

# The Benefits of Irish Martial Arts Commission Membership.

## **Quality Mark.**

The Irish Martial Arts Commission sets out to create a Quality Mark for best practise and standards within the Irish Martial Arts community.

We are the only multi-disciplinary Irish Martial Arts representative body.

We are fully recognised by the **Sport Ireland** as a National Governing Body of Sport for Martial Arts.

## **Anti-Doping.**

To help create a level playing field within the competitive structures of Martial Arts Competitions, we have signed up to the Irish **Anti-Doping Policy** and our top Athletes are required to submit regular 'Whereabouts' Forms and to be available for dope-testing when requested by the Sport Ireland's Anti-Doping Unit.

## **Code of Ethics.**

To encourage our Clubs and Dojos to be safe and fun places to train, we have developed a comprehensive National Policy for Young People and we offer regular Sport Ireland and HSE Certified **Young People's Code of Ethics Training**.

## **Safeguarding Young People**

IMAC offers our members training and support templates to assist in quickly reaching a level of full compliance with the new legal requirements introduced by Children's First legislation.

## **Coaching.**

We have set in place a Coaching Committee, made up of a representative from each of the Systems to direct the ongoing development and availability of Coaching Ireland accredited **Coaching Qualifications** for Martial Arts Instructors.

On a regular basis, as part of our Ongoing Professional Development programme we run **seminars and courses** on matters of particular interest to Martial Arts instructors and practitioners - towards the improvement of standards and knowledge within the Martial Arts.

## **National Vetting Bureau**

It is now a legal requirement to be Vetted of working with Children or Vulnerable Adults. We are a Registered Organisation with the **National Vetting Bureau** and we provide all member organisations and clubs with access to the National Vetting Bureau programme. An IMAC 'National Vetting Certificate' will issue to IMAC Instructors / Assistants Instructors once successfully vetted.

## **Structures**

Our **Democratic Structures** within the Irish Martial Arts Commission ensures that all our members have a genuine input into all IMAC policy decisions.

Each System within IMAC is governed by its own **Advisory Board / NGB** safeguarding against any unnecessary interference from one System to another.

## **Membership Certificate**

All our member clubs are issued with an annual **IMAC Certificates of Membership** to display in their Dojos

## Licences.

We provide IMAC Licences / Membership Cards at a reasonable cost, to our members (if required). All Irish Martial Arts Commission Instructors are entitled to an I.M.A.C. Instructor's ID card - on successful completion of the IMAC Level 1 Award and National Vetting.

**Note: It is a fundamental requirement of the Irish Martial Arts Commission that all member clubs have adequate Insurance Cover in place at all times.**

## The Responsibilities of IMAC Membership.

Every Member, Instructor, Club, Organisation and Advisory Body of **IMAC Martial Arts Ireland** is under to adhere to the following Policies, Practices & Procedures...

- The **IMAC Martial Arts Ireland** Operational Framework (Constitution)
- The **IMAC Martial Arts Ireland** Rules & Regulations
- The **IMAC Martial Arts Ireland** Young People's Policy
- The **IMAC Martial Arts Ireland** Garda Vetting Policy
- The **IMAC Martial Arts Ireland** Anti-Doping Policy
- The **IMAC Martial Arts Ireland** Competition Code of Conduct
- The **IMAC Martial Arts Ireland** Weapons Protocol

### Every IMAC registered Coach is undertaking ....

To engage fully with the **IMAC National Vetting Programme**

To attend a **Code of Ethics for Young People in Sport** workshop  
**Safeguarding 1** Every Instructor in every club

To appoint a Club Childrens Officer and that person to attend a Club Children's Officer training  
**Safeguarding 2** 1 Children's Officer for every Club

To attain an **IMAC Level 1 Martial Arts Coaching** award.  
Every Instructor in every club

To maintain full **Insurance** cover in place at all time.

To develop a **Safe, Fun and Child-centered** training environment for young people who wish to learn and practice Martial Arts.

### Every IMAC registered Coach is required ....

**Not** to engage in any activity or behaviour that could bring Martial Arts into disrepute.

**Not** to engage in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), Ultimate Fighting or any of the various combat focused activities that come under other, or similar, headings.