

Rules of Okinawa Uechi-Ryu Karate-Do Association

(Name)

Article 1. This association is called Okinawa Uechi-Ryu Karate-Do Association (Japanese name “Okinawa Uechi-Ryu Karate –Do Kyokai, abbreviated to “Uechi-Ryu Okikukai”, hereinafter called the Association).

(Location)

Article 2-1. The General Headquarter of the Association is located in Okinawa Ken, Japan

(Structure)

Article 3-1. The Association shall consist of Dojo giving instruction of Uechi-ryu Karate-Do and also Dokokai identified with Dojo above mentioned.

3-2. The Association may establish braches in and outside the country.

(Aim)

Article 4. The aim of The Association is to contribute the expansion and development of Okinawa Karate-Do by discipline of body and mind, succession of Kata, research and improvement of techniques and cultivation of members’ mutual friendship through ascetic practices of Uechi-Ryu Karate-Do.

(Activities)

Article 5. The Association takes the following activities to achieve the aim in Article 4.

- (1) Holding of Championships
- (2) Execution of promotion tests
- (3) Holding of Karate demonstration
- (4) Holding of Karate seminar
- (5) Execution of society for study of Kata and Kumite
- (6) Exchange and cooperation with schools in different style and category
- (7) Global Information exchange by utilization of internet.
- (8) Production, publication and distribution of DVD, teaching materials and so on.
- (9) Other necessary activities to achieve the aim of the Association

(Member)

Article 6. The members of the Association are the constituent members belonging to the

Dojo or Dokokai said above Article 3-1.

(Officials)

Article 7-1. The Association sets up the following officials:

- (1) President 1 person
- (2) Vice President 3 persons or less
- (3) Chief Director (Chairman of the Board of Directors) 1 person
- (4) Vice Chief Director 2 persons or less
- (5) Directors (20 persons or less)
 - a. Master instructor of each Dojo residing in Okinawa pref. (including presidents of Dokokai)
 - b. President of Tokyo Branch.
 - c. Master instructors of foreign dojo (who are "Hanshi" certified)
- (6) Secretary General 1 person
- (7) Assistant to Secretary General 2 person or less
- (8) Public - relations Manager 1 person
- (9) Assistant to Public relations Manager 2 person or less
- (10) Press and Publication Manager 1 person
- (11) Assistant to Publication Manager 2 person or less
- (12) Accounting Manager 1 person
- (13) Assistant to Accounting Manager 2 persons or less
- (14) Auditor 2 persons or less

7-2. Senior Advisors, Senior Counselors and other Counselors can be appointed.

7-3. Senior Advisors are the intelligent who are not the members nor related to the management of each Dojo.

7-4 President experienced person, Hanshi 10th dan or higher, or person who did larger contribution to the Association can be selected as Senior Counselors.

7-4. Other Counselors shall be selected from Kyoshi 8th dan who are not in the position of present officials or board members.

(Officials' Duty)

Article 8. Officials' duty is carried out as follows:

- (1) President supervises all the function of The Association.
- (2) Vice President assists President and act in behalf of President in case of any trouble on President.
- (3) Chief Director supervises the operation of the Board of Directors. Also he acts in

behalf of the President and Vice President in case of any trouble on both officials or absence of both officials.

- (4) Vice Chief Director assists the Chief Director and act in behalf of Chief Director in case of any trouble of Chief Director.
- (5) Directors organize and execute the Board of Directors to manage the Association.
- (6) Secretary General supervises Secretariat by directions of President.
- (7) Assistant to Secretary General assists Secretary General and act in behalf of Secretary General in case of any trouble on Secretary General.
- (8) General Manager of Public relations conducts the public relations business.
- (9) Deputy Manager of Public relations assists General Manager and act in behalf of the General Manager in case of any trouble on the General Manager.
- (10) General Manager of Press and Publication conducts the public affairs business through the press and publications.
- (11) Deputy Manager of Press and Publication assists the Manager and act in behalf of the General Manager in case of any trouble on the General Manager
- (12) General Manager of Accounting conducts the accounting services of the Association.
- (13) Deputy Manager of Accounting assists the General Manager and acts in behalf of the General Manager in case of any trouble on the General Manager.
- (14) Auditor audits the accounting and business activity of the Association and reports a result at General Meeting.
- (15) Senior Advisor and Senior Counselor provide a proper guidance and advice to attain the purpose of the Association, and respond to the consultation of the President on the matter of importance.
- (16) Other counselors provide the board of Directors with necessary suggestion regarding any important subject on the Association.

(Election of Officials)

Article 9. Election of Officials in the Association shall be enforced as follows.

- (1) Selection Committee may elect a President, Chief Director and Auditor, and it must be approved at General Meeting.
- (2) President and Chief Director may elect all other officials and it must be approved at General Meeting.

(Officials' tenure)

Article 10-1. The officials' tenure shall be two years. This clause does not, however, prohibit

the reappointment of the same person.

10-2. Provided that a member filling a vacancy shall remain in office during what remains of the term of his predecessor.

(Meetings in Headquarter)

Article 11. The Association may call the following meetings.

- (1) General Meeting
- (2) Meeting of the Board of Directors (Board meeting)
- (3) Various Committees meetings

(General Meeting)

Article 12-1. General Meeting is the highest decision making body of the Association.

Ordinary General Meeting shall be held once a year and Extraordinary General Meeting may be called when the President considers it necessary.

12-2. President may summon the General Meeting and preside over the meeting.

12-3. General Meeting shall deliberate the following matter.

