

Defining The Female Role In Japanese Fight Clubs

Fight clubs in Japan are no mere rowdy affair, once seen and forgotten fights. Here the fighters bow and congratulate one another after the fight, thereby you can see as well as feel the sense of honor and audiences respond to this display of genuine sportsmanship. Could it be one of the reasons that Japanese fight clubs are always packed solid with female fans?

Its widely known that Japan has a unique, real fight culture. Its not simply a roughneck, criminal adventure. Rather it's an honorable thing, about pride and respect, and the fans especially females plays a vital role. The hard won, clean cut image of the fight industry matters a great deal in Japan. Indeed its classified to be quite hip and classy as well, and its simply not just for males but for the females too. As a matter of fact Japanese women considered to be shy and quiet are the main force behind Japan's consumer economy, taking to fighting as entertainment in droves.

In fact in every fight matches of any kind, its not very surprising to see half of the screaming and exhilarated audience to be females. The image of the passive, quiet, kimono clad women is hardly visible in the fight arenas where females dressed smartly in the latest fight scene clothes, fancy hairdos and screaming their lungs out. The fighting may be of wrestling type, the kick boxing, fist fighting, rough and tumble, grunting matches, whatever scenes that one can think of, almost all the fight tickets and seats are sold out and that too by housewives and teenage girls. Well some of the rough fist fights are properly conducted in closed quarters, some are not and very often fighters come crashing into the seats. And what do the jubilant females do? Instead of being scared of getting involved in the fight, they greet the sweat soaked fighters with uproarious applause and friendly heckling!

Japanese tend to feel a cultural affinity with athletic, hand-to-hand combat type of competition from which Westerners are relatively alienated. Lets forget about the underground, betting game fight clubs. In the case of Japan, it's more of a good discipline, mentally and physically, fighting game. This is one of the reasons Japanese people respect these fighters. They go through a lot, have guts to fight with their hearts and its not simply a revenge fight unlike in other countries where it's considered to be quite barbaric, likening it to a bar fighting scene.

This feeling of considering fight clubs as a game and sportsmanship has remarkably led to the rise of its popularity in Japan. Whether it be the K-1, PRIDE etc fighting's, the females no longer come accompanied by their guys but come on their own and in big groups and indeed they are not to be taken lightly; they are tough as nails! Maybe because of this that K-1 and PRIDE fighters achieve idol status in Japan. The females are not only audiences as well, there are some real good fighters doing very well offering them the chance to compete in front of a growing and appreciative audience.

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