

## **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 a member's behavior 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 behavior.

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, martial 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 and the Aiki Budo Centre. Instructors must recognize that some women, men and youth may have been victims of abuse or violence. Instructors must encourage respect, self confidence and self respect as well as striving to perfect technique.

Instructors and members will reflect a high standard by not taking advantage of or exploiting others who by virtue of their youth or position are vulnerable. Behavior 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: \_\_\_\_\_