone whom is not a dojo member and **do not demonstrate in public.**
31. **Do not leave personal belongings,** clothing, or uniform in the dojo overnight.
32. **No smoking** in the dojo at all times.
33. Signs and periodic postings are to be observed at all times.
34. Try to promote the true spirit of karate by developing:
  - Humility** -- Never lose sight of your shortcomings
  - Respect** -- Courtesy to others
  - Character** -- Moral development
  - Health** -- Physical development
  - Skill** -- Proficiency in contest