



TENCHI RYU AIKIDO

RULES AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION (AS ADOPTED BY THE ASSOCIATION FOUNDER MEMBERS)

1. Tenchi Ryu Aikido (formerly Shi Kon Aikido) was founded by Brian Stockwell in June 1994 (hereinafter known as the Association). Brian Stockwell is life-time Head of the Association and is responsible for all administrative and technical matters within the club (see also item 11 below).
2. The aim of the Association is to promote and develop the practice of Aikido and related arts.
3. The name Tenchi Ryu Aikido, all syllabus documents, coaching documents and administrative/procedural documents produced by the Association shall be the copyright of Brian Stockwell.
4. The Association shall be run as a not-for-profit sports association and any profits made after all liabilities are met will remain in the Association for the benefit and furtherance of the aims of the Association.
5. Membership will be open to all sections of the community and the Association shall operate a non-discriminatory policy at all time offering equity to all.
6. Members will pay annual fees and training fees such as will be determined from time to time, such fees to be reasonably set so as not to act as a barrier to participation. Members will enjoy access to the facilities, tuition, courses, coach development and other benefits as provided by the Association. Some of these may incur additional costs and some may only be available to students of a certain technical grade.
7. The Association will maintain a bank account in the name of Tenchi Ryu Aikido.
8. There will be a grievances/disciplinary/complaints panel **comprising not less than three people** to which all such matters will be referred. This panel will have to right to terminate or refuse membership to any applicant **or member** who as an individual may, or whose conduct may, be incompatible with the aims of the Association. **All grievances/disciplinary/complaints matters will be conducted in line with the Complaints and Disciplinary policies and procedures currently in force**

9. The Association will ensure that, subject to the completion and acceptance of an application form accompanied by payment of membership, all members have ~~the appropriate insurance cover as provided by the BAB~~ “member to member” insurance cover in place.
10. The day-to-day running of the Association shall be conducted by Brian Stockwell. He may be assisted by any members who volunteer and who are capable of conducting the Association’s affairs in a trustworthy, efficient and reliable manner. They must also have the approval of the Head of Association in order to conduct any business on behalf of the Association.
11. Brian Stockwell shall have the right to appoint a successor in the event of his death, or if at any time he wishes to remove himself from the position of Head of Association. His successor will enjoy the same rights as laid down by these Rules and Articles of Association.
12. These Rules and Articles of Association will be made available for inspection to any member upon request. This right to inspect this document will be clearly shown on all application forms. Membership of the Association will therefore be on the understanding that these Rules and Articles of Association have been accepted by the member.

As adopted by the Founder Members in 2004

DISSOLUTION **

In the event that the Association be wound-up or otherwise dissolved, all debts shall be met from existing funds. Once all liabilities are cleared then any remaining funds shall be paid over to the Aikido National Governing Body or other approved Community Amateur Sports Club. In the event that any grant aid forms part of the remaining assets then the conditions of the grant shall be met and unspent monies may be repaid if that was an original condition of the award. No assets may be distributed amongst the members in the event of dissolution**.

UPDATES

- ** Dissolution section added for CASC compliance
- March 2016 Clause removed: *It is the intention of the Association to remain in membership of the National Governing Body for Aikido: the British Aikido Board (BAB). The Association (and its members) will adhere to and implement all procedures and policies required by the BAB.*
- Text **highlighted in red** added to link to new policies and procedures (2016)