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SOBBA NOMINATION GUIDELINES



1. **Nominee** must be personally known by the **Sponsor**.
2. **Nominee** must be able to submit copies of all required documents as outlined in the **SOBBA Potential Inductee Guidelines**.
3. Upon **SOBBA Board Approval** of Nominee, **Sponsor** shall pay all associated fees, payable to **SOBBA**, to cover expenses of the **SOBBA Induction Packet** which includes ...
 - A) **Official personalized SOBBA Certified Document Framed**
 - B) **SOBBA Code of Ethics Document**
 - C) **SOBBA Patch / Logo detailed Meaning Document**
 - D) **SOBBA Patches & Pins**
 - E) **Picture of SOBBA Founder :: Soke Robert L. Murphy (1937-2007)**
 - F) **Blessed is a Leader Document**

** If SOBBA is the Sponsor of the Nominee, then SOBBA pays for all Induction Costs **

4. If a **SOBBA Advisor** or other Representative is not available for an **Official SOBBA Induction Ceremony**, then the Sponsor can conduct the **SOBBA Induction Ceremony** if approved by the **SOBBA Board of Directors**.

The criteria for a **SOBBA Induction Ceremony** without a **SOBBA Representative** performed by the **Sponsor** must be followed in a precise order and manner for the **Ceremonial Presentation**. This keeps the integrity of the **SOBBA Induction Ceremony** protocol intact and honorable for the **SOBBA Inductee**.

5. Documentation via pictures and video of the **SOBBA Induction Ceremony** is encouraged for the **SOBBA Registry** and Social Media. A Press Release Packet will be available for guidelines for the **SOBBA Inductee** to follow.

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SOBBA POTENTIAL INDUCTEE GUIDELINES



- Potential Inductee** must fill out the required **Nominee Application**.
- Potential Inductee** must provide **Martial Arts Biography**, list and dates of Ranks attained and a copy of most current legitimate Black Belt (Dan), Sash or Equivalent rank awarded.
Please include a list of Martial Arts Organizations that you are currently active in and any Professional~Civic~Social Organization that you are a member of.
- Potential Inductee** must include 3 Letters of Recommendation which include 2 letters from non-Martial Artists.
- Potential Inductee** must show proof of Community Service. (ex. Charity, Church, Coach etc.)
- Potential Inductee** must provide a current headshot picture and one in full uniform.

Upon receipt and review of a submitted documents, the **Potential Inductee** will be contacted by a **SOBBA Representative** for an in-person, Skype, Face-Time or telephone interview.

If approved, the **SOBBA Representative** will contact the **SOBBA Inductee's Sponsor** to set the date for the **SOBBA Induction Ceremony** to be performed by a SOBBA Representative and/or the approved Sponsor.

The SOBBA Induction Ceremony has been and will continue to be conducted at a variety of Venues and Locations including but not limited to, Tournaments, Hall of Fame Events, Workshops, Classes and others ... at the discretion and coordination of the **SOBBA Representative, Sponsor & Inductee**.

Potential Inductee should send all documents via email in PDF or JPEG format to **SOBBA Headquarters** at :: shenwudao@gmail.com or contact **Dr. Christopher Viggiano** for a mailing address.



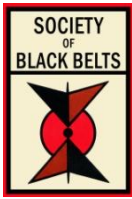
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SOBBA Membership & Sponsorship Fees

1) Regular Membership :: Active \$ 20/year

Is open to all Dan or Equivalent Ranks of all Martial Arts regardless of Style and/or Affiliation and shall entitle each member to all the Rights & Privileges of SOBBA signifying that each member has assumed the duties & responsibilities and subscribed to the Code of Standards & Ethics of SOBBA upon their Induction.

This entitles the SOBBA Member to monetary discounts at SOBBA sponsored Events such as Educational Workshops, Induction Banquets and related promotional products as well as specialized training only available to SOBBA Members.

2) Sanctioned School Membership :: \$ 60/year

Is open to those Dojos or schools accredited and registered by SOBBA signifying that the Martial Arts related curriculum meet and/or succeed the standards within each Discipline and that the School Director/Headmaster and Instructors have assumed duties & responsibilities and subscribed to the Code of Standards & Ethics of SOBBA upon their Induction granting all of the Rights & Privileges thereof. Requirements are such that the Headmaster of said Dojo/School must be a SOBBA Inductee.

This entitles the SOBBA Sanctioned Dojo or school to nominal monetary discounts at SOBBA sponsored Events such as Educational Workshops, Induction Banquets and related promotional products as well as specialized training usually only available to SOBBA Members.

3) Honorary Membership :: no charge

This membership is conferred to those individuals who are non-martial artists that have shown the highest Honor & Integrity consistent with the Code of Standards & Ethics of SOBBA. Thus, this entitles this SOBBA Member to monetary discounts at SOBBA sponsored Events such as Educational Workshops, Induction Banquets and related promotional products.

Sponsorship Fees :: \$ 50 per Nominee

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** SOBBA may be the Sponsor of an INDUCTEE and in doing so will happily absorb the costs associated for the SOBBA Induction Packet and the SOBBA Induction Ceremony.*

