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1. Welcome & Introduction

The faculty and staff of Victory Defense Systems welcome you to our Kung Fu programs. We are committed to providing a comprehensive, age-appropriate martial arts education in a warm, family-friendly environment.

Our focus is long-term development — physical, mental, and emotional — rather than rushing students through ranks. We follow a classical education model: learn the basics thoroughly, practice them deeply, then apply them. There are no shortcuts that replace the time required for the body and mind to form lasting connections.

Thank you for entrusting us with your student's training. Please review the policies in this handbook carefully so we can work together effectively.

2. How Our Program Works

We hold in-person classes at partner locations such as preschools, private schools, churches, and wellness centers. Classes meet once per week for the duration appropriate to each program. Online classes may be offered if circumstances require.

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We teach four main programs, divided by age, interest, and dedication level. Progression into more advanced training phases is based on the student's current belt or sash rank. This structure allows us to match teaching closely to each student's developmental stage and demonstrated readiness.

Our curriculum centers on Wing Chun Kung Fu while integrating complementary elements from Shaolin, Hung Gar, Wushu, boxing, and practical self-defense. We are a non-competition school. The academic year follows a nine-month schedule aligned with the public school calendar, with a separate shorter summer session available.

3. Program Descriptions

Future Tiger Kids Kung Fu

For students approximately ages 3–6. Students learn foundational Kung Fu movements while developing fitness, hand-eye coordination, and self-confidence. Upon completing the Junior Black Belt sequence, students will have learned and performed sections of a Shaolin form. Graduates who continue into Tiger Kids typically test into the accelerated track.

Tiger Kids Kung Fu

For students approximately ages 6–13 of all experience levels. The program has three progressive phases that are determined by sash rank. The long-term goal is a 1st Degree Black Sash that carries the same weight as an adult 1st Degree Black Sash.

We deliberately reject the industry trend of rushing students to black belt in 1–2 years. Real skill and physical development require time. There are no bio-hacks that replace consistent practice and maturation.

Introductory Phase — No Sash through Orange Sash

Focus on body conditioning, basic motor skills, stance development, fitness, and open-hand forms. Students adapt to a classical learning model that emphasizes mastery of fundamentals before application.

Intermediate Phase — Green, Blue & Purple Sash

Once students reach Green Sash, classes become longer and more intense. Students begin weapons training, controlled contact drills, and focused study of Wing Chun (especially Siu Nim Tao). Fundamentals are expected to be solid and are continually reinforced.

Advanced Phase — Brown through Black Sash

At Brown Sash and beyond, students actively apply prior material. They learn Chum Kiu and Biu Ji forms, continue controlled contact work, weapons, and targeted conditioning while progressing toward 1st Degree Black Sash.

Akron Wing Chun

For students 13 and older. Greater emphasis on Wing Chun, supported by Shaolin and Hung Gar conditioning for fitness and structure.

Beginning / Fitness Phase: Students develop fitness and begin the Siu Nim Tao form. A Blue Sash and Siu Nim Tao patch are available.

Accelerated Phase — Chum Kiu: After successful completion of Siu Nim Tao, students move into formal study of Chum Kiu. Weapons, forms, and systematic contact drills are introduced. Fundamentals remain a priority.

Advanced Phase — Biu Ji to Black Sash: For students continuing through the system. Biu Ji form, related drills, and applications. 1st Degree Black Sash marks mastery of the core Wing Chun hand forms, drills, and pole work. Higher degrees and specialized programs (Iron Body, Iron Palm, etc.) are available for continued development.

Akron Wing Chun maintains an active Discord server for communication, video resources, and community. Other programs do not currently maintain dedicated servers.

Keep S.A.F.E. Self-Defense

An age-appropriate, adaptive curriculum focused on awareness, prevention, and practical responses. Content is tailored to the developmental stage of the group (younger children, middle school, high school/adult).

4. Class Structure

All curricula are designed to be age-appropriate.

