



Report to DDCMS  
5<sup>th</sup> July 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 UK GDPR complaint dojo listing websites.

**Summary Information at 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Total actively registered UK martial art clubs	<b>10,878</b>
Officially Recognised Styles of martial arts	<b>74</b>
<u>Sport England: Supported and funded Styles</u>	<b>3 Styles, 322 clubs</b>
<u>Sport England: Supported but unfunded Styles</u>	<b>9 Styles, 154 clubs</b>
Total all clubs that receive Sport England Support:	<b>4.37 %</b>
Sport England clubs reporting a breach warning:	<b>53.89 %</b>
Total all clubs reporting a flag breach warning:	<b>36.28 %</b>
Total clubs reporting an Association alignment:	<b>1,629</b>
Percentage total clubs aligned with an Association:	<b>14.98%</b>
No. UK Registered Governing Associations:	<b>413</b>
Percentage Total clubs reporting Insurer Coverage:	<b>2.89%</b>

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.

We did contact both Sport England, CIMSPA, NSPCC and DCMS for further clarification to reopening clubs properly but they haven't yet replied.

However in the last month we have been in contact with the United Kingdom Accreditation Service UKAS to discuss the framework and implementation of a body awarding certification standard for Martial Art Instructors, Schools, Clubs and Associations.

**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.

Facebook, Google and Bark.com are not UK GDPR Complaint platforms.

OFMAR has also noted that the Martial art register website is no longer available so please check if your premiums continue to be deducted.

**RECOGNISED STYLES**

The Dataset OFMAR holds has now been fully reconciled prior to entering a UKAS Audit and Reporting phase of the PAS Procedure

Reports now declare how many clubs within a published style fall below the minimum UKAS accepted Passmark to be able to accredit an approve their clubs.

On average only 2180 clubs in the UK have satisfactorily met requirements to currently be approved

**APPROVING \* ACCREDITING \* UK \* INSTRUCTORS**

### **COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS**

The Delta Wave has seen significant increase in new case numbers, (up 4000%) on this point last year, although the daily deaths have stabilised around the 30 per day mark.

The Government is under pressure to release the economy and businesses, but expedient, pragmatic and prudent logical measures seems to have given way to a knee jerk reaction to please those that shout loudest.

From August 16<sup>th</sup> facemasks, risk assessments and contact will be revised. There will no longer be requirements to record statistics or book into NHS Centres. It does seem that the Government approach is "if you are going to get it, deal with it".

It remains personal choice how much risk you are willing to take. Chris Whitty recommends facemasks where social distancing cannot be maintained, social places and if it makes others more comfortable. We recommend all clubs continue to follow prophylaxis measures to prevent the spread of infection.

### **UKAS Feedback on Martial Art Club Registration**

OFMAR has now aligned its live data with the recognised styles page on its website. This will become the reconciliation and audit document that OFMAR / UKAS will use to audit club data.

OFMAR has applied the changes to the scoring matrix that UKAS proposed. From initial output 8,968 clubs now fall below the minimum pass mark required to be considered for accreditation, certification or recognition as martial arts clubs. WE are currently liaising with DCMS to report these figures and objectively question the funding for underperforming and non compliant clubs with Sport England and CIMSPA.

From 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 it has become a requirement for all supervising chief instructors to be externally DBS verified, Covid Risk Assessments must be filed and Associations must certify clubs have permission to teach. Instructors must also file their triennial GDPR risk assessment and checklist with OFMAR. On average each clubs has lost 20% of their base score mark by not providing this data.

As a result of the UKAS review the OFMAR Prices have changed. Please see the website, as Administration and Verification, DBS Scoring and Certification now has to be included in the price.

### **REGIONAL SPLIT**

ENGLAND	9415 clubs
SCOTLAND	804 clubs
WALES	411 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

### **POST COVID SIMULATION**

We have added a publication entitled 'Levelling the Playing Field' to our website download for any club or instructor looking to reopen from 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 onwards.

OFMAR has continued its discount with Insure4Sport for 25% off professional club indemnity insurance. Use Code OFMAR19 when purchasing your club insurance to receive the discount.

This code can be used each subsequent year as well.

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