



The third question of Fatwa No. (5313 ):

**Q3: We joined a karate club in the USA. The coach said: You should bow when your opponent bows to you. We refused and explained that it is against our religion. He agreed but said: You should only gesture by your heads, for an opponent initiates a greeting by bowing and you should greet him back. What is your opinion concerning this?**

**A3:** It's not permissible to bow to greet a Muslim or a non-Muslim whether by the upper part of the body or with the head, because bowing is a religious act of worship and worship

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should be devoted to Allah alone.

May Allah grant us success. Peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions.

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