- Future Tiger Kids: approximately 30 minutes once per week
- Introductory Tiger Kids: approximately 45 minutes once per week
- Accelerated / Intermediate classes: approximately 60 minutes once per week
- Advanced Tiger Kids and Advanced Wing Chun: minimum 90 minutes once per week

A belt/sash system provides clear, achievable steps. Testing typically occurs before major seasonal breaks so students have adequate time to prepare and so families can attend. Attendance and consistent home practice are essential. Meeting a minimum number of training hours is required to qualify for testing. Paying tuition does not guarantee the right to test or a promotion.

Weapons training and contact/sparring drills are offered only when the instructor determines the student has sufficient maturity, coordination, and strength for the work. This is a safety decision. Required training gear (when applicable) is the responsibility of the student/family. Please consult us before purchasing equipment so we can recommend suitable, cost-effective options.

5. Belt & Sash Levels

There is no universal standardization of belt ranks across martial arts styles. Students with no prior experience begin at No Belt/Sash. Students with previous training are placed at a level that fairly reflects their demonstrated skill.

In Tiger Kids and Wing Chun, patches serve as intermediate motivational goals between major sash ranks because the material becomes more demanding.

Future Tiger Kids Belt Levels

- No Belt
- White Belt
- Yellow Belt
- Orange Belt
- Green Belt
- Blue Belt
- Purple Belt
- Red Belt
- Brown Belt
- Brown Belt with Black Stripe (if needed)
- Junior Black Belt

Tiger Kids Sash Levels

- No Sash
- White Sash
- Yellow Sash
- Orange Sash
- Green Sash (Accelerated Phase begins)
- Blue Sash
- Blue Sash Patch — Honor
- Purple Sash
- Purple Sash Patch 1 — Perseverance
- Purple Sash Patch 2 — Family
- Purple Sash Patch 3 — Siu Nim Tao Form
- Brown Sash (Advanced Phase begins)
- Brown Sash Patch 1 — Discipline
- Brown Sash Patch 2 — Respect
- Brown Sash Patch 3 — Leadership
- Brown Sash Patch 4 — Chum Kiu Form
- Brown Sash with Black Stripe
- Brown Sash with Black Stripe Patch 1 — Virtue
- Brown Sash with Black Stripe Patch 2 — Loyalty
- Brown Sash with Black Stripe Patch 3 — Confidence
- Brown Sash with Black Stripe Patch 4 — Biu Ji Form
- 1st Degree Black Sash

Akron Wing Chun Levels

- No Sash — Fitness & Beginning Phase
- Siu Nim Tao Form Patch
- Blue Sash
- Chum Kiu Form Patch
- Green Sash
- Brown Sash
- Biu Ji Form Patch
- 1st Degree Black Sash
- 2nd Degree Black Sash
- 3rd Degree Black Sash
- 4th Degree Black Sash
- Red Sash

6. Belt & Sash Testing

Belt/Sash testing is mandatory for any student seeking promotion. Only genuine extenuating circumstances are accepted for missing a test, because make-up tests cannot be scheduled routinely. A student who misses a test remains at the current rank until the next testing cycle (or other arrangements are made, which may involve additional training time).

Students are expected to wear their school T-shirt (if they have one) and proper closed-toe footwear. Flip-flops and open-toed shoes are not permitted for safety reasons.

In rare cases a student may demonstrate readiness beyond the expected level and be advanced more than one rank. Conversely, a student who has not yet mastered the required material will not be tested, though they may attend the event to support classmates.

Tuition must be current for a student to test. Outstanding balances prevent testing.

7. Tuition Policies

Please read carefully. Tuition policies are designed for clarity and sustainability.

Tuition is based on class length, not on the specific program or instructor. Our instructors are educated and certified in their fields.

Payment Methods

Two primary options are available:

- **Prepaid:** Full academic year, single semester, or full summer session. Cash, check, or debit/credit card accepted.
- **Monthly subscription:** Automatic recurring payments (typically via PayPal) in equal installments for the academic year or summer session.

These are the accepted methods. Students will not be admitted to class until tuition for the period is secured.

