



Report to DDCMS
11th November 2020
Fully Reconciled

UK * QUALITY * SAFE * MARTIAL ARTS * INDUSTRY

The Office of the Martial Art Registrar [OfMAR] has provided statistical information since 2017 on the martial arts industry based on social media presence of clubs advertising their services in the UK across the top five GDPR complaint dojo listing websites.

Summary Information at 11th November 2020

Total actively registered UK martial art clubs	10,808
Officially Recognised Styles of martial arts	74
<u>Sport England: Supported and funded Styles</u>	3 Styles, 318 clubs
<u>Sport England: Supported but unfunded Styles</u>	9 Styles, 152 clubs
Total all clubs that receive Sport England Support:	4.35 %
Sport England clubs reporting a breach warning:	53.40 %
Total all clubs reporting a flag breach warning:	35.82 %
Total clubs reporting an Association alignment:	1,617
Percentage total clubs aligned with an Association:	14.96 %
No. UK Registered Governing Associations:	413
Percentage Total clubs reporting Insurer Coverage:	2.91 %

OFMAR has long pressed for Club certification, approval and licensing for the Martial Arts Industry to protect legitimate and qualified instructors who invest their time serving their community. OFMAR has written to DCMS and the Government We still await a response from this level as to whether approval and registration will be a pre-requisite to the recommencing teaching and training.

OFMAR received a confirmatory letter from the Department of Culture Media and Sport regarding the return to participation for instructors. This letter confirms several main points that martial arts can resume on a non contact basis as long as it is done in alignment with government guidance on group sizes, social distancing and venues.

Obviously this instruction is now superceded by 'Lockdown2' but with the potential roll out of a vaccine clubs should be able to return to train once the restrictions are relaxed.

Martial Art Conduct Authority



DATA ACCURACY

OFMAR data is validated and reconciled every time a new school appears on any of the top five UK GDPR Compliant dojo search engines.

Every entry is checked against the Industry 'Master List' to ensure it is a unique school. Each club is assigned a unique 14 digit identifier; acting as the service key across the industry; verifying that exact precise location, style and supervising instructor in case of an accident, incident or welfare issue arising.

RECOGNISED STYLES

The recognised styles report details the number of clubs registered with a particular style. It also details the yearly trend movement across the data spans so prospective customers can see which styles are trending or popular.

This report also now includes the number of clubs in the Style that fall below the industry mean reporting average so seeking a good school is essential for winning potential customers.

APPROVING * ACCREDITING * UK * INSTRUCTORS

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

After Reviewing the Government Guidelines following the reopening of Sports Facilities we have published to the website the consolidated Action Plan Part A – which covers all the areas that Instructors have to review before preparing their Risk Assessment

Please note that the important remarks are a well ventilated space (without recycled air), allowing 100sqft per student (3m x3m) and using this to calculate your maximum venue capacity. The Government have alluded that they will review the one metre plus rule in November, to evaluate whether social distancing can be relaxed and closer contact sparring and grappling can be opened up.

OFMAR has fielded a number of enquiries looking at exclusion clauses for 'Lockdown2' so that instructors can continue to teach at venues. DCMS have suspended 'Grass roots' Sports to prevent community transference. This is to protect individuals and the NHS from being overwhelmed during the Winter season.

Many complaints stem from bare foot training. As Covid can be passed through contact OFMAR recommends that students wear shoes when training and full length trousers.

Instructors should review all pictures they post to social media. Many photos include instructors without facemasks in less than 1m contact distance from children. The guidance states that 100sqft (3m x 3m) must be allowed for students to train to maintain social distancing. Obviously 'support bubbles' can train together. Many dojos are marked out in 2m squares which only allows 36sqft per person. Ventilation is key and must be at minimum of 100l/ps.

A 20m x 15m dojo will allow a maximum capacity of 27 persons. A 8m x 12m will only allow a maximum capacity of 9 persons. This is clearly stipulated in the guidance. Clubs that do not implement this requirement cannot be determined as Covid Secure and could be fined or be invalidating their insurance.

The ONS reports that potentially 140,000 persons are contracting Covid everyday resulting in approximately 20,000 cases. Although 1person in 5 may be succumbing to the infection, the remaining 4 persons are continuing to pass it on and aren't caught through Test and Trace. Exercise accounts as the 6th biggest spreader of Covid at roughly 3% cases per day. Potentially exercise and gym classes are accountable for 5000 cases of Covid every day.

Stay Safe – Prevent the Spread - Maintain Distance

REGIONAL SPLIT

ENGLAND	9359 clubs
SCOTLAND	797 clubs
WALES	404 clubs
N. IRELAND	225 clubs
EIRE	8 clubs
OTHER	15 clubs



OFMAR is here to approve and certify legitimate schools and clubs who are committed to teaching quality Martial Arts

OFMAR has completed its data reconciliation upto 11th November 2020. The next hurdle that faces instructors is the effect of Brexit on 1st January 2021.

This has a massive effect on any agency that transfer personal data or payments overseas as Associations or Funding Companies that are non UK Registered may have to impose WTO Terms to UK Clubs.

Another salient point here is that the GDPR Triennial review is due on 25th May 2021 and all clubs should complete and update their GDPR Protocols by or in advance of this date to ensure they are covered in case of an ICO data breach investigation.

OFMAR can always help with these issues.

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