

Sankaku Shotokan Karate

Naming the club and designing the logo

Naming The Club

The idea behind the name Sankaku came from a special technique found in the kata Meikyo. The 'Sankaku Tobi' or 'Triangular Jump' enables a combatant to escape from a precarious position such as the edge of a cliff to an advantageous point behind his adversary.

a) On the physical level, the 3 facets (sometimes called the Trinity) of Shotokan Karate training - Kihon (Basics), Kata (Forms) and Kumite (Sparring) resulting in controlled power like that of the 'contained tiger' in the Shotokan emblem,

b) On the mental/psychological level, 3 important virtues from the Bushido Code (which contained 8 virtues of the Samurai class) that are still relevant to karateka of today - Ei yo (Honour), Kokki (Character & Self-Control), Yuki (Courage - to do what is right), and

c) On the philosophical level, 3 other virtues from the Bushido Code fundamental to the concept of 'Do' in Karate-Do - Gi (Rectitude or Justice - considered the strongest virtue of Bushido), Seijitsu & Shinjitsu (Honesty & Sincerity) and Jin (Benevolence - considered the highest attribute of the human soul).

Designing The Logo



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The three elements in the logo consist of

a) The Sankaku/Triangle representing the art of Shotokan (Kihon, Kata and Kumite) as a 3 corner form.

b) The Shotokan Tiger. Master Gichin Funakoshi chose the tiger as the animal symbol to represent Shotokan. It signified strength, power, and tenacity.

c) The Club Name in Kanji.

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Sankaku

Shotokan

Karate

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3 corner Form pine tao mansion empty hand