**National School of Freestyle Taekwondo (NSFT) in association with Martial Arts GB**

**Code of Conduct for Children and Young People**

This Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, staff and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the Chief Instructor.

Clubs should offer a positive experience for children and young people where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment.

As a member of this club, you are expected to abide by the following junior code of practice:

**Children and young people are expected to:**

* Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members
* Be supportive and committed to other members and offer encouragement when required
* Keep yourself safe
* Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations
* In competition, respect officials and opponents and accept decisions
* Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat
* Not cheat or be violent and aggressive
* Keep within the defined boundary of the training area
* Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach
* Show respect to other club members
* Take care of equipment owned by the club
* Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity
* Refrain from the use of inappropriate and/or racial language. This includes bullying using new technologies like chat-rooms or texting
* Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do
* Refrain from bullying
* Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform your coach if you are going to be late
* Wear suitable kit for training
* Keep a good standard of hygiene to show respect to other members training with you
* Keep your nails clipped and filed
* Pay any fees for training or events promptly
* Not smoke, consume alcohol or drugs on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions.

**Children / Young People have the right to:**

* Be safe and happy while training at the club.
* Be listened to
* Be respected and treated fairly
* Privacy
* Be referred to professional help if needed
* Be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources
* Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability
* Experience competition and the desire to win
* Be believed
* Ask for help
* Have any concerns taken seriously and acted on

Any minor and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the Chief Instructor and reported verbally to the designated person. More serious or persistent misbehaviour may result in disciplinary action and potentially dismissal from the club. Parents will be informed at all stages.

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