



Hombu Dojo Karate International Great Britain Social Media Policy

Social media (including personal and professional websites, blogs, chat rooms and bulletin boards; social networks, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram; video-sharing sites such as YouTube) are a common means of communication and self-expression.

It's essential that volunteers, members and participants make informed decisions about how they use the internet, mobile phone and email communications to protect HDKI GB and affiliated clubs, membership and our community as a whole.

Everyone involved in our organisation has the responsibility to safeguard both in and out of the dojo, including communications.

It is the responsibility of all members to:

1. Refrain from publishing comments about other organisations, clubs, karateka, referees or judges and any controversial or potentially inflammatory subjects.
2. Avoid hostile or harassing communications in any posts or other online communications. Harassment is any offensive conduct based on a person's race, sex, gender identity, national origin, colour, disability, age sexual orientation, veteran status, marital status, religion or any other status protected by law.
3. HDKI GB affiliated clubs should identify all copyrighted or borrowed material with citations and links. When publishing direct paraphrased quotes, thoughts, ideas, photos or videos, give credit to the original publisher or author.
4. HDKI GB affiliated clubs will be responsible for reviewing responses to online posts and resolving any concerns before they are posted.
5. If a blogger or any other online participant posts an inaccurate, accessory or negative comment about HDKI GB, affiliated club or anyone associated with HDKI GB, do not reply but seek advice from your Senior Safeguarding Officer or HDKI GB Secretary.