

# **International Shintaido Instructor's Code of Ethics for Promoting Excellence**

## **Introduction**

A code of ethics is a set of guidelines that are designed to set out acceptable behaviors for members of a particular group, association or profession. Many organizations govern themselves with such a code, especially when they handle sensitive issues that include but are not limited to personal and interpersonal development and interactions with other cultures.

## **Shared Values statement**

In accepting membership of International Shintaido, I have responsibility for the transmission and development of knowledge acquired through the study of Shintaido. I understand that the role of instructor brings with it personal, interpersonal and professional responsibilities; that International Shintaido is committed to personal development and educational excellence, and that it encourages members to further the search for knowledge and accomplishment. I regard membership as a privilege and hold that members be expected to demonstrate civility, abide by the highest standard for cooperative action, and adhere to socially and legally permissible behaviors.

## **Code of Conduct**

As a Shintaido instructor I will endeavour to:

1. teach the kata in such a way that the universal truths they express are conveyed to subsequent generations, just as they were conveyed to me by past generations.
2. acknowledge, understand and respect the trust my students, my peers and my sensei have invested in me as a Shintaido Instructor.
3. recognize the unique abilities and aspirations of each of my students and to assist them in their practice.
4. pursue on my own, a deeper intellectual and spiritual study of Shintaido from a practical, historical and cultural point of view.

## **Implementation**

Possible non-compliance to the Code of Ethics that cannot be resolved by the parties involved may be reported to the ITEC mediator at [mediator@international-shintaido.com](mailto:mediator@international-shintaido.com) (confidential). According to the circumstances, the mediator may organize an investigation involving other ITEC or Board members. The goal is to achieve a peaceful and fair resolution to the problem. If non-compliance is established, outcomes range from verbal counseling to exclusion from International Shintaido.

## **Statement of Agreement**

In accepting instructorship, I agree to pursue excellence and comply with the code of ethics.