



**JKA ENGLAND**

# Thinking of starting your own club

日本空手協会



Thinking of starting a new dojo? It is easier than you think and JKA England is here to help and support for you in creating your dojo.

### Why JKA England

The key benefits and support JKA England can offer includes:

- Regional Officer Support
- Free Marketing support
- Website listing on [jka-england.org](http://jka-england.org)
- Access to key JKA instructors and courses
- Access to Annual General Meetings
- Unparalleled exposure to the JKA World Federation

### Criteria

There are some criteria you will need to think about before considering opening up your own dojo. These will include:

- JKA 1<sup>st</sup> Dan or above<sup>1</sup>
- Over 18 years old
- Coaching Licence – This can be obtained through a practical assessment with one of our trained instructors.
- CRB Check - Criminal Record Bureau – Disclosure
- Instructors Insurance - JKA co-ordinates for better premiums.

### Other Considerations

Running your own dojo is immense fun but you should also consider the financial and practical aspect of running a dojo. These would include:

- Dojo location – can local premises be rented / hired / utilised to run your dojo. What times can you obtain the dojo for training? Are there any other dojo's in the area or other martial arts clubs that may be nearby;
- Number of students you can attract and hope to retain.
- Funding for the dojo – will additional funds be required to help run the dojo and what funding options are available.
- Club legal structure – should the club be run for profit<sup>2</sup> or under a community arrangement (such as a Community Amateur Sport Club – CASC)

### Contact us

If you are interested and want to find out more, please contact us at:

**[newdojo@jka-england.org](mailto:newdojo@jka-england.org)**



<sup>1</sup> We do consider instructors from other associations but are required to grade under JKA rules. Please contact us for further details.

<sup>2</sup> Please note if the dojo or club is run as a business, there may be personal taxation implications to consider. Independent financial advice should be sought.