



**Takumi Karate Do (Edinburgh)**

**Welcome Pack**



## Welcome

Welcome to our club. The purpose of this pack is to help you through the next few weeks as you begin your Karate career. In here we have forms, resources, and information that you might require as you start training. If you require help with anything, have a question or feel that anything is unclear, then please don't hesitate to ask a graded student (the people with coloured belts) or an instructor (the ones wearing a black belt).

We accept students from the age of 6 years, as due to insurance restrictions we are unable to take students any younger than this. We practice **Shito Ryu Shukokai Karate** and are also interested in Kobujutsu training. This is the art of weapons training that originates from the Ryukyu Island in the Far East. It should be noted that this training is for seniors only (brown belt and above) and is usually conducted as a practice session and attendance at various weapons courses. The instructors do not profess to be experts in this martial art as they too are still learning.

All our instructors have been vetted and have attended Coaching Courses run by Sport Scotland. We are also members of Traditional Karate Great Britain and the Scottish Karate Confederation.

## Forms and Insurance

At the back of this pack are three forms that you can tear off (wait for it...). They are:

- The “Health Check Form”. **FILL THIS IN NOW**. It let's us know about your current medical state.
- A consent form to allow the club to either use photographic or video footage of you in training or competition etc. This can also be used for our website, on which the images used are protected.
- The “Takumi Licence Application Form” – this is your full licence application and costs £16 per year per person. All club licences provide insurance cover to the club members as well as membership of the Scottish Karate Confederation. TKD licences expire on 24<sup>th</sup> February each year; any one joining during the year is not charged the full £16, depending on when they join (see appendix).

Don't worry about the last form just yet. After four weeks, if you're still enjoying Karate, that is the time to fill out the 'Takumi Licence Application Form' to join the club and its governing bodies. Membership of Takumi registers you as a practitioner in Shito Ryu Shukokai karate and you also gain membership to Traditional Karate Great Britain ([www.tkgb.org](http://www.tkgb.org)).

## **Fees and Joining**

Training sessions cost £3.00 (£2.00 if you are under 16 years of age). Most martial arts club charge “joining fees” or offer “six monthly subscriptions” on top of your class fees. At Takumi we keep things straight and simple: there are no subscription charges or joining fees; you can join at any time of the year and are charged on a pro rata basis for your licence (i.e. if you join 6 months into the year, you pay half the annual fee, see appendix sheet). Our club is “non-profit” making; all training fees go towards hall-hire, training courses, or are put back into the club to pay for equipment such as mats and impact pads. We believe that our fees are amongst the lowest and fairest of any of the martial arts clubs in Edinburgh. We prefer to go for “value for money” over profit any day.

To join you must:

- Fill in the licence application form.
- Attach 2 passport sized photos with your name printed on the reverse.
- Attach your fee (cheques payable to “Takumi Karate Do”).
- Hand all of the above to either Carolyn or Jim (the people wearing black belts).

Membership applications take a week to process.

## **Other Costs**

Karate need not be expensive as you need very little equipment. Whenever you want, you can order an outfit (gi) which costs around £20.00 (ask for an exact price at time of buying) and comes complete with a club badge (*badge cost £3.50 if sold separately*). We recommend that this is the last thing you purchase, as if you buy one straight away then change your mind about karate, you’ve wasted your money.

Hand mitts are also needed but these can be purchased at a later date. They normally retail between £6 - £12 (again check price when ordering).

Occasionally we hold training courses or events and these can cost a little more, but they are always well publicised in advance and never compulsory. The money generated from these goes back into the club so that we can subsidise some of the course or competition costs for club members.

## Who's Who

The Club has two instructors, **Carolyn Fisher** and **Jim Bailey**. They took over the club after it was passed to them by former instructor Steve McKenzie in February 2008. Takumi was established by Steve in 1997 but the club's origins date back to 1979.

**Carolyn Fisher** started training in 1980 doing a style of karate called Sankukai but after ten years she took some 'time out'. She joined Takumi in 2003 and is now one of the club instructors. She is a black belt and the club Kata Coach.

**Jim Bailey** is the other club instructor. He started training in 1991 and joined Takumi in 2002. He is the biggest member of our club and the biggest black belt. He is also the Club's Kumite (Sparring) coach as he is an excellent fighter.

As well as the two senior instructors, there are now several brown belts in the club who help out as assistant instructors under the guidance of Carolyn and Jim during classes. This allows us to split classes up so that people are given training relevant to their grade. Feel free to chat to any of these people about any aspect of training. We're all very friendly and love talking about Karate.

## Resources

When you join the club we suggest that you look at the club website ([www.takumidojo.org.uk](http://www.takumidojo.org.uk)). This site is always being developed and updated, and has an exclusive 'members section' full of information about karate as well as the club rules and the grading syllabus. You need to request a username and password to access this area.

