



GAC Member Roles & Responsibilities

Describes the expectations from members to support the club/dojo community as well as the hierarchy within the dojo.

Member Fees and Participation

Traditionally there are three (3) ways members of a dojo support the dojo and it's community. If a member is unable to support one of these items the expectation is the member will provide more of the other two (2). These items are listed in the order of their importance:

1. **Training**: Participating in classes
2. **Time**: Helping with non-training activities
(Helping with organizing or running an event or helping to maintain the dojo space and equipment.)
3. **Financial**: Paying membership dues

If an existing or potential member is unable to support the dojo financially through the membership fees, the existing or potential member can contact the club president to work out a fair arrangement. Keeping members training and actively participating in the dojo is GAC's first priority.

The Dojo

Griffin Aikido Club Balzers practices and teaches a traditional style of Aikido, this includes:

1. **Learning & following the Japanese etiquette practiced in the dojo**:
This includes but is not limited to the cultural (not religious) bowing, removing shoes before entering the practice space, practicing good hygiene, having a clean uniform and using a few particular Japanese phrases. GAC understands that starting out this is all unfamiliar and is part of the training program.
2. **Learning primarily through observation**:
Teachers demonstrate a technique and students try to replicate it, those with more experience with the dojo etiquette demonstrate how things are done and encourage newer students to follow their example.
3. **Cultivating a Martial Mentality**:
One aspect of the training is cultivating a martial approach to our learning and training. This includes the development of self-discipline and respect for those you practice with.