

AIKIDO KENKYUKAI STUDENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Current rank (if applicable): _____ Previous dojo and instructor (if applicable): _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone _____

Special instructions (allergies, disabilities, physician's name, etc.)

Date of birth _____ Date of first class: _____

Please read the following carefully:

Basic Responsibilities

1. Membership in Aikido Kenkyukai entitles one to practice and receive the full benefits of aikido training. Monthly dues and the annual membership fee secure one's membership in the dojo.
2. Our dojo uses a third party billing service AAC. We do this to simplify the flow of funds and to separate the student-teacher relationship from the financial arrangement. Joining our dojo works as follows, the first month or introductory course should be paid with a check or cash, along with our annual fee and any uniform costs. A completed "Continuing Dues" form should be filled out at this time. There are no long term contracts required. If a student wishes to terminate his dojo membership, billing is stopped after 30 days written notice.

Month to month agreement:

Adults:	\$100
Teens:	\$85
Children:	\$75

Annual membership fees:

Adults/ Teens:	\$65 (white belts) / \$90 (black belts)
Children:	\$35

The annual membership fee is sent directly to our sponsoring dojo in Japan as a mere token of respect and gratitude for their continued support to us.

3. Dues remain the same, regardless of the number of classes attended.
4. Testing fees will be drafted from you account. Adults'/ Teens' fees are as follows: 5th and 4th kyu tests are \$40. 3rd, 2nd, and 1st kyu tests are \$55. All children's tests are \$35.
5. There is a \$15 mat fee for all visitors. (A visitor is someone who pays dues at another dojo.)
6. Monthly dues do not cover the costs of special seminars, gasshukus, etc.
7. Dues are not refundable.
8. Training while under the effects of any intoxicating substance, legal or illegal will be cause for immediate dismissal from the dojo.
9. Students are required to wear a gi from no later than the second month of their training. Gi should be kept clean, mended, and should not be left in the dojo.

Dated _____ Signature _____

Agreement and Release of Liability (Initial here ____)

In consideration for being permitted to engage and receive instruction in the martial arts, including but not limited to Aikido, (referred to as the "Martial Arts"), I _____, agree as follows:

1. I hereby RELEASE AND DISCHARGE (Initial here ____) Lia Suzuki, Aikido Kenkyukai International USA, Santa Barbara Dojo, Aikido Kenkyukai International, their owners, agents, employees and instructors (collectively referred to as "Released Parties"), from any and all liability, claims, demands or causes of action that I may hereafter have for injuries and damages arising out of my participation in martial arts activities, including but not limited to losses CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES (Initial here ____).
2. I further agree that I WILL NOT SUE OR MAKE A CLAIM against the Released Parties for damages or other losses sustained as a result of my participation in the Martial Arts (Initial here ____). I also agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE RELEASED PARTIES HARMLESS from all claims, judgments and costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with any action brought as a result of my participation in the Martial Arts (Initial here ____).
3. I understand and acknowledge that the Martial Arts have inherent dangers that no amount of care, caution, instruction or expertise can eliminate and EXPRESSLY AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH SUSTAINED WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE MARTIAL ARTS WHETHER OR NOT CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES (Initial here ____).
4. I hereby expressly recognize that this Agreement and Release of Liability is a contract pursuant to which I have released any and all claims against the Released Parties resulting from my participation in the Martial Arts including and an all claim caused by the negligence of the Released Parties (Initial here ____).
5. I expressly agree that this Agreement and Release of Liability is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of California and that, if any portion of the Agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect (Initial here ____).
6. I hereby release all officials and professional personnel from any claim whatsoever on account of first aid, treatment or service rendered me during participation in Martial Arts (Initial here ____).
7. I was advised and recognize that instruction in the Martial Arts involves strenuous exercise and personal body contact with the inherent risk of injury, including, but not limited to, pulled muscles, dislocated joints, and broken bones, that cannot be eliminated (Initial here ____).

8. I was also advised that in accordance with the law, the Released Parties do not exclude individuals with medical conditions that do not pose a medically recognized threat to the health or safety of other students in the normal course of training. I understand that there are some unavoidable circumstances where these conditions may require special caution on my part to minimize danger to others, or myself and I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to act accordingly. (Initial here ____).
9. In particular, I understand that some students may be infected with diseases such as HIV/AIDS and hepatitis that can be transmitted by exchanges of blood or other bodily fluids and that I may be training with them. I acknowledge that I have read and will follow the Released Parties' procedures (see, below, Blood Borne Pathogen Policy) for dealing with injuries to others, or myself that present opportunities for exposure to blood or body fluids (Initial here ____).
10. I understand that the Martial Arts is an educational system. For the safety of myself and other members, I will practice in a considerate and conscientious manner and strictly follow all rules established by the Released Parties. Should I break any of these rules, I understand that it is the decision of the head instructor whether I may continue training. I will abide by that decision (Initial here ____).
11. This release contains the entire agreement between the parties and the terms are contractual and not a mere recital (Initial here ____).

