



## **Muden Juku Dublin Child Protection Policy**

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John Kennedy is Garda vetted and registered with IMAC as our Children's Officer & DLP.

**The club does not accept members under the age of 16 years due to the nature of the training.**

Muden Juku Dublin martial arts club operates in accordance with the principles set out in the Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children's Sport published by the Irish Sports Council.

The Irish Sports Council document can be found here:

<https://www.sportireland.ie/ethics>

This document sets out the key points by which our club applies the Code of Ethics:

### Transport, Events and changing rooms

1. If a parent / guarding member is bringing a child to the dojo they are responsible for transporting their children to and from events and club training locations. The club does not partake in organising lifts.
2. Parents / guardians must always monitor their child.
3. Parents / guardians should be present with children in the dressing room or arrange for a guardian to escort them if needed.
4. Instructors and club adult members do not provide supervision for children in the dojo.

### Physical contact:

1. Unnecessary physical contact with young people should be avoided.
2. There should be no physical contact or instruction between club members / instructors with non-members.
3. Physical contact for the protection of a child in the dojo space can be appropriate so long as it is neither intrusive nor disturbing and the young person's consent has been given.

### Supervision:

1. Unnecessarily spending excessive amounts of time alone with young people away from others should be avoided by any adult involved in running the club.
2. Adults should avoid such situations. However if such a situation arises where one child is left alone with them for any reason, the adult should try to move to a location so that are in public view (e.g. in a reception area).

### Photography

1. In line with the Irish Sports Council the club does not advocate the banning of photography but recommends that it is subject to appropriate and proportionate safeguards being in place to ensure a safe sporting environment for young people and children who may be in proximity to the training of club members.

Therefore we have the following photography policy for the Dojo:

1. Photography/video/cameraphones are not allowed at normal weekly club training sessions unless used for the purpose of training such as video analysis of technique.
2. Photography/video is allowed at events such as grading, demonstration or competitions or to celebrate achievements by students.
3. Where a parent does not wish their child to be photographed/videoed it is the parent's responsibility to remain present at the event to supervise their child.
4. Photos on the official club website and the club's Facebook page should not associate children's names with photos and vice versa.
5. External events, competitions and public events are outside the control of the club and members should investigate and be aware if there is a photography policy in use at the event and satisfy themselves that all is in order for their child to attend.

### Communication by Phone/Messaging or other

1. The club shall communicate only to members regarding the organisation of training and events.
2. The single point of contact for membership enquires shall be club president John Kennedy.
3. Group text (WhatsApp) and Group Facebook messaging is the preferred form of communication to members.

4. General updates may be posted on our public club Facebook pages for convenience.
5. Caution is advised in regard to any communication using social media such that no children are identified or referenced directly.

#### Club Children's Officer and Designated Person-

1. All adults involved in running the club are required to undergo Garda Vetting.
2. It is desirable that a club has at least one Club Children's Officer.
3. All members should be notified who the Clubs Children's officer is and that they may approach the Children's Officer with any questions or concerns they may have.
4. Every club/organisation should also have a Designated Person to be responsible for dealing with any concerns about the protection of children. The designated person is responsible for reporting allegations or suspicions of child abuse to Health Services Executive and/or An Garda Síochána.
5. However, if there is difficulty identifying a separate individual to take this role, The NGB (IMAC) Child Protection officer's will take on this role. All members and parents should also be notified of the contact details of the clubs Designated Person.

