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### The Wu Teh Code

True Martial Art distinguishes itself from fighting with its adherence to the ethical principles set forth in the Wu Teh Code. It is so named from the Chinese words Wu meaning military and Teh meaning morality, virtue, power and character. The code embodies the core expectations for students of the Martial Art and is vital to the Art.

- Honour your teacher
- Treat you fellow students as brothers/sisters
- Students should show respect for one another
- Always maintain humility, be considerate and kind to those less fortunate
- Approach learning with an empty cup
- Lead by example
- Trust your teacher's judgement as long as they remain your teacher
- Remember teachers are human and will make mistakes
- Always be courteous
- View criticism as an opportunity to grow
- Never openly criticise your teacher
- Take pride in your school, your fellows and yourself
- Two-person training is an opportunity to discipline your ego
- Intimidation of others in training is low level behaviour
- Perseverance and tenacity are signs of strength, never give up
- Cleanliness shows you honour yourself by example
- Do not be greedy for information
- Practise that which your teacher shows you
- Always address and introduce your teacher with their title as a sign of respect
- Bowing to your teacher and fellows is a sign of respect and gratitude
- Never debate the cost of instruction and always pay on time
- Try not be late to class or leave early without explanation
- "Teacher has no hands, no pockets" means when with your teacher they should not carry or move things when out in public
- Senior students are responsible for the junior students understanding these ethics
- Senior students accept challenges on behalf of the teacher, only if they are defeated would the teacher take up the challenge.
- If it is within your power, to save those less fortunate than yourself from abuse of any kind, do so.
- When going to study with other teachers first ask permission of your teacher
- Ensure you pay other teachers honourably or give them some tribute, a red envelope is a traditional method of conveyance.
- Never wear any symbol of rank to another school
- Always bow when entering someone else's school
- If studying with a guest teacher always open doors for them, address them with respect and pay for them etc.
- When eating with your seniors always allow them to start first, ensure their cup is always full and allow them the seat of honour.
- If in doubt, defer to your teacher and let them guide you.
- Allow your teacher to see your inner character, if you follow this code you will earn their respect
- Be honest and loyal to your teacher, your fellows and your school
- Understand other traditions may have other points of etiquette to follow, as long as they agree with the above it will honour you to observe them.