

Joe Ellis 6th Dan (NAKMAS/Karate)

Joe Ellis started karate in 1977 under Steve Arneil's British Karate Kyokushinkai (BKK). His main instructor within the BKK was Bernard Creton.

Prior to January 1981 when he attained 1st Dan, he entered many competitions and did very well.

During the mid 1980's, he chaired the now defunct TABKO organisation; and resigned some years later, due to domestic circumstances.

In January 1992, NAKMAS was formed and he became Chairman, a position he has held ever since.

In his role as Chairman, he has overseen and assisted in policy initiatives and NAKMAS objectives alongside his wife Sandra. These being;

1. City & Guilds NVQ Centre Approval
2. British Standards Institute Quality Kitemark; BS EN ISO 9001:2000
3. NSPCC Approved Child Protection & Welfare Policies
4. NAKMAS Cadet Coaching and Leadership Scheme
5. Creation of the NAKMAS Journal and Review
6. Strategic development
7. Budgeting and business plans
8. Grass roots participation
9. Created Policies and working practises for children with disabilities or learning differences.
10. Created effective marketing and media policies
11. Recently formed NAKMAS Publishing

As NAKMAS Chairman, he is currently a member of the Whole Sports Plan Implementation Board which is facilitating the unification and modernisation of Karate in England.

Since July 1983, he has been in full time karate teaching and teaches up to 650 children and 50 adults on a weekly basis.