

Bond Street Dojo

Dues policy: Effective March 1, 2012

Note: the Dues Committee is made up a three people, the chief instructor, the treasurer, and the membership manager. Please direct any concerns to any of these three people and understand that they need to consult with the other committee members before they reach a decision.

1. Although many dojos require members to pay dues during months they do not train, Bond Street Dojo does not. However, we ask members to keep in mind that whether or not they train that month, the dojo still needs to pay rent. We would like members to consider continuing to pay dues during a training hiatus if their financial situation allows – this helps insure the continued existence of the dojo. There are members who do this, and we greatly appreciate their continued support. We will write you a charitable letter upon request for any unused portion of your dues at the end of the calendar year.
2. Members who train for one day need to pay dues for the entire month.
3. In general, dues are due by the 10th of the month.
4. New member introductory package: 3 months for \$180. Introductory package open to all new members or returning members who have been gone for more than 1 year.
5. Members Rates
 - a. **Option 1:** For those people on Affiliated, dues will be \$120/month
 - i. You may cancel or suspend Affiliated payments at any time by informing the Treasurer by email before the 1st of the relevant month. However, we greatly appreciate if you give us two weeks' notice.
 - b. **Option 2:** For those who choose to make monthly payments, other than through Affiliated, dues will be \$130/month.
 - c. **Option 3:** Members may choose to pay their dues for a year and receive a ten percent discount off the Affiliated rate of \$120/month.
 - i. The payment for one year's dues is \$1296.
 - ii. A member can make that yearly payment any month during the year for the current month and the succeeding 11 months.

- iii. That payment must be received by the 10th of the month or that member owes \$130 for the current month and the \$1296 will be applied to the next 12 months.
 - iv. That person may cancel their dues and receive a refund under these covenants:
 - 1. They inform us prior to the first day of the month for which they wish to receive a refund.
 - 2. There is no proration of dues by day, only by month.
 - 3. The dues will be expensed at the current rate of monthly cash or check dues payments, which is now a \$130/month if cancelled before completing the first three months and \$120/month if cancelled after 3 months or more.
- d. **Options 4:** Dues may be paid in advance (by cash or check) at the rate of \$120/month for a minimum of three months.
- i. The payment must be received by the 10th of the first month of the prepayment.
 - ii. The payment may be for non-consecutive months as long as those months do not extend past a 12 month period and you indicate at the time of payment for which months you are paying.
 - iii. That person may cancel their dues and receive a refund under these covenants:
 - 1. They inform us prior to the first day of the month for which they wish to receive a refund.
 - 2. There is no proration of dues by day, only by month.
 - 3. The dues will be expensed at the current rate of monthly cash or check dues payments, which now a \$130/month.
6. Please note: if you are two months in arrears, you need to pay up or speak with a member of the dues committee before continuing to practice.
7. Visitor mat fees:
- a. Mat fees are for people who are either visiting from out of town and/or members of another Aikido dojo.
 - b. Returning members or other people with an existing Aikido practice who wish to try the dojo may train by paying a mat fee for a period one month.
 - c. Mat fees for visitors will be \$20/day.
 - d. Weekly mat fees for visitors is \$60/week
 - e. Monthly mat fees for visitors is \$130/month
 - f. The instructor of a class is responsible for explaining the mat fee structure and collecting the fee.
 - g. Waiver of mat fees is subject to approval of the chief instructor or board of the directors.

8. Student rates are for full-time currently matriculated students. The new student rate will be \$100/month. Students are asked to produce a valid student ID and evidence of their full time status on a yearly basis. If you are receiving the student rate, please inform the dues committee when you are no longer a student and begin paying regular dues.
9. Members training at both Eizan Ryu and Bond Street
 - a. Rates will be \$100/month for those on Affiliated and \$110/month for those choosing to pay by cash or check.
 - b. Students may prepay by cash or check for a minimum of three months at the rate of \$100/months.
 - c. The same covenants apply to other prepayments and cancellations.
10. Scholarships are available based on financial need and subject to approval of the dues committee. (See above) If you are interested in a scholarship, please address a letter to the dues committee explaining your situation, what you can afford to pay each month and the time frame for which you think you may need the assistance. We ask that even if you are on a scholarship, that you make timely monthly payments in the amount agreed upon; we request that you sign up for Affiliated. Scholarships are designed for individuals who have a committed Aikido practice and show up regularly to class regardless of their level.
11. Any member is welcome to pay extra or make a tax deductible donation to the dojo. You may do so by cash, check or through our website: www.bondstreet.org.