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WAKO Executive Committee

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Kickboxing GB is the National Governing Body for Kickboxing within the UK. Our role is to govern and administer the sport on a national basis to develop the sport whilst regulating its environment to ensure safe practices are followed, thereby safeguarding the welfare of its members across the country.

For clubs to run safely Kickboxing GB has implemented an approval process which all new prospect members must go through to gain recognition and insurance. This process is part of Kickboxing GB's commitment to ensuring our clubs and coaches reach and maintain good safeguarding standards.

The following criteria must be met by all member clubs:

1. Head coaches must have a black belt that is recognised by Kickboxing GB. We would expect to see the certificate so that the awarding body and heritage of the qualification can be verified.
2. All club coaches and volunteers must be DBS checked. Kickboxing GB can provide this service, but we will also accept DBS checks that have been carried out independently by the club. Certificates would have to be provided in the case of the latter and should be no older than three months. Note that all DBS certificates must be renewed every 3 years.
3. All club coaches must be first-aid qualified. Kickboxing GB can arrange for a first aid course, but we will also accept first aid certificates from recognised bodies e.g. red cross, St John's Ambulance etc.
4. All club coaches must have done a safeguarding course. Kickboxing GB can arrange for this but again we will accept certificates from recognised bodies e.g. NSPCC, UK Coaching etc.
5. All club coaches must show relevant coaching qualifications. Kickboxing GB will recognise qualifications that can be verified with the organisation issuing the qualification. As a bare minimum we recommend club coaches join UK Coaching at www.ukcoaching.org and take the following courses: 1. Plan,Do,Review, 2. Inspiring Positive Behaviour in Sport. Courses in coaching special needs are highly recommended but not mandatory. The courses offered by the following organisations are recommended:
 - <https://www.anncrafttrust.org/>
 - <https://thecpsu.org.uk/>
 - <https://www.nwgnetwork.org/>
 - <https://www.ukcoaching.org/courses>
6. All clubs must get their safeguarding code in martial arts mark with <https://www.safeguardingcode.com/>. Kickboxing GB will help clubs through this process if they don't already have the mark.
7. All coaches must have their Kickboxing GB instructor indemnity insurance. This insurance will only be supplied by Kickboxing GB if coaches have the relevant checks and qualifications as described above.

As insurance is an annual renewal, this final check on coaches' insurance helps to ensure all Kickboxing GB clubs and their coaches stay current with respect to their DBS checks and first aid and safeguarding qualifications.



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