

DOJO KUN 1 – Seek perfection of character.

This means that the art of karate is more than just physical. All beginners, especially the young should be taught the importance of character building, discipline, and rigorous training. An experience that will provide a lifetime of benefit of inner strength and peace.

DOJO KUN 2 – Be faithful

The faith to be shown is in your sensei and dojo. The student must always be faithful to his sensei and follow in much the same way. A medieval samurai was bound to follow his feudal lord to the death without hesitation. The student must prove his/her loyalty over the years. The faith and loyalty extended to the sensei will be rewarded. In that, a great amount of knowledge and wisdom will be passed onto the student and his bond between sensei and student is extremely valuable and is the basis of the learning relationship.

DOJO KUN 3 - Endeavor (effort)

To endeavor means complete dedication and commitment necessary to achieve mastery of the art.

DOJO KUN 4 – Respect others (etiquette)

Respect for others is an important part of Japanese and Okinawan culture therefore common to the martial art. Gichin Funakoshi stressed that karate begins and ends with etiquette. He also stated that without courtesy there is no dojo.

DOJO KUN 5 – Refrain from violent behavior (self control)

The karate spirit is unbeatable and must use his knowledge only for sake of justice. A person of character can walk away from a fight because he is in control of his emotions and is at peace with himself. He wins without fighting and he will have no regrets because no one will be injured.