



# Summer School 2025

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025

10am -4pm

Arrival - No Later than 9.30

Maida Gym, Queens Avenue/ Scarlett's Road, Aldershot, GU11 2BT

Hi there,

As we start planning the big event, here is a brief summary of what to expect and what you need to do.

## FEES

- ❖ Please complete forms and send them to [afgb-connect@outlook.com](mailto:afgb-connect@outlook.com) as soon as possible so we can start planning when grading will take place.
- ❖ Fees must be with the AFGB Secretary no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. That means that, unless you are paying by bank transfer, it must be with your local Instructor no later than the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025.
- ❖ Bank details for direct transfers can be found on the BACS information sheet attached. For accounting purposes, it is important that references correctly reflect the payment.
- ❖ If you wish to pay in instalments, please contact Sensei Foster who will arrange a set of references and agree a payment plan, however, note that all instalments need to be made before the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## GRADINGS

- ❖ Anyone grading for a grade up to orange belt merely has to complete a Summer School form and pay the Summer School & Grading Fees.
- ❖ If Grading for any grade above Orange Belt, you must, in addition to the Summer School form, complete a grading form, ensure you get your instructor to complete his/her section and you, the student, needs to get the form sent to [afgb-connect@outlook.com](mailto:afgb-connect@outlook.com). Your instructor should have a stock of grading forms and they are also online at <https://fleetaikidoclub.org.uk/aikido-fellowship-forms>

## LAST MINUTE CANCELLATIONS

- ❖ Should we be forced to cancel the event, fees will be refunded in full.
- ❖ Should you need to cancel at short notice then fees will be refunded in full assuming it does not affect the event; otherwise, refunds will be dependant of the event impact.

## ARRIVAL

- ❖ Doors open at 9am and we're due to start at 10am.
- ❖ Please arrive no later than 9:30am.
- ❖ You will need to register your arrival, get changed and be on the mat ready for the formal Rei at 10am.
- ❖ There will be space for bags but be mindful other people will be using the venue so it is for you to secure your belongings at all times.

## FOOD & DRINK

- ❖ There will be no formal breaks other than 30 minutes for Lunch.
- ❖ The only refreshments available at the venue is a soft-drinks/snack vending machine and a water fountain.
- ❖ You are recommended to bring water and hydrate regularly.
- ❖ There is no food venue on site but there is a Morrisons and Tesco about ½ mile away from Maida Gym. It is recommended you do not leave site to purchase lunch, rather pick it up on the way in.

## CHANGING ROOMS

- ❖ Changing rooms are available but not that big so be prepared to wait.

## END OF DAY

- ❖ Please ensure you leave the dojo clean and tidy.
- ❖ It will NOT be possible to leave equipment or clothing over-night.
- ❖ On Sunday, priority will be given to those traveling long distances to access the changing rooms at the end of practice.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

- ❖ If you do not wish to be in any photographs or videos taken on the day, please email [afgb-connect@virginmedia.com](mailto:afgb-connect@virginmedia.com) to stipulate this: by default, it is assumed that photographs and videos can be taken.

## PRACTICE SAFETY RULES

- ❖ You are required to wear Zori or footwear around the dojo. Do NOT walk off the mat in bare feet.
- ❖ You must inform Sensei Foster via the Fellowship email address [afgb-connect@outlook.com](mailto:afgb-connect@outlook.com) of any injury / illness that may prevent you from general practice and Ukeing.

## SATURDAY NIGHT

- ❖ If you would like to attend a meal on the Saturday night, please, when sending your forms to the email address given, state:
  - ☐ That you are interested in attending a meal on the Saturday night.
  - ☐ Food preferences (list in order of priority Eg Chinese, Pub. Italian, Indian) .
- ❖ It may be that there are multiple meals depending on the preferences. Last year we had Chinese.

## IMPORTANT – CHECK-LIST

- ❖ Membership - please check you have a valid up to date membership, if not, a supply of membership forms will be available and we are able to take fees during day 1.
- ❖ Bring your own: Jo, Boken & Tanto.
- ❖ Don't forget your Gi, belt, hakama etc 😊.
- ❖ Should you require them, bring your own hand gels, sterile wipes & face masks.
- ❖ Bring a personal supply of plasters for minor wounds.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on [afgb-connect@outlook.com](mailto:afgb-connect@outlook.com).

Looking forward to seeing everybody soon

Kind Regards

Lyndon Sorrell, AFGB Secretary

For and on behalf of The Aikido Fellowship of Great Britain

