

Martial Arts School Check List

Beware the hidden costs - Get full disclosure before you sign any contract! (Once the contract is signed, it's too late. If there is any doubt contact your attorney.)

1. Do you charge belt testing fees? Yes No
2. Do you have a price list showing each test fee? Yes No
3. On the average how often is a person tested? _____
4. Do you have written requirements for each belt/stripe test? Yes No
5. What is the total charge for all belt/stripe fees - from white through first-degree Black?
\$_____
6. What is the belt test fee for (just) Black Belt? \$_____
7. Is sparring required? Yes No
If Yes:
 - Total cost of all required sparring/safety equipment? \$_____
 - Must all equipment be bought through this studio? Yes No
 - Is contact allowed in sparring? Yes No
 - Is kicking to the head allowed? Yes No
 - Is kicking to the head mandatory? Yes No
 - Is kicking to the head in tournaments allowed _____? Required_____?
8. Am I required to go to tournaments? Yes No
If Yes: How many _____?
9. Is breaking of boards required? Yes No
Required for testing? Yes No
10. Is the studio full time _____? Part time_____?
11. What are the hours _____?
12. How long has the studio been open _____?
13. Must I sign a contract? Yes No
If Yes:
 - Can I get a copy to take to my attorney for review before I sign it?
 Yes No
 - Are payments made to a third party ?
 Yes No

14. Are instructors certified through a recognized organization?
 Yes (name of org) _____ No
15. Is the instruction: Group only? _____ How many groups per week _____?
16. Do I have to pay for extra groups _____? How much _____?
17. Does the basic course include private instruction or a personal trainer? Yes No
 If Yes: Is it every week? Yes No
 If No: Is private instruction available at an extra cost? Yes No
 How much per hour? _____
18. Do you use youth for instructors? Yes No
19. Do you award Black Belts to youths? Yes No
 If Yes: Starting at what age? _____
20. What is the average time for a youth to get a Black Belt? _____
21. Do you primarily teach:
 Self Defense? Yes No % of total program? _____
 Sport Karate/Tae Kwon Do? Yes No % of total _____
22. Do you teach ground fighting/grappling? Yes No
 If Yes, What form?
 Ju Jitsu style ____ Shoot Fighting ____ Other _____
23. Is the studio matted for rolling and falling? Yes No
24. If I am sick or go on vacation do I still have to pay for lessons I did not or could not take _____?
25. What about cancellations due to: Little League? ____ Soccer ____?