



Report to DDCMS
4th January 2021
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 4th January 2021

Total actively registered UK martial art clubs	10,824
Officially Recognised Styles of martial arts	74
<u>Sport England: Supported and funded Styles</u>	3 Styles, 321 clubs
<u>Sport England: Supported but unfunded Styles</u>	9 Styles, 152 clubs
Total all clubs that receive Sport England Support:	4.37 %
Sport England clubs reporting a breach warning:	54.04 %
Total all clubs reporting a flag breach warning:	35.91 %
Total clubs reporting an Association alignment:	1,620
Percentage total clubs aligned with an Association:	14.97%
No. UK Registered Governing Associations:	413
Percentage Total clubs reporting Insurer Coverage:	2.90%

OFMAR has long pressed for Club certification, approval and licensing for the Martial Arts Industry to protect legitimate and qualified instructors who vest their time serving their communities. OFMAR has written to DCMS and the Government but we are still awaiting a response from this level as to whether approval and registration will be a pre-requisite to the recommending 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Obviously this instruction is now superceded by 'Lockdown3' but with the potential roll out of a vaccine clubs should be able to return to train once the restrictions are relaxed from mid February going forward.

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.

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COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

As from 5th January 2021 Englan and Scotland will be entering a third national lockdown which will probably remain in place until half term or mid February. This is a stay at home order and the only permitted social interaction with persons outside of your bubble is in an outdoor environment with one other person and maintaining a minimum distance of 2metres.

The recent UK Covid-19 variant (although being between 56% and 70% more transmissible) is behind the reason for the lockdown. There is currently a 'race' to vaccinate more people than those that are testing positive; but at the moment there is hope that the vaccine roll out will begin to ease some of the pressure on hospitals and the NHS in three to six weeks with hopefully lower case numbers and admissions. This is an undertaking now to ease matters later.

The current rolling 7 day case average is 58,784 new cases a day; with an average 611 daily deaths. In December we saw 856,651 new cases being reported and 15,064 Covid-19 deaths, representing almost a third of our entire infections. Proper Hand Hygiene, Social Distancing, Face Coverings are vital in confronting the outbreak along with proper ventilation. Source Worldometers

Please note that those who have received the vaccination are not exempt from the Lockdown rules. Even though (in theory) they have a higher resistance to the infection, there is still a possibility they could catch (and infect others) with Covid-19 and may subsume to the infection at some point themselves. The vaccines as we know are not yet 100% effective at preventing infection.

Newsletter 6 on the OFMAR Website discusses some of the salient points around Covid-19 that club operators and Instructors should consider. This includes long covid, mutations and transmission.

The UK Covid-19 strain adds approximately 0.4 – 0.7 to the r rate, effectively putting it between 1.5 and 1.9 currently. At the height of last summer the r rate was reduced to 0.6 and this is a level that we need to return to.

OFMAR is currently reviewing the Brexit transition protocols. The UK Martial Arts Industry has to accept into its markets services and products that are not regulated in exactly the same way and on the same basis as UK Products and Services.

It is highly likely that many associations, clubs and instructors may be running unapproved, unregulated and possibly uninsured from 1st January 2021 onwards. The maximum fine for this is 10% Annual Turnover or £10M whichever is lower so check your status now.

REGIONAL SPLIT

ENGLAND	9375 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 4th January 2021. 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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