



## Perth Shotokan Karate Academy

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### Acceptable Use of Mobile Phone Policy

#### Aim:

The aim of the Mobile Phone Policy is to promote safe and appropriate practice through establishing clear acceptable use through guidelines.

#### Scope

This policy applies to all members of the Club and relates directly to the appropriate codes of conduct.

#### Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the athletes / coaches / volunteers to adhere to the guidelines outlined in this document. It is the parents/carers/guardians responsibility to allow their athlete to have a mobile phone and they should be aware if their athlete takes a mobile phone to club sessions.

#### Policy Statement

It is recognised that smartphones contain a wide variety of functions which can be susceptible to misuse. Misuse includes taking and distribution of indecent images, exploitation and bullying. Misuse of smartphones can cause distress to individuals, impact on self-confidence and mental wellbeing, as well as impact on privacy and right to confidentiality.

Such concerns are not exclusive to children and young people. It is appreciated that it can be very difficult to detect when smartphones are being used, particularly in relation to additional functions. The use of all mobile phones is therefore limited, regardless of their capabilities.

There are 'mobile phone free' areas within the Club setting. These are areas that are considered to be the most vulnerable and sensitive:

- Changing Rooms
- Toilets
- Showers

**There is a zero-tolerance policy in place with regards to use of mobile phones by any individual in these areas**

#### Inappropriate Use

The following are examples of inappropriate use; this is not an exhaustive list.

Members using their mobile phone to:

- use vulgar, derogatory or obscene language while using a mobile phone
- engage in personal attacks
- harass other people
- post/share private information about others using SMS messages/social media
- take/send photos or objectionable images,
- make phone calls that include elements of the above



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### Consequences due to Inappropriate Use

Breaches of the Acceptable Use of Mobile Phone Policy will be dealt with in accordance with the clubs disciplinary procedures and depending on the nature of the breach may be subject to criminal proceedings

I understand that if I do not follow the Acceptable Use of Mobile Phone Policy, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club:

1. Be required to apologise formally
2. Receive a warning; verbal or written
3. Suspended by the club
4. Be required to leave the club
5. Forbidden to take my mobile phone or other portable devise to sessions and competitions
6. Be required to sign up to a behaviour management plan
7. Serious breaches depending on the nature of the incident may have to be reported to the police