

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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Gracie Barra Franchise Systems, Inc. is offering franchises for the operation of a business which provides martial arts instruction, primarily Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, to individuals.

The total estimated initial investment necessary to begin operation of a Gracie Barra school ranges from \$67,500 to \$215,500. This includes \$5,000 that must be paid to the franchisor when you sign the Franchise Agreement. The Franchisee will also have to purchase \$2,500 to \$10,000 in uniforms and this amount must be paid to Franchisor's affiliate when you open your school. We also offer development rights for multiple schools in a designated area for a Development Fee which varies from \$5,000 to \$20,000 per school, which is applied towards the initial franchise fee, when you sign the Franchise Agreement. See Items 5 and 7.

This Disclosure Document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read this Disclosure Document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this Disclosure Document at least 14 calendar-days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. **Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this document.**

You may wish to receive your Disclosure Document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Flavio Almeida at, 300 Spectrum Center Drive, Suite 400, Irvine, California 92618 and (949) 485-5214.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not rely on the Disclosure Document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this Disclosure Document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this Disclosure Document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as “Buying a Franchise: A Consumer Guide,” which can help you understand how to use this Disclosure Document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC’s home page at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

**ISSUANCE DATE: April 19, 2017**

## STATE COVER PAGE

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit A for information about the franchisor or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR SCHOOL. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

- 1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY ARBITRATION OR, AS APPLICABLE, LITIGATION, ONLY IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE OR LITIGATE WITH US IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.**
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT CALIFORNIA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.**
- 3. THE TRADEMARK DOES NOT HAVE A FEDERAL REGISTRATION WITH THE USPTO AND THAT IF AN ALTERNATIVE TRADEMARK MUST BE ADOPTED AS A RESULT, IT MAY INCREASE THE FRANCHISEE'S EXPENSES.**
- 4. IF THE FRANCHISEE IS A CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ALL OWNERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO EXECUTE PERSONAL GUARANTEES. THIS REQUIREMENT PLACES THE PERSONAL ASSETS OF THE FRANCHISE OWNER(S) AT RISK.**
- 5. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.**

We reserve the right to use the services of one or more FRANCHISE BROKERS or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchise, however we do not use the services of any FRANCHISE BROKERS or referral sources at the moment. A franchise broker or referral source is our agent and represents us, and not you. We pay this person a fee for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should make sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.

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