

JKF GOJUKAI RULES & REGULATIONS FOR OVERSEAS ORGANIZATIONS

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Chapter 1 General Rules

Article 1 These regulations are based on the bylaws of the Gojukai Headquarter rules (Chapter 11/article25) and are written for the Gojukai members regarding their status, qualifications and organizations located outside of Japan (hereinafter referred to as “overseas members”)
These regulations shall apply to the overseas members with the exception of specific provisions that are otherwise indicated .

Chapter 2 Purpose

Article 2 The ultimate objective is to create a viable international organizational system that will continue to improve technique, global promotion and the development of Goju-ryu Karatedo.

Chapter 3 Organization & Constitution

Article 3 Members can establish branch, country and/or regional headquarters.

- 3-2 The organization consists of individual units of branches that are created in accordance with Article 10, and a country headquarters that is established in accordance with Article 12, and a regional headquarters that is established in accordance with Article 14.
- 3-3 These entities are subject to the authority of the Gojukai headquarters (hereinafter referred to as the “ Headquarters”)and JKF Gojukai headquarters reserves the right to appoint or remove any official including the president.

Chapter 4 Admission & registration procedure for individual membership

Article 4 The admission and registration procedures for individual membership are as follow:

- 4-1 Individuals wishing to be members of Gojukai must be a member of a group which is affiliated with the JKF Gojukai .
- 4-2 Individuals wishing to be members of Gojukai, must complete a membership application form which is signed by a guarantor and submit it along with the required application fee to either a branch or a country headquarters. The application form & fee shall be sent to the Headquarters in Japan for review and approval.
- 4-3 When either a branch or a country headquarters has been established, the application form signed by the guarantor of the applicant must be sent to the regional headquarters or to the Headquarters in Japan.
- 4-4 The/a guarantor should be the head of a group which the applicant belongs to in Japan.
- 4-5 The Headquarters will issue a membership card upon approval of the/an application.

Chapter 5 Definition of members

Article 5 Membership is divided into 2 groups:

- 1) General members 15 years old and over
- 2) Junior members under 15 years old

Article 6 Registration and annual subscription fees

6-1 Membership registration

- 1) 4000 yen for general members and junior members
- 2) 5000 yen for 5th dan grade and above holders

6-2 Annual subscription

No charge for overseas members

6-3 Branch registration fee

¥10,000yen per year and it has to be paid by the end of March

Article 7 Members shall be granted the following rights and privileges but have to perform their duties.

7-1 Participation in any athletics meets, competitions, seminars, training camps and/or any other events that are sponsored by or organized by Headquarters (These activities include those held in countries and regions outside of Japan).

7-2 Acquisition of Dan grades, Titles, Instructor certification, referee certification and other such qualifications issued by the Headquarters

7-3 Receiving priority distribution of bulletins, newsletters, instructional videos and other such articles made by Headquarters.

7-4 Establishing a branch, a country headquarters and a regional headquarters according to Articles 10,12 and 14.

7-5 Members must abide by the agreement and the regulations set forth by the Headquarters.

Article 8 In the following cases individuals forfeit their rights and privileges as members:

8-1 Death or resignation of member

8-2 Expulsion by Headquarters

Chapter 6 Resignation/Expulsion procedures

Article 9 Accused/Found guilty of breaking rules & regulations stated herein and at Headquarters, individuals or groups would/should shall be punished

accordingly after the matters have been brought out in a meeting of the board by the request of a branch, a country headquarters & or a regional headquarters.

- 9-2 Categories of punishment are as follow:
 - 1) Caution (Qualification suspended for a year)
 - 2) Warning (Qualification suspended for 2 years)
 - 3) Expulsion (Cancellation of Registration)
- 9-3 Members who receive expulsion reserve the right to appeal to the Board.
- 9-4 A decision of expulsion by the Board is brought to AGM for its approval and when the decision is accepted, the accused/guilty party automatically loses all rights and qualifications acquired in the past and re-admission is not accepted.
- 9-5 Members wishing to withdraw from registration should submit a form of membership withdrawal to Headquarters through branch and country headquarters.

