

What is The Black Belt Club?

The Black Belt Club is an association of active Black Belts and those who have set getting a Black Belt as their Martial Arts goal. During a special multi-year membership, an accelerated program is followed to facilitate reaching this goal while simultaneously striving for excellence in all areas of life.

BBC Members can be recognized in class by the patch worn on their uniform. BBC Members participate in several areas of Martial Arts training that are not covered in regular classes.

To qualify, a student must be dedicated to Black Belt Excellence, demonstrate advanced technique and be nominated by passing their instructor's evaluation. As a member of the Black Belt Club, he/she is looked up to by others as an inspiring model of skill and dedication!

What Are Our Objectives?

Overall, the objective of the BBC is to help its members attain their personal best. As Martial Artists, emphasis will be placed on skill and technique, but we should always strive to develop our personal skills in order to grow in a well-rounded fashion. The BBC endeavours to cultivate, even further, several personal qualities that were instilled in the first year of Martial Arts training. These qualities will surely enhance our ability to cope with life's challenges.

Positive Self-Image

Having a healthy and positive self-image is key to becoming a Black Belt. The image you have of yourself is what you project to others; valuing and believing in yourself ensures that others will too. If you expect respect from others and act in ways that deserve respect, you will get it. Never be ashamed of your abilities. Have a healthy self-esteem!



Pride

Pride is having justifiable self-respect for yourself and your abilities. It is the quality that makes you perform at your best every time. Since you value yourself, you will function at your full potential, always! Do not be associated with mediocrity; Martial Artists prefer excellence and victory!

Courage

Courage is the ability to conquer your fear and doubt. It does not mean doing something in the absence of fear, but finding the confidence inside yourself to continue on the path towards long-term goals. Fear is the most common of all emotions; everyone experiences it. Courage is the BBC Champion's chosen response to fear because it will prevent you from being intimidated by the prospect of failure. It is also a characteristic that only winners possess since this is the quality that drives you to give something extra when it feels like you can not give any more.

What Are Our Obligations?

It is a requirement of the school and a tradition in the Martial Arts that students reflect their loyalty and commitment by helping the school expand its impact in the community, increase its student enrollment and improve the quality of its students. Sponsoring students demonstrates our belief in both the value of the school and of Martial Arts training. Share the benefits with others by introducing them to the stimulating program of instruction at our school.

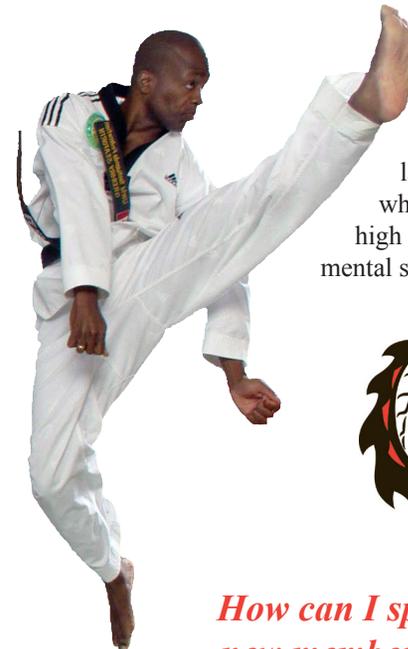
Why should I sponsor a new member?

1) The quality of your classroom environment depends greatly on the quality of your fellow students. The higher the quality of dedicated students, the higher the level of instruction will be. Therefore, it is in your best interest to maintain the highest caliber of students in your school.



2) Students who are actively involved with friends, family and peers in a learning environment achieve greater and more rapid success, as a result of being able to relate, learn and practice with them.

3) The only way a school can continue to have a positive impact on the communities we serve is to have a significant population that will positively influence the neighbourhoods we live in. This is best achieved by a large body of students who are experiencing high levels of physical and mental success.



How can I sponsor a new member?

- 1) Write out their name, age and phone number on a piece of paper and hand it to the Program Director of your school. Be sure to include your name and number as well.
- 2) Invite them to an Open House, Buddy Day or Exam Day at your school.
- 3) Walk someone into the school and introduce them to the Program Director so they can show your friend/ family members around the premises and introduce them to the instructors.

What else can I do?

The Black Belt Club is a program which strives to produce not only excellent Martial Artists, but outstanding citizens as well. As a Black Belt Club Member, you will be expected to increase your understanding of community service, physical fitness and nutrition.

Benefits and Privileges

Being a member of the Black Belt Club testifies to the student's high level of dedication to, and proficiency in, the Martial Arts. Certain benefits and privileges are made available to members as a way of both rewarding their commitment and supporting them in their quest to perform at their highest potential.

- Recognition as an elite group within the school
- In-depth training along with special classes and martial arts seminars
- The best tuition rates available
- Eligibility for the Demonstration Team
- Eligibility for the S.W.A.T. Team
- Invitations to special social events
- Discounts on many pro-shop purchases
- The right to wear the Black Belt Club uniform and patch.
- The right to wear Taekwondo Shoes in class.

It is common among Black Belt Club members to take a leadership role in the classroom and outside of the school. By joining the illustrious Black Belt Club, you are letting everyone know that your goals are the highest.



Membership Qualifications

When your instructor has evaluated your progress and determined your Target Date for your Black Belt exam, you can qualify for membership in the prestigious Black Belt Club if you meet certain requirements.

You must...

- be an active student for a minimum of 4 months.
- attend class at least twice a week and make up any missed lessons promptly
- be an enthusiastic and dedicated practitioner of the Martial Arts
- learn and practice the tenets of the Student Creed
- be an "A" or "B" student with a good record of classroom attendance

If you do meet these requirements and believe that you can both benefit from and contribute to the objectives and obligations of the Black Belt Club, fill out a Black Belt Club Application and hand it to your instructor.



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