



Friendship Guidelines

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At GBWKF, we believe that **friendship builds community**. Instead of formal membership, we invite clubs, associations, instructors, and individual practitioners to become our **Friends**. Friendship is our way of uniting and supporting authentic Chinese martial arts organisations across the UK while encouraging collaboration, sharing, and growth.

Open Friendship

- Friendship is open to **all practitioners, clubs, schools, and associations** of Chinese martial arts, regardless of style, lineage, gender, ethnicity, or background.
- We welcome friends from **Wushu, Kung Fu, Taiji, Bingdao, Sanda/Qingda, Qigong**, and all other recognised Chinese martial arts.
- We especially encourage clubs and individuals who want to connect, learn, and grow within a supportive network.

Becoming a Friend

- Any club, school, association, or individual can become a Friend of GBWKF simply by expressing their interest and staying connected with our activities.
- No strict entry requirements: we trust that our friends share our values of respect, authenticity, and community.

Friendship Principles

As a Friend of GBWKF, we kindly ask that you:

- Support our **Code of Conduct** and promote a respectful environment in your own club or practice.
- Uphold good practice in **safeguarding, inclusion, and safety** where applicable.
- Share your experience and knowledge openly with other Friends so we all grow together.

Benefits of Friendship

Being a Friend of GBWKF brings a host of opportunities:

- **Community Connection** – Join a network of clubs, instructors, and practitioners across the UK.
- **Events & Activities** – Access our courses, seminars, workshops, and competitions designed for Friends of GBWKF.
- **Visibility & Promotion** – Feature on our website and media channels as part of our national network.
- **Learning & Support** – Enjoy sharing best practice, technical guidance, and safeguarding resources in a friendly atmosphere.
- **Growth & Recognition** – Celebrate your achievements and be recognised as part of the national movement for authentic Chinese martial arts.

Together We Grow

Friendship with GBWKF is not about rules and fees, it's about **mutual support, respect, and collaboration**. We believe that by working together as friends we can raise standards, celebrate our shared heritage, and build a stronger future for Chinese martial arts.