Chapter 7 Establishment of standards for an organization and its functions & duties

Article 10 The following requirements must be fulfilled for the establishment of a branch:

- 10-1 To submit a list of more than 10 persons of applicant for membership registration to Headquarters and proceed with membership registration after obtaining temporary recognition of a branch establishment.
- 10-2 To hold inauguration meetings for each branch establishment by registered members and submit the minutes of the meetings along with approved rules to the overseas committee through the country headquarters and the regional headquarters.
- 10-3 After checking the documents of the preceding clause, forward the document/s to the executive board for approval and for final decision
- 10-4 In the event that the country headquarters and the regional headquarters have not been established at the time of application, then it is necessary to apply directly to Headquarters through the overseas committee.
- 10-5 The organization and management of a branch shall be defined in laws within a range which does not exceed the rules which the Headquarters and a country headquarters defines, respectively.
- 10-6 When an application is accepted, the Headquarters issues a “Letter of recognition”.
- 10-7 To submit a list of officials by the end of March once every 2 years.

Article 11 A branch must do its duties while having the following functions.

- 11-1 To hold promotion testing for “kyu” from 10 kyu up to 1 kyu.
- 11-2 A branch may issue certificates for “kyu”.

- 11-3 Independently, a branch cannot hold any seminar under the name of JKF Gojukai, in principle.
- 11-4 Qualification as an examiner for testing is given by Headquarters.
- 11-5 A head of a branch office shall be appointed as a representative at a branch and an office shall be established in said place.
- 11-6 A head of a branch office has to transmit the information from Headquarters to register members promptly.

Article 12 The following requirements must be fulfilled for the establishment of a country headquarters:

- 12-1 To have two or more branches, in principle, but Headquarters is to make the decision about the number of branches in a large country.
- 12-2 To hold an inauguration meeting for the establishment of a country headquarters by representatives of each of the branches and submit minutes of the meeting and the application form regarding the formation of a country headquarters to the Headquarters through the overseas committee.
- 12-3 After checking the documents referred to in the preceding clause, the overseas committee forwards the documents to the executive board for approval and the Headquarters makes a decision whether to approve them or not .
- 12-4 In the case that a regional headquarters has not been formed at the time of an application, it applies directly to the Headquarters through the overseas committee.
- 12-5 About the organization and management of a country headquarters: A country headquarters shall set rules within the limits of the laws of the country concerned and also within the limits of the rules of the Headquarters, respectively..
- 12-6 When an application is approved, the Headquarters issues a certificate of recognition.
- 12-7 The list of officials should be submitted to the overseas committee by the end of March once every 2 years.

Article 13 The country headquarters has the following duties and functions:

- 13-1 The country headquarters has to plan branch establishments positively/actively, and has to co-operate with the requests of the establishment.
- 13-2 The country headquarters can organize promotion testing up to 3rd dan.
- 13-3 The country headquarters can recommend applicants for “Honorary Dan”, ”Recommendation Dan” and “Title” to the Headquarters.
- 13-4 To obtain permission through the overseas committee when the country headquarters organizes any seminar for kata, kumite, referee, or competition training, a report of the function must be made to the

overseas committee immediately after any such function..

- 13-5 In the event a web-site is created announcing promotion testing and seminars under the name of the JKF Gojukai, the contents of it must be reported to the overseas committee.
- 13-6 The necessary qualifications for the enforcement of Articles 13-2 and 13-3 are given by the Headquarters.
- 13-7 A manager shall be appointed as a representative in a country headquarters and an office shall be established in the said place.
- 13-8 When the manager of a headquarters holds the list of the names of each registered branch, the manager has to transmit the information from the regional headquarters and the Headquarters to each branch promptly.

Article 14 The following requirements must be fulfilled for the establishment of the regional headquarters.

- 14-1 Establishment of Regional headquarters are, in principal, regarded as 4 regions, namely, Europe, Africa, Asia-Oceania and Pan-America.
- 14-2 The region which has the 5 or more country headquarters can, in principle, establish regional headquarters.
- 14-3 On the occasion of the establishment of a regional headquarters, a predetermined petition has to be submitted to the Headquarters through the overseas committee, and the Headquarters decides on whether to approve it or not.
- 14-4 Regarding the organization and management of a regional headquarters, a regional headquarters shall set their rules in the range which is not contrary to the rules of the Headquarters.
- 14-5 When an application is approved, the Headquarters issues a "Certificate of Recognition" .
- 14-6 A list of officials must be submitted to the overseas committee by the end of March once every 2 years.

