



Aikido West does not believe in binding its students to signed financial contracts. We believe in verbal agreements based on trust and honesty. Our part of the agreement is to offer you Aikido instruction of high quality. Your part of the agreement is to take part in the training and to pay your membership fees promptly when due without being asked.

### **One-Time Registration Fee:**

1. \$25.00 per person or family.
2. No contract required.
3. One time only. Returnee's do not pay this fee ever again.
4. Receive printed Handbook upon payment of Registration Fee.

### **Monthly Membership Dues:**

1. A flat monthly fee (similar to membership in a health club) allows you to attend as many classes as you wish.
2. This membership dues system (as opposed to a per-class payment system) supports the tradition and spirit of the dojo environment, as well as dojo activities, and helps sustain financial stability for the dojo as a non-profit educational corporation.
3. There is no discount for missed classes. If health concerns or other issues keep a member from attending classes for a prolonged period, a special leave-of-absence may be arranged, if needed. Please talk with an instructor or a deshi, who will bring the matter to the attention of Sensei, in confidence.

### **Payment Policy:**

1. Dues are due on the first of the month.
2. Aikido West does not accept credit cards. You can pay dues with personal checks, checks sent via bill payment services, or cash.
3. Member will be responsible for any bank fees that may be incurred for returned checks.

### **Fees for Visitors and Guests:**

1. **Visitors who are active members at another Bay Area dojo** may train at Aikido West for a \$10 per class Mat Fee or a \$30 per week Visitor Fee.
2. **Visitors considering new membership at Aikido West** may pay the \$10 per class Mat Fee for up to five (5) sessions or the \$30 Visitor Fee for one week. Such visitors will then be encouraged to establish membership at Aikido West or at another area Aikido dojo in order to continue training at Aikido West. For example, if you have recently moved to the area, are trying Aikido for the first time, or if you are considering switching your affiliation from another dojo, you may train for up to five classes at Aikido West before being asked to join in order to continue training at Aikido West on a regular basis.
3. **Visitors from outside the Bay Area** are treated as guests and are not charged Mat Fees. Those visiting the Bay Area for an extended stay of a week or more may be asked to pay Mat Fees or Visitor Fees.

### **Special Circumstances:**

1. For those people who need financial assistance, we offer help through our Scholarship Program. Ask an instructor or a deshi for a confidential application.
2. If you have a special circumstance not covered by the paragraphs above, please talk with an instructor or a deshi who will bring the matter to the attention of Sensei, in confidence.
3. Under certain circumstances, Sensei occasionally makes an arrangement with a member for temporarily reduced fees. This arrangement is for a maximum of 60 days. Financial assistance after 60 days requires the submittal of a scholarship form.