



## **CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS MONTH**

1st March 2022

To all our members, families, parents, guardians and friends of International Taekwon-Do (NZ). It is with great pleasure that I announce to you a new initiative for our organisation and a new annual event to our calendar. The month of March has been officially designated as our 'Child Protection Awareness' Month and will have the associated campaign name of 'Stand Up for Kids'.

As you maybe aware, International Taekwon-Do (NZ) now has a revised Child Protection Policy which has been in implementation since early 2021. This is also accompanied by a new HELPLINE area on the national website.

As part of this 2022 campaign, and this month of awareness, we will be working to assure our membership of our sincere commitment to the ideals outlined in the Child Protection Policy. All of our instructors have personally adopted a 'zero tolerance' attitude towards all forms of child abuse in whatever shape or form in which it maybe found. This is a clear expectation of International Taekwon-Do (NZ).

To strengthen this and to make a tangible step forward as an organisation, **ALL** our Instructors and Assistant Instructors will be completing a certificate 'Child Protection in Play' managed by Safeguarding Children NZ. In the spirit of 'Standing Up for Kids', all instructors and assistant instructors will complete this by March 31st in support of the monthly

campaign.

With our age demographic nearing close to 80% under the age of 18, we truly recognise the trust placed in us and value the protection of our junior membership at all levels.

This month we celebrate our kids and make a stand for them!

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ITKD Board / Acting Child Protection Officer

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