## FAQ

*Who takes up Karate?*

You do hopefully! Lots of different types of people train at our school. We tend to attract people who want to get fit, learn self defence, meet new people and have fun. The minimum age of the club is seven years old but we have no upper limit. We also have roughly as many men as women.

*I'm really unfit - does this matter*

No. Training is geared towards what you personally can do so you don't need to be fit to start. You will certainly get fitter through regular training, but we don't often do specific strength or fitness building exercises.

*Does it hurt?*

Bumps and bruises are inevitable in any martial art but more serious injuries are extremely rare. If you're not at a high fitness level then you are likely to ache a day or two after your first few sessions, but this will stop as you continue to train.

*Is it very military?*

Not really. We don't tend to shout at people as encouragement works much better. We also don't make you do anything you don't want to (what would be the point?). We do use some traditional protocols (like calling the instructor 'sensei' and bowing a lot) but these tend to be retained for safety purposes.

*How often do I have to come?*

We like students to train regularly as it is much easier to follow their progress, but how often you train is completely optional. Beginners often come once a week, higher grades usually do two sessions, and the die-hards come to the specialised classes too (weapons training and bunkai class). All you need to remember is that Karate, like any other skill, requires practice and the more you come the quicker you'll progress. We have good relationships with other clubs and some students attend other clubs as a guest to supplement their training.

*What sort of stuff will I learn?*

You'll start with the simplest techniques e.g. basic kicks, punches and blocks, along with a few combination moves. As your training progresses you will learn more advanced techniques as well as defences against someone attacking, grabbing, or punching you (we try to cover the most common attacks seen on the street). As you progress you'll learn defences against weapons (seniors only) and multiple attackers. You'll also learn how to protect yourself when you fall and most of all your confidence and self discipline will increase.

*Do you have coloured belts?*

Yes, we have a range of grades progressing from white to black. Gradings are held regularly and if you are ready and fancy trying it then give it a go...

The belts grade as follows (dates are the **minimum** time permitted):



*8<sup>th</sup> Kyu (Yellow Belt) – Four months training.*



*7<sup>th</sup> Kyu (Orange Belt) – Eight months training.*



*6<sup>th</sup> Kyu (Green Belt) – Twelve months training.*



*5<sup>th</sup> Kyu (Blue Belt) - Sixteen months training.*



*4<sup>th</sup> Kyu (Purple Belt) – Twenty months training.*



*3<sup>rd</sup> Kyu (Brown Belt with 3 tabs) – Twenty Four months training.*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu (Brown Belt with 2 tabs) – Thirty months training.*



*1<sup>st</sup> Kyu (Brown Belt with 1 tab) – Thirty Six months training.*



*Sho-Dan (Black Belt – 1<sup>st</sup> Dan) – Forty Eight months training.*



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## TAKUMI KARATE DO - Health Check Form

This form **must** be completed *prior* to training at the first session

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (home):** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone (mobile):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Next of Kin (emergencies only)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

It is essential that we have an up to date record of any injuries of health problems you may have suffered. Please indicate on the form below. This will not necessarily prevent training.

**Please record whether you suffer, could be suffering or have ever suffered from:**

EPILEPSY	Yes / No	ASTHMA	Yes / No
BACK PROBLEMS/INJURY	Yes / No	DIABETES	Yes / No
HEAD INJURY	Yes / No	BLEEDING DISORDER	Yes / No
WEAK JOINT / JOINT INJURY	Yes / No	BREATHING DIFFICULTY	Yes / No
INFECTIOUS DISEASE	Yes / No	PREGNANT	Yes / No
ANY OTHER CONDITION	Yes / No		

If you have answered YES to any of the above please give full details, together with details of medication or surgery

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We need to know whether you have anything in your past that would indicate that training is not suited. We regularly carry out checks with the Police on prospective members. Under the rehabilitation of offenders act, this does not necessarily preclude you from training.

Do you have a criminal record Yes / No

If **yes**: Were you convicted of a crime of a violent nature, a crime against women or children, or possession of an illegal weapon or substance? Yes / No

Do you object to us carrying out a background check on you Yes / No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## *Takumi Karate-Do*

### *Senior Instructors:*

*Carolyn Fisher (San-Dan)*

*Jim Bailey (San-Dan)*

### **Consent form for the use of photographs or video. (Parents and children)**

Takumi Karate Do recognises the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all young people in sport.

In accordance with our child protection policy we will not permit photographs, video or other images of young people to be taken without the consent of the parents/carers and children.

Takumi Karate Do will follow the guidance for the use of photographs, a copy of which is available from Carolyn Fisher.

