

Bond Street Dojo

Dues policy: Effective May 1, 2016

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. We will not issue a refund for dues paid in a previous month for which the person did not practice. Under certain circumstances, a credit is possible.
5. New member introductory package: 3 months for \$150. Introductory package open to all new members or returning members who have been gone for more than 1 year.
6. If a member's dues are in arrears, they may not test or be promoted.
7. Monthly Members Rates:
 - a. **Option 1:** For those members making automatic monthly payments dues will be \$135/month. It is less expensive for us if you debit your checking account, but we also accept credit cards.
 - i. You may cancel or suspend payments at any time by informing the Treasurer by email before the 1st of the relevant month. However, we greatly appreciate it if you give us two weeks' notice. (tracy@bondstreet.org)
 - b. **Option 2:** For those who choose to make monthly payments other than through automatic withdrawal, dues will be \$150/month.
 - c. **Option 3:** Members may choose to pay their dues for a year and receive a ten percent discount off the automatic withdrawal rate of \$135/month.
 - i. The payment for one year's dues is \$1458. That is for 12 consecutive months.

- 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 \$150 for the current month and the \$1458 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 rate in effect for that month of cash or check dues payments, which is now a \$150/month if cancelled before completing the first three months and \$135/month if cancelled after 3 months.
- d. **Options 4:** Dues may be paid in advance (by cash or check) at the rate of \$135/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 rate in effect for that month of cash or check dues payments, which is now a \$150/month.
8. 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.
9. Once members are 5th Kyu or above, they are required to pay ASU dues. Bond Street Dojo pays the dues of its members as long as that member paid at least nine months of membership in the previous year, or it is their first year of membership. If the member does not meet those criteria, they are required to pay their own ASU dues. (\$75 yudansha, \$45 mudansha).
10. We host several seminars each year. Members receive a discounted rate for in house seminars if they pay for the seminar at least three days before the seminar begins and their membership is current for the month of the seminar. Any requests for financial assistance must be made before the day the seminar begins.
11. 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 of one month.
- c. Mat fees for visitors will be \$20/day.
- d. Weekly mat fees for visitors is \$50/week
- e. Monthly mat fees for visitors are \$150/month.
- f. Mat fees may be paid for any consecutive seven or thirty day period.
- g. People paying mat fees may not test under Bond Street Dojo.
- h. The instructor of a class is responsible for explaining the mat fee structure and collecting the fee.
- i. Waiver of mat fees is subject to approval of the chief instructor or board of the directors.

12. Student rates are for full-time currently matriculated students. The student rate is \$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.

13. Members training at both Eizan Ryu and Bond Street

- a. Rates will be \$120/month for those on automatic withdrawal and \$135/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.

14. 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 automatic withdrawal. Scholarships are designed for individuals who have a committed Aikido practice and show up regularly to class regardless of their level.

15. 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.