



Instructor Progression Pathway

At Ptah Khi, membership is both a commitment to personal cultivation and a professional journey, managed through the British Council for Chinese Martial Arts (BCCMA). Every stage of membership, from Student through Commercial Instructor, is processed through the BCCMA to ensure national recognition, insurance coverage, and safeguarding standards.

For full details on BCCMA membership categories, requirements, and benefits, you can visit: www.bccma.com/membership

1. Student Membership

- Open to all new practitioners.
- After attending four introductory classes, students must register as official Student Members through the BCCMA to continue training.
- Benefits include:
 - Insurance cover through the BCCMA
 - National recognition as a member of the UK's official governing body
- Focus is on building personal practice, discipline, and foundational skills.

2. Instructor Membership

(Basic Instructor Insurance Cover)

- Available after achieving Black Belt.
- Registered directly through the BCCMA, which provides the official Basic Instructor Insurance Cover.
- Instructors at this level may:
 - Assist in classes under supervision
 - Lead sections of a class to gain teaching experience
- This is the first step toward professional teaching recognition.

3. Probationary Instructor Period (Minimum 12 Months)

A structured phase of teaching development between Instructor and Commercial Instructor.

- Purpose:
 - Gain supervised teaching experience

- Develop class management, safety awareness, and communication skills
- Continue refining personal practice
- Maintain a Teaching Reflection Log
- Ensures readiness for independent teaching under the standards of the BCCMA and Ptah Khi.

4. **Commercial Instructor Membership**

- Eligible after at least one year of supervised teaching and Head Coach approval.
- Registered through the BCCMA, providing:
 - Commercial Instructor Insurance Cover
 - Recognition by both the BCCMA and Ptah Khi School as an official instructor
 - Right to operate classes independently

5. **CIMSPA Professional Membership** (Optional Pathway)

After achieving Black Belt and Instructor status, instructors may apply to join CIMSPA (Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity).

- How it Works:
 - Choose either Practitioner or Instructor level depending on experience and responsibility:
 - **Practitioner** – delivers sessions professionally, ideal for those building experience
 - **Instructor** – independently plans, leads, and supervises classes
 - Application requires evidence of BCCMA instructor status and relevant insurance
- **Benefits of CIMSPA Membership:**
 - National professional recognition across the UK sport and fitness industry
 - Listing on the CIMSPA professional register

- Access to CPD (continuing professional development), safeguarding, and governance resources
- Enhanced credibility for instructors bridging martial arts with health, wellbeing, and fitness fields

Why Endorsement Matters

Our Black Belt Instructor pathway is endorsed by both the BCCMA and CIMSPA, which means:

- Graduates can register with CIMSPA at Practitioner or Instructor level
- Endorsement ensures your qualification is recognised nationally, giving professional credibility
- Without endorsement, joining CIMSPA at these professional levels would not be possible, only basic affiliate membership would be available
- Endorsement confirms our courses meet rigorous safeguarding, insurance, and professional standards, protecting both students and instructors

Annual Renewal

All memberships (Student, Instructor, and Commercial Instructor) are renewed annually through the BCCMA, ensuring:

- Valid insurance cover
- Compliance with safeguarding and professional standards
- Continued commitment to the Ptah Khi vision:
All is one and everything is one.