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Aikido Classes for Juniors with Special Needs

Aikido Victoria needs to assess whether our class sessions can cater for juniors with special needs. Whilst we need to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) we also need to balance the needs of all of our junior students.

If a child has special needs our process covers four aspects :

1. We will require a medical certificate from a qualified medical practitioner stating that the child is physically capable to participate in an intensive and active 45-60 minutes martial arts session. This is because our sessions can be quite dynamic and we need to care for the well being of all children attending our sessions.
2. The Parent/Guardian and Child will be required to come and observe at least one session where so both can understand what's expected of a student, the environment where the sessions take place and the group dynamics. (This is a conventional requirement for any new member)
3. After having observed a session and given the child's special circumstances, he/she will be allowed to participate in one session, so we can assess (from the perspective of the parents, the child and the instructor) whether or not the class is suitable for him/her. **Note that a Standard Membership form will need to be completed on the spot this is a legal requirement from the organization.**
4. After the session is concluded the instructor will provide the parent/guardian with his/her feedback on the outcome of the assessment and the instructor will decide whether the class is suitable for the child in the long term.
5. **Once the feedback has been submitted to the parent/guardian, the instructor will let the organization know of the outcome of the assessment of the junior with special needs (whether he/she has been accepted or rejected to be part of the class). If accepted, then the full membership fee and will be required to be processed as per usual.**

Regards
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