



## Constitution of the British Aikido Association

### 1.0 Identification

- 1.1 The name of the Association shall be the 'British Aikido Association' (hereinafter referred to as 'the Association'), identified by a definitive logo.

### 2.0 Aims and objectives

- 2.1 The Association shall seek to serve the best interests of its members, with the founding members' concept of respect for the autonomy of its clubs remaining its guiding principle.
- 2.2 The objectives of the Association shall be:
- 2.2.1 To promote the practice of Aikido nationally and internationally
  - 2.2.2 To make available to its members, knowledge and information relating to the art of Aikido
  - 2.2.3 To assist and co-operate with all organisations that share the same aims and objectives as the Association.

### 3.0 Membership

- 3.1 Membership of the Association shall be available to individuals and to clubs.
- 3.2 Fees for membership of the Association shall be the amounts stated in the Bye-laws of the Association.
- 3.3 All members of the Association shall comply with the rules and regulations contained within this Constitution, its Bye-laws and working procedures.
- 3.4 Membership of the Association may be refused or withdrawn by the Executive Committee for conduct deemed to be damaging to the interests of the Association. Any applicant whose application for membership is refused or withdrawn has the right of appeal.

### 4.0 Management of the Association

- 4.1 The management and control of the property, funds and affairs of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Committee ('EC') who shall be elected at a General Meeting and who shall regulate its own mode of procedure.
- 4.2 The EC shall:
- 4.2.1 Keep proper books of account with respect to:
    - (a) the assets and liabilities of the Association
    - (b) the sums of money received and expended by the Association and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditures take place.



- 4.2.2 The EC shall lay before the Association in General Meeting, at least once in each calendar year, an income and expenditure account for the period since the last account made up to a date not more than five months before such meeting, together with a balance sheet made up by the same date.
- 4.2.3 At least once in every calendar year the EC shall arrange for the accounts of the Association to be examined by one or more qualified auditors.
- 4.3 The EC shall be empowered to make, alter, suspend or rescind Bye-laws and working procedures.
- 4.4 The EC shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the Constitution, Bye-laws and working procedures of the Association.

### **5.0 Annual General Meeting**

The EC shall call an Annual General Meeting of the membership once in every calendar year, not less than ten months and not more than fourteen months from the date of the last Annual General Meeting.

### **6.0 Dissolution**

If upon a dissolution of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property or money, it shall be given to such bodies having objects similar to the Association or registered charity/charities as may be determined at or before the time of the dissolution at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting.