



# Frontline Martial Arts

## FRONTLINE MARTIAL ARTS CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

Frontline Martial Arts hereinafter referred to as 'the Organisation' is committed to providing a confidential service to its users. No information given to the Organisation will be shared with any other organisation or individual without the user's expressed permission.

For the purpose of this policy, confidentiality relates to the transmission of personal, sensitive or identifiable information about individuals or organisations (confidential information), which comes into the possession of the Organisation through its work.

The Organisation holds personal data about its members which will only be used for the purposes for which it was gathered and will not be disclosed to anyone outside of the organisation without prior permission.

All personal data will be dealt with sensitively and in the strictest confidence internally and externally.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Confidentiality Policy is to ensure that all coaches, members and parents understand the Organisation's requirements in relation to the disclosure of personal data and confidential information.

### **Principles**

- All personal paper-based and electronic data must be stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and must be secured against unauthorised access, accidental disclosure, loss or destruction.
- All personal paper-based and electronic data must only be accessible to those individuals authorised to have access.

### **Statistical Recording**

The Organisation is committed to effective statistical recording of the use of its services in order to monitor usage and performance.

All statistical records given to third parties, such as to support funding applications or monitoring reports for the local authority shall be produced in anonymous form, so individuals cannot be recognised.



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## Records

All records are kept in locked filing cabinets. This includes notebooks, copies of correspondence and any other sources of information.

## Breaches of Confidentiality

The Organisation recognises that occasions may arise where individual members feel they need to breach confidentiality. Confidential or sensitive information relating to an individual may be divulged where there is risk of danger to the individual or the public at large, or where it is against the law to withhold it. In these circumstances, information may be divulged to external agencies e.g. police or social services on a need to know basis.

Where an individual feels confidentiality should be breached the following steps will be taken:

- The individual should raise the matter immediately with their coach.
- The individual must discuss with the coach the issues involved in the case and explain why they feel confidentiality should be breached and what would be achieved by breaching confidentiality. The coach should take a written note of this discussion.
- The coach is responsible for discussing with the individual what options are available in each set of circumstances.
- The coach is responsible for making a decision on whether confidentiality should be breached. If the coach decides that confidentiality is to be breached then they should take the following steps:

The coach should contact the head coach in the first instance. The coach should brief the head coach on the full facts of the case, ensuring they do not breach confidentiality in doing so. The coach should seek authorisation to breach confidentiality from the head coach.

If the head coach agrees to breach confidentiality, a full written report on the case should be made and any action agreed undertaken. The coach is responsible for ensuring all activities are actioned.

If the head coach does not agree to breach confidentiality then this is the final decision.



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## **Legislative Framework**

The Organisation will monitor this policy to ensure it meets statutory and legal requirements including the Data Protection Act, Children's Act, Rehabilitation of Offenders Act and Prevention of Terrorism Act.

## **Ensuring the Effectiveness of the Policy**

All coaches will receive a copy of the confidentiality policy. New members will receive a copy of the policy as part of the Welcome Pack. The policy will be reviewed annually and amendments will be proposed and agreed by the club officials.

## **Non-adherence**

Breaches of this policy will be dealt with under the Grievance and/or Disciplinary procedures as appropriate.