

NAKMAS takes its “excellence in governance” strategy to the masses

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The National Association of Karate and Martial Art Schools (NAKMAS) is rolling out its martial arts governance strategy to the masses, highlighting the benefits the national governing body can provide to grass roots clubs and the public.

Every local authority, sports and leisure centre, hall hirer, martial arts groups and selected government departments in Britain is set to receive essential reading on NAKMAS' governance standards in its

'Official Martial Arts Within the United

Kingdom' (<http://content.yudu.com/Library/A15mp7/NAKMASNationalGovern/resources/index.htm?referrerUrl=http://www.yudu.com>)

The aim of the awareness drive is to highlight NAKMAS' services and activities.

Joe Ellis, chairman of NAKMAS, says:

“NAKMAS wants to make everyone aware of its excellence in governance. It is important for all stakeholders and grass roots martial arts participants to be fully aware that as a national governing body we provide a high standard of governance.

“Our literature will also give a clear understanding of what the public can expect from a national governing body within the field of martial arts.

“NAKMAS has developed and excelled in so many ways it is important that all the benefits of that development can be easily accessed in one place.”

The multi-faceted nature of NAKMAS's governing standard includes:

- The NAKMAS Safe Kids Campaign, giving children clear advice on dealing with bullying and abuse, incorporating the Stay Safe magazine which is sent out to all NAKMAS chief instructors and their nominated Welfare Officer twice a year.
- A new coaching format to UKCC standards whereby some senior instructors within NAKMAS will be encouraged to become approved coaching assessors.
- The conferring of black belt awards and the administration of the NAKMAS National Register of Qualified Black Belts www.nationalblackbeltregister.com
- An Enhanced Disclosure via NAKMAS as the official Registered Body (with the Criminal Records Bureau and Disclosure Scotland) for all instructors and staff
- Adherence by all NAKMAS affiliate clubs to the NSPCC-approved NAKMAS Welfare Policy
- The new NAKMAS In Touch full colour magazine, which is aimed at keeping members up to date with news,

legal issues, compliance and general news items within NAKMAS. More than a newsletter, In Touch is a high impact news magazine which is aimed at all affiliates; clubs, groups and associations. The first issue is due out shortly.

- The international quality certificate BS EN ISO 9000:2001, achieved by NAKMAS for 10 consecutive years
- The Foundation level of the Equality Standard: A Framework for Sport award, which recognises that NAKMAS actively encourages participants from all sections of the community
- An insurance package with Zurich to provide full freedom and comprehensive coverage for members.

Joe Ellis adds: "This brochure not only encapsulates the central principles of NAKMAS's governing style, we hope it also sets the benchmark for sports governance in general. The overall benefactors of our governing body are the children and other grass roots participants who learn their martial arts at NAKMAS affiliated clubs."

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Notes to editors:

The National Association of Karate and Martial Art Schools (NAKMAS) is a non-funded national governing body and is a member of CCPR (the Central Council of Physical Recreation). With its Head Office based in Kent, NAKMAS governs all forms of traditional and modern martial arts and has over 73,000 members within the UK.

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