

RESIDENT TRAINING RULES HEAD TEMPLE WU BONG SA

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PRELIMINARY CONDITIONS

Any person can become the Center's resident in training, provided that they:

1. are at least 18 years old,
2. are a KUSZ member and aren't behind on the membership fees,
3. have the recommendation of the abbot of their zen center or the leader of their group,
4. or, if they are not practicing with any group - have the recommendation of the Guiding Teacher of WBS,
5. filled out the application form,
6. in case they were diagnosed with a chronic physical or psychological condition - fill in an extra form containing data on their medical situation, prescribed medication, actions to take and people to contact in case of emergencies,
7. got the approval of the abbot of Wu Bong Sa for their stay and training in the temple.

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OBLIGATIONS OF A RESIDENT IN TRAINING

A resident of Wu Bong Sa:

1. follows these regulations and Zen Master Seung Sahn's temple rules,
2. respects the fire safety rules, which hang in the porch of the main house,
3. obeys the decisions of the Board, especially the Guiding Teacher, the Abbot, Do Gam and the Housemaster,
4. respects the hierarchy in the center:
 - Guiding Teacher,
 - Abbot,
 - Do Gam,
 - Head Dharma Teacher,
 - Director,
 - Housemaster,
5. protects the good name of the Kwan Um School of Zen, Wu Bong Sa temple, its teachers and residents,
6. lives in harmony with the other residents of the center,
7. keeps their room and shared parts of the center tidy,
8. keeps from introducing any permanent changes in the building and their room,
9. takes care of their food supplies, making sure they stay fresh and are not outdated,
10. respects shared property and the personal belongings and privacy of all teachers, residents, guests and members,
11. takes care of their personal hygiene and keeps their clothes clean,
12. follows the rule not to start any open fire, including candles and incense, in any part of the center except the kitchen and Dharma Hall, where open fire is only allowed at the altars,
13. follows the rule not to bring or store alcohol, drugs or meat on the temple grounds,
14. follows the rule not to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while on the temple grounds,

15. consents to changing their room or shortening their stay in the center if it is necessary to keep order and harmony in the center, especially in the periods before Kyol Che and during retreats and visits from important guests. This decision is made by the Abbot and consulted with the Housemaster and the Board.
16. takes part in everyday morning and evening practice, obtaining at least 18 points a week. Each time they are not able to fulfill this requirement, they should clear up the matter with the Head Dharma Teacher or the Abbot,
17. tries to take part in a two-day YMJJ session at least once every three months,
18. goes to a kong-an interview at least once a month,
19. does their weekly assigned work in the center,
20. if they don't have a job outside the Center, they try to take up work at the Center in agreement with the Housemaster; this type of work is not obligatory and can't be forced on the resident,
21. takes part in the weekly house meeting.

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RIGHTS OF A RESIDENT IN TRAINING

A resident in training has the right to:

1. contact the Guiding Teacher in accordance **with the schedule of private and kong-an interviews**,
2. contact the teacher leading the meditation session or retreat and take part in kong-an interviews with them, if the schedule allows this,
3. take part in YMJJ, Kyol Che and Kido at reduced prices - the types and amounts of the reductions are stated in separate documents,
4. have the privacy of their room and personal belongings respected,
5. use their room freely, except for the situations described in paragraph 2, point 15
6. use the room and shared parts of the temple (Dharma Room, kitchen, bathrooms, corridors, laundry room, storage room, garden etc.) unless it collides with other events in the temple like meditation sessions, ceremonies, rental etc.,
7. use the washing machine, cleaning detergents and dryer (after consulting with the Housemaster) at no additional cost,
8. use the Wi-Fi internet connection at no additional cost,
9. invite guests. The resident's guests can stay in the Center for up to 3 days (after consulting with the Housemaster). This stay is free. A longer stay is possible after consulting with the Abbot and paying the standard daily cost. The price of food is the same as for residents,
10. residents who want to live with a pet have to acquire the permission of the Abbot. The permission is granted on the basis of a statement that the pet is healthy, has no fleas, ticks or other parasites and is under veterinary control. Should any doubts or protests of other residents arise, the permission can be withdrawn (with no impact on the weekly notice period).

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THE PERIOD OF TRAINING AND NOTICE PERIOD

1. The trial period for a new resident is 1 month. During this time, a resident who breaks these rules can be asked to leave the Center without prior notice.
2. The mutual notice period for leaving the Center is 1 month - this doesn't pertain to the situations described in points 3 and 4 of this paragraph.
3. If a resident breaks these rules and continues to do so after receiving a disciplinary notice, they lose the resident status. In this case they have a two-week period to leave the Center.
4. In case there is a need to shorten the stay of some residents, especially due to an upcoming Kyol Che retreat (see: paragraph 2, point 15), the residents who have already received a disciplinary notice will be considered first.
5. In case of a persistent breaching of these rules or intentional harm done to the School, the teachers or other residents, the Board can decide to ask the resident to move out immediately. Such a decision has to be unanimous.
6. The decision of the Abbot or the Board to shorten a resident's stay becomes valid at the moment of announcing it to the resident.
7. In case such a decision is made, the overpaid rent is refunded, and the amount is calculated from the end of the notice period.
8. The caution money will be refunded unless it needs to be withheld in order to cover the costs of any loss or damage caused by the resident, his guests or pets.
9. Refunding the caution money is possible only after any remaining payments towards the School and the Center (such as the rent, deferred payments in the shop, payment for meditation sessions, retreats and ceremonies) have been made.

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FINAL RESOLUTIONS

1. Temple officials are not entitled to any financial benefits regarding the payment for residential training.
2. The decisions of the Abbot or the Board concerning the stay and training of the resident in the Center don't have to be put in written form.
3. The resident has the right to appeal a decision of the Abbot or the Board to the Guiding Teacher. If the appeal is dismissed, the resident can appeal to the School's Abbot. If this is also dismissed, the resident can appeal to the European Council.
4. Submitting an appeal has no impact on the executability of the decision. If the decision concerns shortening the resident's stay, the appeal has no impact on the notice period.

The Wu Bong Sa Board