Takumi Karate Do will take all steps to ensure these images are used solely for the purposes they are intended. If you become aware that these images are being used inappropriately you should inform Carolyn Fisher immediately (*Tel. 0131 441 3602 or Mobile 07769834026*).

I \_\_\_\_\_ (*parent/carer*) consent to Takumi Karate Do photographing or videoing

\_\_\_\_\_ (*insert name*) for publishing or web site usage.

Date:

I \_\_\_\_\_ (*insert name of child*) consent to Takumi Karate Do photographing or videoing my involvement in club activities for publishing or web site usage.

Date:



# TAKUMI KARATE DO (EDINBURGH)

## APPLICATION FOR AN ANNUAL LICENCE

### ALL CLUB LICENCES RUN TO 23RD FEBRUARY

Type of Licence Applied For: First Licence (see Instructor)  Renewing Licence £16

If you are aged 16, or over or will attain 16 during the period of this application, you should apply for a senior licence. (Fee includes 1 year member to member & personal accident Insurance)

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No \_\_\_\_\_

2 passport photos to be enclosed **ONLY** if this is your 1<sup>st</sup> Application.

Is this your **FIRST** licence application? Yes  No

**First time applicants please ensure that you include two passport type photographs**

If 'NO' enter previous licence number and expiry date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Club **TAKUMI KARATE DO** Instructor's Name **CAROLYN FISHER and JIM BAILEY**

Your Current Grade & Date Achieved \_\_\_\_\_ Awarded By \_\_\_\_\_

Do you suffer from any medical condition or take any medication that your instructor should know about?

Please answer honestly. Yes  No  If yes, please specify

I declare that the information given here is correct and that I will comply with the rules and regulations of Takumi Karate Do and its affiliated body.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ (parent or guardian if under 18 years)

**Return this form with the correct fee to an Instructor.**

## ***Class Times & Locations:***

### ***Juniors***

***There are no junior classes at this time.***

### ***Seniors***

***Monday 7.00pm till 9.00pm (Southbridge Resource Centre)***

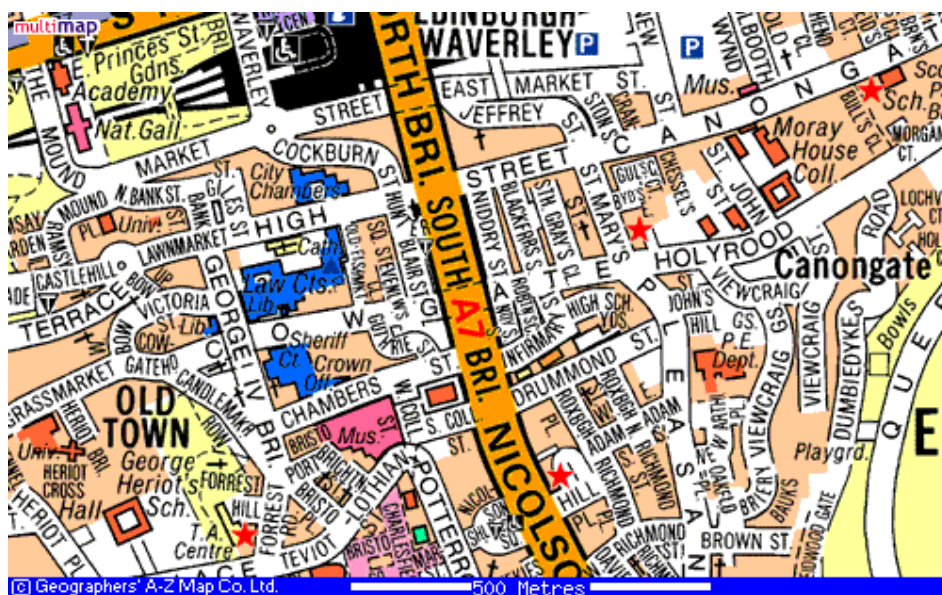
***Thursday 7.30pm till 9.15pm (Southbridge Resource Centre)***

***Specialized Advanced Training Classes (these run at South Bridge):***

***Saturdays 11.00am till 12.00 noon***

***Saturdays 12.00 noon till 12.30pm Kobujutsu Training  
(weapons for advanced students)***

***Southbridge Resource Centre (Infirmiry Street)***



***Takumi Karate-Do***  
***Appendix of Licences Charges***

<i><b>MONTH</b></i>	<i><b>Licences</b></i>
<i><b>ANNUAL FEES</b></i>	<i><b>£16.00</b></i>
October	£6.00
November	£5.00
December	£4.00
January	£3.00
February	£2.00
March	£16.00
April	£15.00
May	£14.00
June	£12.00
July	£10.00
August	£9.00
September	£7.00

***Fees are correct at time of going to print***