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL. I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND MEANING AND HEREBY DECLARE MYSELF TO BE PHYSICALLY SOUND WITH MEDICAL APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARTIAL ARTS.

Dated _____ Signature _____

If the applicant is under 18:

I the undersigned, as parent or guardian of the above applicant, certify that I have read the above agreement and I consent to the applicant's receiving the instruction applied for and I agree to the provisions of the contract for myself and said applicant.

Dated _____ Signature _____

PHOTO RELEASE

I HEREBY GRANT AIKIDO KENKYUKAI SANTA BARBARA PERMISSION TO USE MY LIKENESS IN PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEO OR OTHER DIGITAL REPRODUCTION IN ANY AND ALL OF ITS PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING WEBSITE ENTRIES, WITHOUT PAYMENT OR ANY OTHER CONSIDERATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEOS/DIGITAL REPRODUCTIONS USING MY LIKENESS MAY BE USED FOR PROMOTIONAL AND/OR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.

(Signature) (Date)

(Printed Name)

If the person signing is under age 18, there must be consent by a parent or guardian, as follows:

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of _____,
named above, and do hereby give my consent on behalf of this person.

(Parent/Guardian's Signature) (Date)

(Parent/Guardian's Printed Name)

Blood Borne Pathogen Policy

Please Read Carefully

To protect the dojo family against disease, Aikido Kenkyukai has adopted the following policy intended to minimize the risk of transmission of HIV, Hepatitis-B and other blood borne pathogens during training activities. Current available medical evidence suggests that the risk of transmission of HIV during the type of contact that occurs in Aikido training is extremely slight. Organizations such as the NCAA, the National Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Sports Medicine, and the U.S. Olympic Committee have concluded that persons affected with blood-borne pathogens, particularly HIV, should not be barred from participating in contact sports. Certain federal and state anti-discrimination laws may also prohibit such a ban. These organizations have also concluded that the already slight risk of transmission of HIV and other blood-borne pathogen diseases can be reduced further by the adoption of the Center for Disease Control-recommended "Universal Precautions". This Dojo will observe these "Universal Precautions". Generally this means that instructors and persons training in this dojo shall treat all exposed body fluids as if they were infected. Specifically, the following measures will be observed at all times:

1. If you have any open cuts or sores, you must clean them with a suitable antiseptic and cover them securely with a leakproof dressing before coming onto the mat. Make sure that the cut or sore stay covered while you are training. If your hands or feet have broken skin, suitable gloves or tabi may be worn to cover these areas. If you notice that someone else has an open cut or sore remind them of their obligation before training with that person.

2. If a bleeding wound, even a minor one, occurs during training, the person bleeding shall immediately stop training and leave the mat until the bleeding stops and the wound is securely covered. Immediate measures shall be taken to stop the bleeding. If the person needs assistance with this then each person assisting shall wear a pair of latex gloves (which are available in the dojo first aid kit). Hands shall be washed with soap and hot water immediately after gloves are removed. All used gloves, bloody dressings and rags, etc shall be placed in a leakproof plastic bag provided for that purpose. All contaminated items should be disposed of carefully. Minor bloodstains on Gi should be treated with a disinfectant provided for this purpose. If there are major blood stains the Gi shall be removed as soon as possible, placed into a leakproof container and handled carefully until it can be laundered or disposed of.
3. If you come into contact with the blood of another, you shall immediately stop training, leave the training area and wash the exposed area thoroughly with soap and hot water before returning.
4. If blood is present on the mat, the training partner of the person bleeding shall insure that no one inadvertently comes into contact with the blood, while the bleeding person attends to his injury (in accordance with #2, above). The blood should be cleaned up as soon as possible by wiping the exposed surface with a disinfectant solution provided for this purpose. Each person assisting with this task shall put on a pair of latex gloves and shall wash their hands with soap and hot water immediately after the gloves are removed. It is preferable however that the person bleeding clean their own blood. Bloody rags and used gloves shall be disposed of as set out in Paragraph 2.

Finally, there are other diseases and illnesses aside from those transmitted through blood. You are reminded that you are responsible for not only your own health and safety but the health and safety of others with whom you train. If you know or suspect that you have any illness or disease which might infect others, please refrain from training until you are no longer a risk to others. This self-defense and consideration of yourself and your fellow Budoka is your responsibility and part of your training. It is embodied in the spirit of the Budo we study.