Key Conditions

- A subscription or payment is required even for a trial period. Appropriate refunds are issued if a student does not continue. Free trial classes are no longer offered due to prior abuse of the practice.
- Tuition is due whether or not a class is attended. Make-up classes within the same month at another suitable location are available when possible.
- Private or family sessions are available on a pay-per-class basis at a higher rate.
- Refunds are granted only for genuine extenuating circumstances (serious medical issues, relocation beyond a reasonable distance, or death in the family).
- A one-time annual sign-up/processing fee applies and covers transactional costs for the year.
- Current pricing is published separately (website, registration materials, or direct inquiry) and may be updated without requiring a full handbook revision.

Registration

First month's tuition (or prepaid amount) and the sign-up fee are due at registration. Class space is reserved only after payment is received. All families must complete the current online waiver and keep a working email address on file — email is our primary communication channel. Families with outstanding balances must bring accounts current before re-enrolling.

Cancellation

Written notice is required to cancel enrollment and stop recurring payments. Simply stopping attendance does not cancel financial responsibility. Please contact us directly to process cancellations cleanly.

Returned Payments & Discounts

Returned checks or failed automatic payments may incur a fee and temporary suspension until resolved. Multi-student family discounts and other incentives, when available, are communicated at registration.

8. Observing Lessons & Special Events

Parents and guardians are welcome to observe classes when space and the host facility allow. Please remain respectful of the training environment and avoid disrupting focus.

Special events, seminars, and occasional extended “Superclasses” may be offered. Details, eligibility, and any associated costs are announced in advance via email and (for Akron Wing Chun) the program Discord.

9. School & Class Closings

We follow these practical guidelines:

- If the host facility (school, preschool, church, etc.) is closed, our class at that location is canceled.
- For preschool/daycare locations, if surrounding public schools cancel for weather, class is typically canceled.
- At other locations we hold class unless a travel ban is in effect or we notify you of a cancellation.
- When a class is canceled, students are welcome to make up at another suitable class that week when available, or additional instructional time may be added to a later session.

We aim to notify families no later than one hour before morning classes or by early afternoon for evening classes via email, text, or push notification. Following our public channels is also recommended for weather updates.

10. Behavior Expectations

Students should keep cell phones put away during class to maintain focus.

Offensive behavior — whether actions, language, social-media misuse directed at the school or other families, or damage to property — will not be tolerated from students or parents. Serious or repeated violations may result in expulsion without refund and possible responsibility for damages.

Victory Defense Systems is not liable for damage to personal property at class locations, homes, or event venues.

In the event of a genuine threat or emergency we have plans to protect students. Because of the distributed nature of our schedule we do not run formal lockdown drills at every site.

11. Code of Conduct

All students are expected to live by the following principles to the best of their understanding:

I will use my martial skills for the good of humanity.

I will remain disciplined and uphold myself ethically.

I will train diligently to maintain my skills, as I am able.

I will serve my community and honor my family.

I will respect myself and my classmates by treating them as I would want to be treated.

12. Contact / Sparring Code

Controlled contact and sparring drills are introduced only when maturity and skill allow. Students must follow instructor direction at all times regarding intensity, targets, and protective gear. The goal is controlled learning, not injury or dominance. Any student who cannot maintain control will be removed from the drill.

13. Disciplinary System

We use a simple card system to address behavior that disrupts learning or safety.

Yellow Card

Issued for repeated minor disruptions, failure to follow directions after reminders, or other behavior that interferes with class. Consequences typically include a conversation with the student (and parent when appropriate), possible temporary loss of privileges, and a record of the incident. Multiple yellow cards may escalate.

Red Card

Issued for more serious or repeated issues, unsafe behavior, disrespect, or failure to correct after yellow-card warnings. Consequences may include temporary suspension from class, required parent conference, and a formal behavior plan. Further incidents can lead to longer suspension or expulsion.

Black Card

Reserved for extreme situations that threaten the safety or welfare of the class, instructor, or others. Examples include bringing a weapon with harmful intent, physical assault, or other behavior the instructor deems an immediate danger.

Consequences of a Black Card:

- The student is required to leave the premises immediately.
- If the student refuses, the instructor will take whatever reasonable action is necessary to remove the threat and protect everyone present.
- Legal or civil action may be pursued if laws are broken.
- All ranks, certifications, and recognitions from Victory Defense Systems are revoked.
- A Black Card has no expiration.

Thank you for being part of the Victory Defense Systems community.

Questions? Contact us anytime.

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