

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

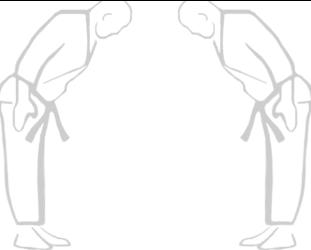


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| Asphyxiation | Students | No high intensity or full contact training permitted - without exception! All semi- contact fully supervised on 1 at a time basis. | Always - Ensure full supervision and ensure all students know 'tap out' procedure if uncomfortable.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

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| Muscle fatigue, cramp, sore/stiff joints, pulled and strained muscles, ligaments, and tendons, etc. | Students | Full and thorough warm up of all joints & body areas as required for sessions prior to drills, training or contact | Always - instructors to check for injuries before commencing class and to remind students to act within comfort levels | Low |
| Other injuries, to include breaks, teeth loss, unconsciousness, dislocations, blisters & others | Students | Fully supervised and structured class from preplanned training schedule and lesson plans | Always - use PPE whenever possible, allow students to progress at steady pace and always ensure clear and well received 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: