

Member Protection Policy Statement

I.S.K.A. Australia, Members and affiliated clubs, branches and states, is committed to the Health, Safety and well-being of all its members and is dedicated to providing a safe environment for participating in Martial Arts Activities.

Abuse is defined as anything, which individuals or Organisations do, or fail to do, that directly or indirectly harms people or damages their prospects of a Safe and Healthy development. This includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, inappropriate training, inappropriate touching, Sexual abuse and neglect. (National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, 2000)

This Member Protection Policy conveys a message to all I.S.K.A. Australia members, and prospective members, responsible for Martial Arts Activities, particularly those involving members under 18 years of age, about minimizing risk exposure of those members. All I.S.K.A. Australia Members, particularly age managers, coaches, officials, trainers and management personnel, have a responsibility to provide safeguards dedicated to the well being of all other members.

The abuse of youth members, by other members or external source, is not acceptable. I.S.K.A. Australia encourages all incidents of such abuse, as described in this policy, to be reported immediately to the appropriate authorities. I.S.K.A. Australia supports the designation of such authorities by the respective state, branch and club affiliates of I.S.K.A. Australia in a protective procedure for handling inappropriate behavior by an I.S.K.A. Australia member or external influence.

The I.S.K.A. Australia (Board) continues its support of the development of specific procedures and processes for addressing member protection in each state, in accordance with I.S.K.A. Australia Policies and the laws of that state.

ISKA abides by the MAIA Members Protection Policy.

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ISKA Reserves the right to review their policy and change in accordance to meet Government Regulation.

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