

## SONCHŌ KARATE CLUB RISK ASSESSMENT

Note: The term 'student' is used to refer to all participants, members of the public & spectators throughout this document. The instructor's signature must be present on page 3 to be acceptable.

| WHAT ARE THE<br>HAZARDS? | WHO MIGHT BE<br>HARMED &<br>HOW?   | WHAT<br>MEASURES ARE<br>ALREADY IN<br>PLACE?   | WHAT FURTHER<br>MEASURES ARE<br>TO BE<br>INTRODUCED &<br>WHEN   | RISKS TO<br>PARTICIPANTS |
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| Slips & Trips            | Students & All Visitors<br>When Using, Entering<br>Or Leaving Premises   | Room is well lit and left<br>in tidy state by other<br>occupants, checked by<br>centre   | Immediately - check<br>floor in room & within<br>hall way for trip hazards,<br>spills & clutter. Any<br>found to be reported to<br>centre staff<br>Immediately.   | Low                      |
| Sprains & Strains        | Students & Visitors  | Thorough warm up of<br>both cardiovascular<br>system & stretches to<br>ensure all participants<br>are ready for motion &<br>exercise                 | Immediately & Always -<br>All instruction<br>supervised and properly<br>demonstrated,<br>performed at reduced<br>speed & power to begin   | Medium                   |
| Lifting Injury           | Students & Instructors<br>When Lifting, Moving,<br>Stacking up<br>tables/chairs that need<br>moving to the side<br>before/after training | Only participants<br>confident to move the<br>tables/chairs to do so,<br>tables only to be lifted<br>by an adult confident to<br>move by themselves. | As and when required,<br>introduce up to 3 to lift<br>tables and if no person<br>is confident instructor to<br>do so independently  | High                     |
| Contact Injury           | Students - caused by<br>contact through drills,<br>techniques, simulations<br>or practice  | Absolutely no contact<br>until students are<br>insured & licensed. No<br>contact without prior<br>consent from all parties.                          | Immediately - No full<br>contact, ever! Careful<br>demonstrations and safe<br>build up to any more<br>vigorous, contact based<br>training. PPE to be worn<br>by all parties & fully<br>supervised by the<br>instructor. | Low                      |
| Dehydration              | Students & Instructors   | Regular water breaks &<br>moderation to lesson<br>intensity  | As & When - Ensure<br>room is well ventilated<br>and appropriate clothing<br>is worn. Reinforce<br>students performing at<br>own, comfortable<br>tempo  | Low                      |
| Fire                     | Students, Instructors &<br>Visitors  | Building compliant with<br>fire checks,<br>extinguishers fitted &<br>emergency lighting  | Always - Assess exit<br>routes to ensure no<br>blockages and ensure all<br>visitors & students know<br>procedure in case of fire  | Low                      |

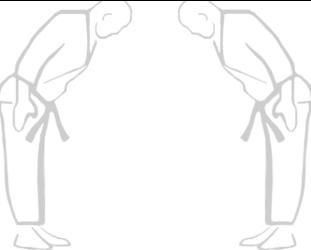


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| Asphyxiation  | Students                         | No high intensity or full<br>contact training<br>permitted - without<br>exception! All semi-<br>contact fully supervised<br>on 1 at a time basis.  | Always - Ensure full<br>supervision and ensure<br>all students know 'tap<br>out' procedure if<br>uncomfortable. No<br>chokes to be utilised<br>during semi-contact.   | Low                      |
| Bruising to forearms,<br>hands & other limbs<br>caused by blocking,<br>breakfalls or contact  | Students                         | Coach at acceptable<br>levels of contact, as<br>agreed in advance.<br>Students to be briefed<br>on assumption of risk  | Further conditioning to<br>be carried out when<br>comfortable.<br>Enforcement of<br>student's right to stop<br>at any point.  | High                     |
| Concussion caused<br>through excessive<br>contact with partners or<br>as a result of a fall<br>during sparring or pair<br>work                  | Students                         | Careful supervision of<br>partner<br>training/sparring in<br>addition to careful<br>coaching at acceptable<br>levels of contact.   | Always - Protection<br>equipment including<br>gumshield to be worn<br>whenever semi contact<br>sparring is permitted.<br>Sweeps must be fully<br>supervised by the<br>instructor and these<br>should never be<br>performed to utilise fall,<br>only as an initiation. | Medium                   |
| Injury caused through<br>damaged protective<br>equipment or training<br>aids  | Students & Instructors           | All equipment to be<br>inspected before every<br>class by instructor and<br>damaged kit to be<br>removed from use  | Always - Any equipment<br>available on site to be<br>checked to be fit for<br>purpose before use  | Low                      |
| Seizure through<br>contraindications or<br>over exertion  | Students                         | Instructors are to advise<br>novices of physical<br>exertion levels that will<br>be encountered and so<br>provide reasonable<br>recovery periods during<br>training, particularly<br>after demanding<br>elements of training | Always - Instructors to<br>be vigilant of<br>dehydration (see page<br>1) and to ensure plenty<br>of opportunity for rest,<br>re-enforcing students to<br>stop when they feel<br>pain or are exhausted   | Low                      |
| Dizziness,<br>hyperventilation and<br>nausea - Caused by<br>students not<br>conditioned, or failure<br>to prepare (I.e: low<br>blood sugar etc) | Students                         | Students to be made<br>aware of risks prior to<br>warm up, instructors to<br>remain vigilant to<br>student actions & state<br>throughout lesson  | Always - students<br>reminded to rest and sit<br>out if feeling unwell or<br>under strain   | Low                      |
| Complication Of Pre-<br>existing Medical<br>Condition Or Injury   | Students                         | All students - including<br>new comers - to fill out<br>medical declaration and<br>advise of medical<br>conditions or injuries<br>prior to class start   | Always - instructor to<br>communicate with<br>students and individuals<br>with regards to ability to<br>perform tasks<br>confidently in light of<br>injuries or conditions  | Low                      |
| Insufficient Supervision  | Students                         | All classes must be<br>conducted by fully<br>qualified, insured and<br>capable staff   | Always - instructors<br>must be registered with<br>the association and be<br>present throughout   | Low                      |

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| Muscle fatigue, cramp,<br>sore/stiff joints, pulled<br>and strained muscles,<br>ligaments, and tendons,<br>etc. | Students                         | Full and thorough warm<br>up of all joints & body<br>areas as required for<br>sessions prior to drills,<br>training or contact | Always - instructors to<br>check for injuries before<br>commencing class and<br>to remind students to<br>act within comfort<br>levels                    | Low                      |
| Other injuries, to<br>include breaks, teeth<br>loss, unconsciousness,<br>dislocations, blisters &<br>others     | Students                         | Fully supervised and<br>structured class from<br>preplanned training<br>schedule and lesson<br>plans                           | Always - use PPE<br>whenever possible,<br>allow students to<br>progress at steady pace<br>and always ensure clear<br>and well received<br>demonstrations | Low                      |
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I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, the named instructor, agree that this risk assessment is fitting to all requirements of our club and will be sufficient for our needs. I have carefully checked all particulars to ensure it is appropriate for use and will perform it's function at club level.

SIGNED:

DATE: