



**NATIONAL  
KARATE-DO  
FEDERATION**

***GIFT POLICY***

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**USA National Karate-do Federation Gifts and Entertainment Policy**  
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This policy is intended to guide USA National Karate-do Federation (USA Karate) employees, contractors, volunteer staff, Committee members, Task Force members, Hearing Panel members, Officers, and Board members (Affiliated Individual), and the Affiliated Individual's spouses and immediate family members ("USA Karate Staff" will be used throughout this document to refer to these individuals) on how to handle Gifts and Entertainment. From time to time USA Karate Staff may be offered a gift or invitation to a sporting event or other form of entertainment from individuals or companies that do business with, or are interested in doing business with USA Karate. Additionally, there may be times where it is in USA Karate's interest for a member of USA Karate Staff to offer a gift or invitation to an event to a third party.

This policy should not be considered in any way as an encouragement to make, solicit or receive any type of entertainment or gift. Indeed, USA Karate Staff may not, under any circumstances, actively solicit any type of entertainment or gift. Further, USA Karate will not, under any circumstances, permit or authorize participation in any business gifts or entertainment that might be considered lavish, inappropriate or illegal.

***Receiving Business Courtesies***

***General Rules:***

- I. Current Business Partners:** USA Karate Staff may accept gifts from individuals and companies that currently do business with, or make donations to USA Karate as follows: (a) partner/sponsor/supplier products and partner/sponsor/supplier-branded products (e.g., logoed jackets) with a value of up to \$1,000 per USA Karate Staff Member, per year, per individual/company; (b) other gifts with a value of not more than \$200 per USA Karate Staff Member, per year, per individual/company; (c) invitations for the USA Karate Staff to attend sporting events with an individual/company representative (including travel to and from such events only to the extent approved in advance by the Ethics Committee); (d) on an infrequent basis, invitations for a spouse or family member to join the USA Karate Staff member at a sporting event with an individual/company representative; (e) invitations to attend fundraising events with an individual/company representative at no cost to the USA Karate Staff Member; (f) invitations to attend other social, educational or entertainment events intended to enhance the business relationship, provided that the cost of the event does not exceed \$200 per USA Karate Staff Member, per event and \$400 total per individual/company per year; and (g) perishable or consumable gifts provided that the gift is reasonable and not unduly lavish.

- II. Prospective Business Partners:** USA Karate Staff may accept gifts from individuals and

companies that are not current business partners of the USA Karate, but that may or may not be seeking to engage in a business relationship with the USA Karate as follows: (a) gifts with a value of not more than \$100 per USA Karate Staff Member, per year, per individual/company; (b) invitations for the USA Karate Staff Member to attend sporting events with an individual/company representative (but not travel to and from such events); (c) invitations to attend fundraising events with an individual/company representative; (d) invitations to attend other social, educational or entertainment events intended to promote the possible business relationship, provided that the cost of the event does not exceed \$100 per USA Karate Staff Member per event and \$200 total per USA Karate Staff Member per individual/company per year.

USA Karate Staff may accept gift certificates within the limits set forth in this policy, but may never accept cash or financial instruments (e.g., checks, stocks).

***Disclosure and approval:***

All gifts or invitations falling under section I(a), I(c) and II(b) above and all invitations that involve the third party paying for the USA Karate Staff Member's travel and/or overnight accommodations must be promptly reported to the Ethics Officer. Prior to accepting invitations to opportunities that include travel and overnight accommodations during business hours, written approval must be received from the USA Karate Team Member's supervisor and the Ethics Officer.

Any potential gifts or invitations extended that exceed the limits and/or parameters noted above must be disclosed to, and approved in advance by, the Ethics Officer before they may be accepted.

In addition, the Ethics Committee shall have the right, in consultation with the affected USA Karate Team Member, to require that any gift(s) be donated to USA Karate or another agreed upon charity if the Ethics Committee believes that such gift(s) is not proper and/or creates an appearance of impropriety.

***Extending Business Courtesies***

***General rules:***

There may be times when a USA Karate employee, volunteer staff member or Board member (for purposes of this section "USA Karate Host") wishes, as a business matter, to extend to a current or potential USA Karate business associate (i.e., an individual or company) a gift or an invitation to attend a social event (e.g., reception, meal, sporting event, or theatrical event) to further or develop a business relationship.

In such instances gifts may not exceed \$200 per person per year, without the prior written approval of the CEO and/or the Ethics Officer. Gifts exclude the cost of airfare, hotel meals and

incidentals for guests of USA Karate that are within the GSA limits.

Invitations to events must be reasonable and appropriate. Topics of a business nature must be discussed at the event, and the USA Karate Host must be present. The cost associated with such an event should not exceed \$200 per person/company per year, except with regard to sporting events and fundraising functions, without the prior written approval of the CEO and/or the Ethics Officer. Moreover, such business entertainment with respect to any particular individual must be infrequent, which, as a general rule, means not more than four times per year. The CEO and/or the Ethics Officer must approve frequency beyond the foregoing in writing. All such business entertainment must comport with the code of conduct or code of ethics of the recipient's organization.

USA Karate colleagues may give gift certificates within the limits set forth in this policy, but may never give cash or financial instruments (e.g., checks, stocks).

***Fundraising Team Members:***

The USA Karate recognizes that the foregoing limits may hamper the ability of Fundraising team members to perform their job functions. In light of this, the limits will not apply to the fundraising team members if the invitation/event/etc. is part of his/her normal and reasonable job duties and providing the event is not lavish or unreasonable. For fundraising team members, costs of gifts and events should not exceed \$600 per person per year.

***Government Employees:***

The giving of gifts to federal, state and local government employees is governed by a complex set of rules that are typically agency specific. Generally, the giving of gifts to government employees is very limited or prohibited. Before offering a gift to a government employee, you must receive the approval of the CEO and/or the Ethics Officer.

***Disclosure and approval:***

All gifts or invitations must be covered by the appropriate USA Karate budget and must be approved in advance by the applicable USA Karate supervisor.

Any potential gifts or invitations extended that exceed the limits and/or parameters noted above must be disclosed to, and approved in advance by, the CEO and/or the Ethics Officer before they may be offered.

***Summary***

Generally, giving or receiving gifts or invitations are limited by rules set by the USA Karate,

and USA Karate Staff are encouraged to seek advice if uncertain from either his/her supervisor or the Ethics Officer.

***Policy Owner***

USA Karate's Ethics Committee and CEO will own this policy and the enforcement of the Policy. Questions about the policy and its enforcement can be directed via email to [ethics@usankf.org](mailto:ethics@usankf.org)