



Capoeira Karkará Cultural Arts Center, Inc.

Studio Policies

Communication: Communication is essential to success! We communicate with students via email, text, and notices on the bulletin board at the studio. We also post updates on our Instagram & Facebook Page/capoeirakarkara and in the WhatsApp chat group (for adults classes). Please take time to read all information sent out. We value your privacy and will never give your personal contact information to a third party without your permission.

Annual Event Fees: Students are responsible for paying bi-annual fees for our rank promotion ceremonies called “batizados” which take place at the beginning of May and November. Students will be automatically charged the bi-annual event fees in April and October each year. Students will be informed in advance the amount to be charged. This fee will cover the student’s participation in cord-change and cord-stripe ceremonies, all workshops with special guests offered during the events, and an event t-shirt.

Missed Classes & Refunds: Attendance is crucial in the progress of the class and the capoeirista. Students need to consider their other activities/work schedules before making a commitment to capoeira and it is your responsibility to attend your regularly scheduled classes at least 2 times/week. Students more than 10 minutes late to class need to ask permission from the instructor to enter and then warm up on the side before entering class. There will be no refunds or prorated tuition given for missed classes. Lack of attendance does not change the amount you will be charged monthly. No refunds are given for uniforms.

Scheduled Closures: The studio will be closed for many federal holidays and each winter between the Christmas and New Year Holiday. We may also close for 1 week in the summer if there is a special event with our group in Brazil that our instructors may attend. Your program tuition amount factors in these closures. Saturday classes are not included in your program tuition; they are added as a free bonus and may be canceled at any time due to special events in the community.

Weather Closures: The studio does not attach its closures to any local school district. In the event that a decision is made to close our studio due to inclement weather, students will be notified by email and text; as well as announcements posted on our Facebook Page.

Programs and Tuition Payments: New students will enroll in a 12 month foundations program. After an initial down payment, the remaining cost of the program will be split into installments to be paid monthly throughout the program. There are no refunds of program down payments, installment payments, or tuition payments made in full. After the initial 12 months, monthly payments will continue at the same rate until the student advances to the next bracket. Membership cancellations require a written notice 30 days in advance of the date of termination. Students who cancel their memberships and wish to re enroll at a later date will be required to pay a down payment and the current monthly payment rate.

Tuition holds: Students are permitted to place their membership on hold for a maximum of two months each year at a discounted rate of \$50/month if they will be out of the area for longer than a month, or if there is an emergency situation, such as a severe illness or injury that would inhibit participation for longer than a month.

Uniforms: All Capoeira Karkara students are expected to wear a uniform and cord to class. The use of a uniform increases the level of focus, organization, and professionalism in class. White shirts and white pants are acceptable. The welcome cord (“corda crua”) is typically handed out during the first roda of the month. Black training pants are available for sale and may be worn to class but not to all events. Black shirts are only acceptable for blue cords and higher. Students not wearing the Capoeira Karkará shirt and pants may not be able to participate in classes or you may purchase a new uniform to be able to participate.

Studio Etiquette: Parents, please be sure to supervise your child if you are in our studio for any amount of time other than between the class start and end time that you are enrolled for. This is for the safety of all members of our community. We do not provide supervision before/after class and are not responsible for any injury or harm that may occur with any child who is playing in the studio during a time they are not enrolled in a class. If you/your child are occupying an area surrounding a class that is taking place, please be respectful of that class and do not interrupt it. Street shoes are NOT to be worn on the mat areas at any time.

Pictures/Videos: The student/parent gives permission to be photographed and/or video recorded during participation in any activity in connection with Capoeira Karkará. If you do not wish your/your child’s image to be used for marketing purposes, please submit your request to info@capokusa.com