Article 15 Regional headquarters have the following functions and duties.

- 15-1 A regional headquarters has to work for the establishment of a country headquarters and cooperate in its establishment request .
- 15-2 To conduct Dan testing up to and including 5th dan
- 15-3 A regional headquarters can recommend candidates for "Recommended Dan", "Honorable Dan" and "Title" to the Headquarters.
- 15-4 On the occasion of organizing technical seminars(Kata & Kumite), referees seminars and tournaments under the name of JKF Gojukai, the organizer should obtain permission from the Headquarters through the overseas committee.
- 15-5 On the occasion of creating web-sites regarding Promotion Testing Technical seminars such as Kata seminars under the name of JKF Gojukai, the organizer should report the contents of it to the Overseas Committee.
- 15-6 Necessary qualifications for enforcement of Articles 15-1 and 15-2, are given by the Headquarters.
- 15-7 If the regional headquarters is not yet established at the time, and when

Dan testing is needed, the organizer can apply to the Testing Committee through the Overseas Committee

15-8 The regional headquarters shall appoint a general manager as its representative and an office shall be established in the said place.

15-9 While the general manager holds the list of names of the regional headquarters, the manager has to transmit information from the Headquarters to each regional headquarters promptly.

Chapter 8 Standards for abolishing a branch

Article 16

16-1 If a branch registration fee is defaulted for 2 years, the registration is cancelled.

16-2 If a presentation of an official list is defaulted for 2 years, the registration is cancelled.

16-3 When the Overseas Committee judges that any organization concerned has not fully fulfilled its duties, abolishment of such an organization can be advised to the Headquarters and the Headquarters will make the appropriate decisions.

Chapter 9 Authorization and Registration of “Dan” and “Title”

(Dan grades, Dan Testing, Qualifications of examiner and Title prerequisites)

Article 17 Members who wish to receive dan and titles must satisfy the below stated conditions.

17-1 Dan(Grade)

Practical Dan	Requisite Dan	Terms of training	Age
Shodan(1 st dan)	Must be 1kyu	Trained for at least 2 years	15 & over
Nidan(2 nd dan)	Shodan holder	1 years or more after passing Shodan	
Sandan(3 rd dan)	Nidan holder	2 years or more after passing Nidan	
Yondan(4 th dan)	Sandan holder	3 years or more after passing Sandan	
Godan(5 th dan)	Yondan holder	4 years or more after passing Yondan	
Rokudan(6 th dan)	Godan holder	5 years or more after passing Godan	38 & over
Nanadan(7 th dan)	Rokudan holder	6 years or more after passing Rokudan	44 & over
Hachidan(8 th dan)	Nanadan holder	7 years or more after passing Nanadan	51 & over

17-2 Titles

Title	Qualifications and Conditions	Age
Renshi	5 th dan & above, 3years after 5 th dan passed	30years & over
Kyoshi	6 th dan & above, 5 years after Renshi title given	45years & over
Hanshi	8 th dan & above, 7years after Kyoshi title given	60years & over

17-3 Testing, Qualifications of Testing panel

Dan Grade	Qualification	numbers
Shodan-Sandan	5 th dan holder & Renshi title holder and above	5 or more
Yondan-Godan	6 th dan holder & Kyoshi title holder and above	5 or more
Rokudan-Hachidan	8 th dan holder & Hanshi title holder and above	5 or more

17-4 Organizer of Dan Testing & Title recognition

17-4-1 A branch can organize testing for Kyu Grades.

17-4-2 A country headquarters can organize testing up to 3dan grade with approval of the Testing Committee.

17-4-3 A regional headquarters can organize testing up to 5th dan grade with approval of the Testing Committee and the chief of the testing panel is appointed by the Testing Committee.

17-4-5 Headquarters organizes 6th dan and above testing and also organizes deliberative meetings for " Title given" as well. Each certificate is issued by Headquarters.

