The Japanese art of Aikido was founded in Japan by Master Morihei Ueshiba. Aikido is more than a system of self-defense; it is a total discipline for physical and spiritual growth. The goal of Aikido is not the defeat of others, but to defeat negative characteristics, which inhibit one’s own mind and functioning. Its principle aim is to avoid clashing directly with an opponent’s strength and force by blending and redirecting their energy with flowing spherical movements. At all levels of training, Aikido provides an effective means for personal development and growth. Instruction in the use of the Japanese Sword (Bokken) and Jo (Staff) are part of the training.

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP**
All currently enrolled UW students (Seattle campus) and faculty/staff IMA members may join the club. Faculty/staff may purchase their IMA Membership at the IMA Member Services Desk during operation hours.

*UW extension, students of the ASUW experimental college, UW alumni, and the general public are not eligible to participate in the Club Sports program. Branch campus students are eligible with IMA membership.*

**MEMBERSHIP WAIVER CARD**
All participants must complete a membership/waiver prior to club participation. Club Sports waivers can be completed online, at the IMA website, under course registration.

**SPORTS SKILLS CLASS**
**Beg. Aikido**
* Tues/Thur: 7:00 - 7:50 pm
* Price: $55.25

Register online or in-person at the IMA Programs Office at the beginning of each quarter. Please visit the IMA Website for additional information about Sports Skills Classes.

**CLUB PRACTICES**
**Dates:** Fall/Winter/Spring Quarters
**Days:** Tuesday/Thursday
**Times:** 7:00 - 9:00 pm
**Location:** IMA Mat Room A

**INSURANCE**
The Department of Recreational Sports Programs strongly recommends that all Club Sport members have adequate accident/medical insurance coverage. Each Club Sport member is responsible for arranging their own coverage. For information on the University of Washington’s Student Health Insurance Plans:

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