- (1) Election of a President, Chief Director and Auditor.
- (2) Important matters on business planning and business report.
- (3) Budget and Settlements of accounts.
- (4) Creation and reorganization of Kata and Yakusoku-kumite.
- (5) Enactment and amendment of the rules and regulations.
- (6) Any other important matters on administration of The Association.

12-4. General meeting shall consist of all the officials in the Association.

12-5. General meeting is organized by the attendance of the majority of constituent members and provided that it is considered as attendance When any member submits the letter of attorney to the President in order to entrust the President with the right to vote.

12-6. The resolution of the General meeting shall be adopted by the agreement of the majority of the attendance. However, the President may make a decision in the case of tie.

(Meeting of the Board of Directors = Board meeting)

Article 13-1. Meeting of the Board of Directors is the executive organ of the Association and may be held once a month in principle.

13-2. Chief Director may summon the meetings by the President's instruction, and the Chief director shall be appointed as the Chair.

13-3. Board meetings can resolve the item of the former article instead of general meeting in emergency on business execution.

13-4. Board meeting shall deliberate the following matter.

- (1) Administration and management of the resolutions in General meeting.
- (2) Deliberation, execution and management of any other important matters than resolutions in General meeting.
- (3) Selection of Officials except President, Chief Director and Auditor.
- (4) Selection of a bill for General meeting.

(Various committees)

Article 14-1. The following committees shall be organized.

- (1) Officials selection committee
- (2) Judging committee of Dan promotion.
- (3) Judging committee of qualifications and titles.
- (4) Stealing committee of Championship.
- (5) Committee for the study of technique.
- (6) Any other committee to be necessary for operation of the Association.

14-2. Mission and composition of committees shall be provided separately.

(New establishment of Dojo)

Article 15-1. Anyone who tries to establish a new Dojo or Dokokai must submit the Application form for new Dojo establishment and shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

15-2. Anyone who tries to establish a new Dojo must be the SHIHAN license holder.

15-3. When an applicant is not a SHIHAN license holder, he may be approved to establish a new Dojo by satisfying the following conditions:

- (1) Jun-Shihan or Instructor license holder shall be well qualified on the personality, leadership, and others.
- (2) It is recognized that establishment of a new Dojo shall make a substantial contribution on the prosperity of the Association.

15-4. When an applicant is coaching a team with regular or long-term basis, he may be approved to establish a new Dojo on condition that It is recognized that establishment of a new Dojo shall make a substantial contribution on the prosperity of the Association.

(Organization)

Article 16. The organization of the Association is as follows.

- (1) Each Dojo and Dokokai existing in Okinawa prefecture shall be the organization under the direct control of General Headquarter of the Association.
- (2) It may be approved to organize the union body (hereinafter called "Branch") with two or more Dojo in Japan outside Okinawa prefecture and in foreign countries, and the branches may be allowed to be active on condition that It is recognized that the branches shall make a substantial contribution on the prosperity of the Association.
- (3) The branch mentioned above (2) may not own any privilege over the Dojo not belonging to the Branch of the region.
- (4) Branch may appoint the officials if necessary and may lay down rules within the range that it does not collide with the Rules of General Headquarter. Moreover, the Branch shall notify the President of the Association such brunch rule and officials. The same procedure shall be required for the revision of the rule and the election of the officials.

(Dan grade, Title, License etc.)

Article 17. The certification of Dan grade, Title and License and the issue of certificate shall be done based on the Promotion Test Rules.

(Kata)

Article 18-1. The Kata instructed in the Association is as follows:

- (1) Sanchin
- (2) kanshiwa
- (3) Kanshu
- (4) Seichin
- (5) Seisan
- (6) Seiryu
- (7) Kanchin
- (8) Sanseiryu

(Accounting)

Article 19-1. Admission fee, Promotion test fee, Registration fee, donation and other income shall be appropriated for expenses on operation and business execution of the Association.

19-2. Regulations of accounting shall be defined independently.

(Fiscal year)

Article 20 The fiscal year of the Association shall start on April 1st every year and shall be ended on March 31 next year.

(Provision of benefits)

Article 21-1. Various benefits may be provided officials and others based on Provision standard for the benefits prescribed separately.

(Commendation)

Article 22-1. The Association may commend a person with distinguished services to the operations of the Association based on the rules prescribed separately after deliberation in the board meeting.

(Penalty)

Article 23-1. The Association may penalize a person who is recognized to have disgraced the Association and is hopeless of repentance after admonition as follows.

- (1) Dismissal from membership
- (2) Divestiture or suspension of one's official rank, capacity and title.
- (3) Cancellation or suspension of official dojo certificate.
- (4) Dismissal from or suspension of officials' status.
- (5) Warnings in writing or orally.

23-2. A person dismissed or expelled from membership based on Article 24-1 shall lose all the right to the Association, then the admission fee and any other fee paid shall not be refunded.

(Admission)

Article 24-1. Dojo or Dokokai which is going to join to the Association shall apply to the President of the Association with the admission fee.

24-2. Admission fee shall be \$100.00 USD

(Secession)

Article 25-1. Dojo or Dokokai which is going to secede from the Association shall notify to the President in writing (any form).

25-2. Dojo or Dokokai seceded from the Association shall lose all the right in the

Association. Also the admission fee and any other fee paid shall not be refunded.

(Enactment of other regulations)

Article 26-1 Besides the rules provided in here, the following regulations shall be separately provided.

- (1) Promotion test rules
- (2) Qualification, title and certification rules
- (3) Regulations of Accounting
- (4) Provision standard for benefits
- (5) Commendation standard
- (6) Competition and Referee rules
- (7) Rules for Dojo certification

Supplement

This rules shall be enforced on January 1st, 2010