

Capital Area Budokai



Dues & Fees Policy Statement

All prospective members of the Capital Area Budokai may receive two free lessons before making a decision about formally joining; a signed Liability Waiver is required. Unlike most martial arts studios, Capital Area Budokai does not require our students to sign a formal annual contract, which commits them to monthly payments on an annual basis. Budokai students may quit at any time without incurring further financial obligations. Our dues and fees are limited to the policies specified below.

1a. Monthly Dues: All students pay monthly dues of \$75 for adults, \$35 for under minors (under 18) and full-time students, due on the 1st of each month. Members who fail to pay their monthly dues by the 20th of each month may be suspended from receiving further instruction until monthly dues are made current. There is an additional fee of \$25 a month for students who practice multiple arts.

1b. Annual Renewal Fee: There is no annual renew fee for current members.

2. Initiation Fee: There is no initiation fee for new students.

3. Federation Memberships: The Capital Area Budokai handles membership dues for national martial arts federations on a case-by-case basis. Please ask the instructor of your art for details on how he or she will handle national federation dues. Please note that all promotion examinations are administered by these federations; federation membership is required to take a promotion examination. Students are responsible for paying any applicable test and certificate fees.

4. Minors: Minors who wish to grade for rank must join the appropriate federation separately. Please ask the instructor of your art for details on how he or she will handle federation dues. Upon reaching age 18, minors become adult students (unless they are full-time undergraduate or graduate students) and incur all adult student dues and fees.

5. Insurance: An insurance fee of \$20 per student is due upon joining, and then renewed annually each January.

6. Equipment: The arts taught by the Capital Area Budokai are equipment-intensive. Instructors may provide new students minimum equipment needed to begin study, but new students are expected to obtain their own uniforms and equipment within the first 6 months – generally a new student can expect to spend anywhere from \$100 to \$500 for a uniform and equipment. Students should consult their Instructors for further details; the Budokai Instructors will advise new students where appropriate equipment may be obtained at a reasonable cost. New students, who fail to obtain the appropriate clothing and equipment after 6 months of training, may be dropped from active membership at the Instructor's discretion, and asked not to return to practice until they obtain the proper equipment.

7. Guests: Guests, who are members in good standing of an accredited dojo (as determined by the Budokai instructors), are exempt from the above dues requirements. A small donation per class may be made to the Budokai, but is not required.

8. Instructor's Discretion: Instructors may waive any of the above fees in part or in *toto* on a case-by-case basis. Students are to ask their instructor if their case merits a waiver of any of the above Budokai fees.

9. Increases: The Budokai reserves the right to increase dues and fees without notice.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE DUES AND FEES POLICIES OF THE CAPITAL AREA BUDOKAI, AND HERBY REPRESENT THAT I WILL ADHERE TO THESE POLICIES BY AFFIXING MY SIGNATURE TO THIS DOCUMENT BELOW.

Printed Name

Signature/Date