



## **British Council for Chinese Martial Arts**

The only Governing Body for Chinese Martial Arts in the UK

Recognised by the Sports Council

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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, practicing 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 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 9-man Executive Committee at any time giving due regard to the time requirements and process of the constitution.

### **Aims & Objectives**

The objectives of the Council shall be to:-

1. Promote equally the study and practice of all the Chinese Martial Arts in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
2. Organise, regulate and control the study and practice of the Chinese Martial Arts in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
3. Affiliate to, assist, co-operate with and support national and international organisations having objectives approved by the Council.
4. 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.
5. Provide members with such services and support as may be available through their membership.
6. Do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the furtherance of the objects of the Council.

## Membership

BCCMA membership is open to all practitioners of Chinese Martial Arts Systems, internal or external, and is open to Clubs, Associations of clubs or Organisations. When you join the BCCMA you will need to pay.

- £50 Annual Association Membership Fee
- Instructor Membership (see below for fees)
- £9 for each Student

Instructor Membership Categories.

- Instructor £59
- Commercial Instructor £83

For a full description of the cover offered by each of these membership packages, go to our web site, click on the “Membership” tab at the top and chose from the right-hand menu.

To join the BCCMA click the “New Association Application” link on the bottom right-hand side of our home page.

### Conditions of Membership

1. Must be practicing an Authentic Chinese based System.
2. All Students to be registered through the Governing Body (BCCMA).
3. All Instructors to have Instructor Membership arranged through Governing Body.
4. All members taking out Instructor membership for the first time, must attend the BCCMA Level 2 Coaching Course within the first year. If this is not completed, then renewal as an instructor will not be permitted. Details can be found on our website.

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 programme 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 may 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 themselves 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. The observer will satisfy themselves 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.

## **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 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 Wushu Taolu and full contact Sanda 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.