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USA KARATE

CLUB MEMBERSHIP | FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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1. What are the USA Karate Club Membership tiers?

USA Karate offers three Club Membership tiers:

BRONZE | \$200/year

National recognition and official alignment with USA Karate.

SILVER | \$500/year

Expanded operational benefits including event pricing advantages, coach credentials, insurance access, and a 10% dan testing discount.

GOLD | \$750/year

Premier leadership tier including enhanced event credentials, VIP access, priority listing, a 20% dan testing discount, and a seat on the Gold Club Council.

2. When does Club Membership run?

Club Membership operates on a calendar year basis (January 1 – December 31).

Pro-rated pricing may apply for clubs joining mid-year.

3. Do you offer pro-rated pricing?

Yes. Clubs joining mid-year may qualify for pro-rated pricing based on the time remaining in the Membership Year.

Current pricing and pro-rated rates are published in official USA Karate program materials.



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4. How do we register or upgrade our club membership?

Clubs must log into their existing Sport80 membership account to register or upgrade.

To Register a Club:

1. Log into Sport80
2. Select "Register a Club"
3. Choose your membership tier
4. Complete registration and payment

To Upgrade an Existing Club:

1. Log into your Sport80 account
2. Navigate to your current Club Membership
3. Select "Upgrade"
4. Choose your new tier and complete payment

For assistance, contact natoffice@usankf.org

5. What are the requirements to register a club?

To register as a USA Karate Member Club:

- The Club Owner must be a Level 2 or higher USA Karate Member in good standing
 - Clubs must comply with all SafeSport training, background screening, and reporting requirements
 - All required individuals must be properly registered and compliant
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6. Who needs to be registered with USA Karate?

The following individuals must be registered:

- The Club Owner
- All coaches, instructors, and individuals in positions of authority
- Any athletes or coaches participating in USA Karate events
- All adult individuals (18+) who regularly participate in training activities within the club must maintain a USA Karate membership

7. Do all adult students need to be USA Karate members?

Adult individuals who regularly participate in training activities within a USA Karate Member Club are required to maintain a USA Karate membership or compliance registration.

This requirement supports:

- Athlete safety
- SafeSport compliance
- National standards and accountability

Occasional or drop-in participants are not the focus of this requirement.

8. What does “regularly participate” mean?

“Regularly participate” generally refers to adult individuals who:

- Train consistently as part of the club
- Attend classes on an ongoing basis
- Are part of the club’s active training environment

USA Karate reserves the right to interpret and enforce this requirement as needed.



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9. What is the 45-day rule?

To receive Silver or Gold event-specific benefits (coach credentials, media passes, and VIP access), your membership must be active no later than 45 days prior to the start date of a Signature Event.

Upgrading after that deadline will not apply to that event.

10. What are USA Karate Signature Events?

Signature Events include:

- USA Karate USA Open
 - USA Karate National Championships
 - Any additional events designated by USA Karate
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11. How do we claim our complimentary coach or media credentials?

Eligible Silver and Gold clubs must:

1. Email natoffice@usankf.org
2. Include your club name and club number
3. Specify the event and credential type requested

USA Karate will provide a unique coupon code to use during event registration.

All SafeSport, background screening, and registration requirements must be completed for credential validation.



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12. Are credentials transferable?

No. Coach and media credentials:

- Are non-transferable
- Must be used by individuals affiliated with the qualifying club
- May not be sold or reassigned

Misuse may result in revocation of benefits or club status.

13. What does preferred pre-registration pricing mean?

Athletes affiliated with a current USA Karate Club Member receive pre-registration pricing for Signature Events, provided they register before the Late Registration deadline.

Late Registration pricing applies to all athletes.

14. Is SafeSport compliance required?

Yes. All clubs must comply with applicable SafeSport policies, training requirements, reporting obligations, and background screening standards.

Failure to comply may result in suspension or revocation of membership.

15. Can a club lose its membership?

Yes. USA Karate may suspend or revoke membership for:

- SafeSport violations
 - Branding misuse
 - Fraudulent activity
 - Conduct violations
 - Failure to meet program requirements
 - Actions detrimental to USA Karate or the sport
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16. Can membership be transferred if a club changes ownership?

No. Club membership is non-transferable without written approval from USA Karate.

Ownership changes may require review.

17. Who can we contact with questions?

For questions regarding membership, upgrades, or event benefits:

natoffice@usankf.org

18. Program Administration

USA Karate reserves the right to interpret and enforce all aspects of the Club Membership Program as necessary to protect the integrity of the organization and the sport.
