



## Samurai Centre - Equality and Inclusion Statement

The Samurai Centre has an objective to be socially inclusive regardless of age, race, gender or ability. There is no reason why martial arts can't be practiced by everyone with, if necessary, the right adaptation to the individual. Over the years, we have successfully trained people with various needs including both physical disabilities and learning / mental disabilities.

We have experience with conditions such as Aspergers, Autism, Dyspraxia, Down's Syndrome, Visual Impairment, Deafness, ADHD, Cerebral Palsy, Hypermobility, Huntington's Disease, and other learning or physical disabilities.

There is no reason why we can't inspire self-esteem in every child and adult; and that includes those with special needs.

Training in martial arts can serve an important complement to other physical, behavioural or psychological treatment programs and when the appropriate teaching methods are used, everyone has the chance to feel like a success, whether in a group, semi-private or private class session.

Adults or parents who have a child with special needs are welcome to contact us, so that we can discuss together a suitable training plan based on your requirements.

The Samurai Centre is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:

*Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.*

The Samurai Centre respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person (whether participant, family member, volunteer or employee) and will treat everyone equally within the context of their martial arts practice; regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality, marital status, political beliefs, or social/economic status.

The Samurai Centre is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their training in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.





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All members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity and The Samurai Centre will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to its disciplinary procedures.

An Instructor may determine that it is not advisable for a participant or prospective participant to take part in classes because of their condition or disability. This is likely to be where that condition or disability will substantially affect the safety or ability to learn of the participant or others in the class. Where this is the case, the Instructor will fully consider all possible alternatives, such as private tuition.

