

## **Aiki Budo Centre Code of Ethics**

The relationship between an instructor and the student is of paramount concern to the Aiki Budo Centre. Of equal concern is the manner in which a member's behaviour affects instructors, students, parents of students, and the general public. It is essential that instructors recognize the position of authority they hold and the role model they represent.

The physical, spiritual and personal growth of members must be nurtured and sustained. Instructors must not abuse, exploit or take advantage of their position. Instructors shall be committed to excellence and ethical behaviour.

All members SHALL avoid any expression or display of discriminatory practices based on race, ancestry, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, gender ("sex"), sexual orientation, age, marital status, or disability.

Instructors shall

- conduct themselves in a manner that promotes student confidence
- respect rights and dignity and worth of every human being
- strive to be perceptive, respectful and professional
- be fair, considerate and offer encouragement

Instructors and members will not use inappropriate or obscene language, make physical contact with a student that is unwanted or inappropriate given the situation, abuse or harass students verbally, or communicate electronically or otherwise in an inappropriate manner.

Instructors and members will operate within the rules and spirit of the International Yoshinkan Aikido Federation. Black belt members must seek continual improvement, and be a positive role model for the art of aikido and the Aiki Budo Centre.

Members must at all times refrain from conduct or remarks, which are detrimental to themselves, other members or the Aiki Budo Centre. Instructors must recognize that some members may have been victims of abuse or violence and demonstrate appropriate sensitivity. Instructors must encourage respect, self-confidence and self-respect as well motivate students to perfect technique.

Instructors and members will uphold a high standard of conduct and refrain from taking advantage of or exploiting others who are vulnerable by virtue of their youth or position. Behaviour that damages the mutual respect between members must be avoided to maintain a positive, safe learning environment where trust is ensured. Members who fail to abide by these declarations will be deemed to have failed to meet their membership obligations.

I agree with and will abide by this Code of Ethics.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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