

Big Dipper Qigong Senior Teacher Agreement and Ethics Code

Dear new *Big Dipper Qigong Senior Teacher* in the Spiritual Tao qigong system,

Congratulations on having completed the necessary requirements for being certified and joining the system. The highest standard of ethical and moral conduct is required for certification. Upon receiving the certificate as an Big Dipper Qigong Senior Teacher, I will be aware of the listed terms and conditions of certification and ethics as described below. Please read carefully and sign on the line below to indicate that you understand and agree to all of the terms and conditions.

Terms and Conditions of Certification

1. Upon receiving the certificate, I must upload a scan and submit to Spiritual Tao to validate my certification.
2. Certification is limited to a period of 3 years from the date of issue. It stays active through continuing education.
3. I am only allowed to teach the practices I am certified in, namely the Big Dipper Qigong form and related theory.
4. Do not teach course material for which you are not yet certified. If you wish to teach a certain topic other than Big Dipper Qigong, you must get certified in a certification upgrade for that area first.
5. Big Dipper Qigong Senior Teachers may test students to become Big Dipper Qigong Associate Teachers or Big Dipper Qigong Teachers when students meet the requirements. Big Dipper Qigong Senior Teachers are responsible for making sure that students who are testing meet adequate knowledge requirements to become certified. Big Dipper Qigong Senior Teachers are responsible for letting Spiritual Tao know of the certified student--so that an official Spiritual Tao certificate may be issued and the student entered into the Spiritual Tao record—and for paying Spiritual Tao a \$25 certificate fee for the official certificate to be issued. Testing fees charged to the student may be any amount the Big Dipper Qigong Senior Teacher chooses, but it can not exceed \$75 total.
6. Records must be kept of all students with name, address, title, and date of course completed.
7. Certification carries no expressed or implied insurance coverage for liability incurred while teaching from the system. Liability insurance should be maintained by each individual Big Dipper Qigong Senior Teacher.
8. Certification carries no expressed or implied authority to engage in medical practices. Certification is for instructing individuals to care for themselves.
9. No instruction may be given to any person under the age of 18 years old without prior express written consent of a parent or legal guardian. Such express written consent must be maintained on file.

Ethics

1. Respect Spiritual Tao, students, and clients in our words and actions.
2. Represent qigong practices with integrity to our system.
3. Use honesty in representing one's background, qualifications, capabilities, and experience to students and public.
4. Explain financial arrangements to students in a clear and understandable manner.
5. Be honest and straightforward when informing students about the conditions of a class, its duration, and/or expected results.
6. Endeavor to be truthful in the marketing, the advertising, and the promotion of workshops, retreats, and events.
7. Establish clear boundaries in all relationships with students.

In particular:

- a. teachers shall not physically harass, verbally abuse, or otherwise exploit students
- b. teachers shall not inappropriately touch (with sexual intent or otherwise) the body of any student under their professional influence, thereby maintaining a proper teacher-student relationship.
8. Maintain confidentiality for all written and oral communications that take place between teachers and students.
9. Give advice based on the best interests of a student or a client, rather than one's own self-interest or financial advantage.
10. Provide appropriate notification and referrals for:
 - a. students that may need assistance in exploring other treatment options as appropriate; and
 - b. students in the event that one needs to terminate trainings and/or professional services.

Revocation

Violation of the above terms and conditions of certification, or ethics, or the rendering of improper training or instruction will result in the immediate revocation of the certification.

Name(Print): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____