Omaha Blue Waves Combined Tournament and Demo Team 2016-2017 Requirements

Dear Omaha Blue Waves Members:

Thank you for your interest in the **Omaha Blue Waves Tournament and Demo TEAMS** for the 2016-2017 season. **All TEAM** members are required to maintain good standing at Omaha Blue Waves or the Armbrust YMCA during the course of their commitment to the TEAM and must attend *at* ***least 2 regular classes each week***. Additionally, it is strongly suggested that Team members be enrolled in and attend one extreme class per week.

Membership is ***completely voluntary*** and all Omaha Blue Waves students are welcome to apply. Like *all* organized activities the Omaha Blue Waves Tournament and Demo Team have set rules that include: attendance, sportsmanship, and service requirements. A membership commitment for the Tournament and Demo TEAM are required for one full year. Students who do not feel like they can make this commitment should ***not*** apply.

Omaha Blue Waves normally charges $80 for one 50-minute class per week per month. The discounted cost for Tournament and Demo TEAM classes is $35 per month. The fee covers instruction for one 50-minute class per week *and* any additional special classes that may be assigned for specific purposes such as a tournament or a demonstration. TEAM classes are discounted because members are **required** to attend a number of mandatory events each year.

Omaha Blue Waves TEAM Members are responsible for attending *every* mandatory event assigned to them. *Due to the limited number of events in a year, members may not miss more than one mandatory event during a year and remain on the TEAM.* Team members should expect to attend between 4 to 8 tournaments each year. We will try to set at least 2-3 tournaments out of the area to insure students are able to engage different competitors. Team Members can expect to do 4-5 formal demos per year and 3-5 seminar style demos per year. Members will be selected for each individual demo based on skills, attitude, and work ethic.

There are approximately 40 scheduled TEAM classes per year. Attendance at all TEAM classes is extremely important to the overall functioning of your TEAM. TEAM Members are allowed 3 *excused* TEAM classes per year *without* any penalty. If a member misses more than 3 TEAM classes, then the 4th through 10th excused absence from TEAM class will automatically result in a $5 fee being charged to their credit card per occurrence. Should a member miss more than 10 mandatory TEAM classes per year *or* more than 3 non-excused consecutive TEAM classes they will automatically be removed from the TEAM.

TEAM members that are given the opportunity *and* accept special free practices for a specified purpose and fail to attend those classes may be removed from the TEAM. Any *allowed absences* from these practices will count against the total number of allowed TEAM class absences per year.

Decorum, attitude, and commitment are extremely important requirements for TEAM members and their families. TEAM members are the public face of Omaha Blue Waves and as such are expected to act as role models both in and out of the classroom.

Respect for coaches, instructors, judges, the public and other TEAM members are of paramount importance. We know that, as in any sport, TEAM members and families become vested in the activities in which they participate. This can lead to intense emotions. Sometimes emotions can manifest in inappropriate ways such as anger for a decision of a judge, irritation at the conduct of other competitors or spectators, or resentment at a coach for a decision involving their child or them. While all of these feelings are understandable, inappropriate conduct can neither be condoned nor accepted. It is important to understand that no one can control the actions of others but we have complete control over our actions and as such we should strive to live an exemplary life.

As an individual TEAM member your attitude is extremely important to the functioning of the TEAM as a whole. Our goal should always be to win at any competition that we attend and to amaze crowds at any demonstration in which we perform. While there is no failure in not winning, there is failure in not striving to put forth your best effort. As a TEAM member you are expected to put forth your best effort at all times.

Many people see martial arts competition as an individual sport. There is some truth this, however; our TEAM members work with other members to promote an ideal of cooperation and commitment. Being part of a TEAM means you are making a commitment to people other than yourself. Members are expected to put forth as much effort to help other members achieve their goals as they do to achieve their own. By giving to others we become the people we are supposed to be and we grow as both humans and martial artists.

Last but not least, TEAM members are required to purchase and maintain a specialized uniform as prescribed by Omaha Blue Waves for the season in which they participate. Omaha Blue Waves will make every effort to insure that the cost of uniforms is both reasonable and visually appealing to all members. It is the responsibility of our members to insure uniforms meet specified requirements.

Omaha Blue Waves Martial Arts sponsors the Omaha National Martial Arts Championship each year. Team Members are responsible for providing a <u>minimum</u> of two volunteers to assist with the tournament to help with the functioning of the tournament. Volunteers can be family members or friends.

Omaha Blue Waves will provide 2016-2017 TEAM members with a point-tracking sheet at the first class that will help us track specific criteria concerning the development of each TEAM member. Some of these areas will include: martial arts skill development, community service, attitude, commitment, and participation in OBW extra curricular activities. At the end of the season, the Omaha Blue Waves Staff will tabulate the results and recognize exemplary members for contributions to the TEAM.

Please retain this letter of requirement for your personal records and turn in a copy of the attached contract prior to August 30, 2016. Members will be selected from submitted applications by the Omaha Blue Waves staff and/or try outs. Demonstrated class and/or previous TEAM membership commitment will be taken into consideration by the staff during the decision making process.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Helaney, 9th Dan
Omaha Blue Waves Martial Arts

Omaha Blue Waves Combined Tournament and Demo Team
2016-2017 Application and Contract

DATES: October 2, 2016 to October 1, 2017 (Training Begins September 2016)

APPLICANT NAME:_____
Please Print

[ ] Demo and Tournament Team

Please initial that you understand the following requirements:

[ ] I understand members must maintain good standing with a minimum of two regular classes per week at either the main school or the OBW program at YMCA. Demo Team members must, also, attend one extreme class per week.

[ ] I understand that there is a fee of $35 per month to attend team classes payable the first of each month. All TEAM fees are on a one-year, **no cancellation** auto-pay contract.

[ ] I understand that attendance at TEAM classes is expected and I authorize absentee FEES be assessed against my credit card for more than 3 excused absences.

[ ] I understand that if a member who misses more than 10 TEAM classes in a season or 3 consecutive TEAM classes will be removed from the TEAM.

[ ] I understand that TEAM members are expected to attend all required events per year. I understand that no member may miss more than **one** event per year.

[ ] I understand members be required to provide a minimum of two (2) volunteers to assist with the Omaha National Martial Arts Championship.

[ ] I understand that members will be required to purchase and maintain authorized TEAM uniforms.

[ ] I understand that TEAM members are required to volunteer at a minimum of two approved community services events per year.

[ ] I understand that Omaha Blue Waves retains all rights to select and dismiss Tournament and Demo TEAM members.

[ ] I understand that TEAM members are responsible for turning in approved point tracking sheets each week.

[ ] I have read and understand the requirements to maintain membership on the Omaha Blue Waves Tournament and Demo TEAM.

Applicant Signature: Parent Signature (under 19):

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Date Signed:_____