17-5 Testing and registration fee for Dan and title are as follows:

Table –1 Testing Fee

Dan	Testing Fee
Shodan – Sandan	¥5,000
Yondan – Godan	¥10,000
Rokudan – Hachidan	¥20,000

Table-2 Registration Fee for Dan

Dan	Registration Fee
Shodan	¥5,000
Nidan	¥6,000
Sandan	¥7,000
Yondan	¥15,000
Godan	¥20,000
Rokudan	¥30,000
Nanadan	¥50,000
Hachidan	¥100,000

Table-3 Registration Fee for Title

Titles	Registration Fee
Renshi	¥50,000
Kyoshi	¥100,000
Hanshi	¥200,000

17-6 Katas for Testing

Dan	Kata
Shodan	Sanchin, Gekisai daiichi or Daini, Saiha
Nidan	Sanchin, Tensho, Seiyunchin
Sandan	Sanchin, Tensho, Sanseiru
Yondan	Sanchin, Tensho, Shisochin
Godan,	Sanchin Tensho, Seipai
Rokudan	Sanchin, Tensho, Seisan
Nanadan	Sanchin, Tensho, Kururunha
Hachidan	Sanchin, Tensho, su-parlinpei.

17-7 Standards and procedures for Dan Transfer and Testing

Transfer from JKF Gojukai junior Dan to adult Dan:

17-7-1 When a junior reaches the age of 15, he/she can apply for Dan transfer from Junior Dan to Adult Dan by submitting an application form. There is no Testing but the applicant must attend the Kata seminar specified by the Testing Committee.

Transfer from a Dan of another style to a JKFGojukai Dan:

17-7-2 Applicant must hold a National Dan recognized by her/his own country or a WKF(WUKO) Dan.

17-7-3 An applicant for up to 3rd dan transfer Testing must attend the Kata seminar at least 2 times which is specified by the Testing Committee/Kata Instruction Committee and for up to 5th dan transfer Testing, at least 3 times attendance is required as well.

17-7-4 Dan transfer Testing is for up to 5th dan only, and can not apply for higher grade which applicant hold and application is permitted only one time in life.

17-7-5 An applicant must submit an application form of Dan transfer and get approval of it from the chief instructor in the kata seminar.

17-7-6 Approval to take Dan transfer Testing is valid for a year.

17-7-7 The applicant should be able to perform all Katas up to the same Dan which he/she intends to take and it must be proved in the

seminar.

17-7-8 The applicant must submit an approved form of taking Dan transferring Testing and a certificate of a National Dan or a WKF(WUKO) Dan.

17-7-9 An applicant who has passed Dan transfer Testing must pay the respective registration fees of each grade up to the Dan the applicant has passed.

Article 18 Responsibility of registration

18-1 When a decision has been rendered regarding candidates who have been examined by the procedures dictated in the preceding articles, the applications and contents of the testing results must be sent to the Headquarters at once for registration.

18-2 If the application is not received by the Headquarters within 2 months from the testing date, then the grade attained shall be considered null and void.

Chapter 10 Miscellaneous Rules

Article 19 Controlling of a branch, Country headquarters and regional headquarters and restrictions limiting its functions.

19-1 Recognized branches, country headquarters and regional headquarters must abide by the dictates of the Headquarters.

19-2 Branches, country headquarters and regional headquarters should not engage in any activities that are outside the scope of the regulations stated in this document.

Article 20 Retroactive Application

Any qualification or certification acquired by a member prior to the implementation of these regulations is deemed to be acquired in compliance with these regulations.

Article 21 Action against interpretation and doubts of these regulations.

21-1 Any issue that cannot be resolved by these regulations or any doubt that surfaces regarding any of the information contained in any article will be resolved by the Headquarters.

21-2 If & when there is any difference in interpretation of these regulations among the Japanese version, the English version, or any other version, the Japanese version shall predominate over all other versions.

21-3 If there are any regulations which are not written/covered in this document, the Headquarter rulings shall be followed and preside.

Article 22 Exemption clause

22-1 Regarding regulations concerning the appointment of directors and the board of directors, Headquarters regulations cannot be applied to overseas members except on special occasions.

Article 23 Revocation of prior established rules

23-1 These regulations may be amended or modified only when a Board meeting is convened by the Headquarters and 2/3 of a majority decision is reached to do so.

Additional rules: These regulations are enforced as of June 1, 2008 onward

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Chapter 3-article 3- item 3

Chapter 7-article 3- item 3