



# REGULATIONS AND POLICIES OF THE OCEANIA AIKIDO KYOUGI RENMEI

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### Policy Statement

## Regulations and Policies of the Oceania Aikido Kyougi Renmei (OAKR)

### Regulations

#### I. Recognition of Clubs and Individuals

- i) Any club or individual in the Australasian region practising sport aikido wishing to affiliate as a sport member can do so by application and by agreeing to the stated conditions on the application and paying the required registration fee.
- ii) Clubs must have an OAKR Ltd approved instructor who maintains their approval and recognition.

#### II. Types of Recognition

- i) An Affiliate Member is a Full Sport Member who is bound by the aims, regulations, policies and bye-laws of OAKR Ltd and its registered business names. A potential affiliate member must join or be a member of an affiliated club. An Affiliate Member can vote on behalf of their affiliated club at stipulated meetings and hold office on stipulated committees.
- ii) An Associate Member is a sport member who is bound by the membership, aims, regulations and bye-laws of another aikido organisation but wishes to participate in and support the aims and activities of OAKR Ltd. An Associate Member cannot vote or hold office.
- iii) All affiliated or accredited state associations, clubs or individuals (however so described) of OAKR Ltd prior to these amendments being adopted shall be deemed Affiliate Members bound by these amended aims, regulations, policies and byelaws and will be entitled to such benefits as are conferred on them by OAKR Ltd whether directly or indirectly.

#### III. Types of Member

- i) Affiliate Member
  - a) Club
  - b) Individual
    - Adult membership
    - Junior membership (under 18 yrs.)
- ii) Associate Member
  - a) Individual only
    - Adult membership

State Affiliates will be dealt with separately to these regulations under a constitutional structure at the time of their formation.

#### IV. Member Registration Fees

Annual Fees will be decided from time to time by the OAKR Ltd Board of Directors /Executive Committee. Membership year shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March of the following year. For members joining part way through the year a trimester pro rata payment will be accepted.

**V. Approval and recognition of Instructors, Officials, Judges, and Referees**

- i) Instructors who have reached yondan through training with OAKR or an approved or recognised organisation and have fulfilled requirements stipulated by the OAKR Examinations Committee shall be approved by OAKR and recognized as an instructor (shidoo-in). Additional qualifications may be required by some training venues in addition to insurance cover.
- ii) Those who are of lesser rank but have occasion to teach in a club under supervision of an approved instructor until they attain yondan, may also be approved as an assistant instructor of that club.
- iii) Officials, judges and referees who hold the necessary experience or qualifications with an approved or recognised organisation or who have passed an OAKR training course will be approved and accredited by the OAKR Refereeing Committee. Such qualifications need to be documented for approval by the Worldwide Sport Aikido Federation for their international tournament participation and qualification.

**VI. Promotion Policies and procedures**

- i) Examinations and registration will be expedited by the OAKR Examinations Committee. The Examination Syllabus for adults will be the last Japan Aikido Association examination syllabus of 2011 and any improvements thereafter. A revised juniors syllabus is now used for juniors and has been aligned with the Worldwide Sport Aikido Federation juniors competitive events rules. Copies are available upon request. Dan remedial training clinics organised by clubs and instructors will be encouraged before Dan promotion .
- ii) Yudansha are issued certificates by the OAKR Examinations Committee and records are kept by OAKR.
- iii) Adult Kyu promotions will be held at the club level and a small registration fee may be charged per adult kyu rank from 8 kyu to 1 kyu out of the fee charged by the club.
- iv) Official examiners will be those approved by the OAKR Examinations Committee.
- v) Dan ranks will be examined by sub-committees of the OAKR Examinations Committee at specified times in the year.
- vi) The OAKR Board of Directors/ Executive Committee will set the fees for dan examinations from time to time.

**VII. Events Sanctioning and International Representation**

- i) OAKR deals exclusively with Worldwide Sport Aikido Federation (WSAF), Japan Aikido Association (JAA), Shodokan Aikido Federation (SAF), British Aikido Association (BAA), Shodokan Aikido UK (SAUK), Tomiki Aikido of the Americas (TAA) and such like in any perceived official capacity on behalf of its Affiliate Members.
- ii) Only visits by senior officials/Instructors from overseas which are arranged by OAKR will be sanctioned OAKR events.
- iii) Clubs / States may apply to OAKR to hold sanctioned events up to two months prior to the event.
- iv) Clubs / States may not compete with OAKR in holding sanctioned events

**VIII. Access to OAKR Services and Resources**

- i) Access to OAKR events, services and resources will be through membership and “fee for service”

**IX. Competition rules**

- i) Competitions will be held under the international rules from Kyoto 2009 and as currently being revised by the Worldwide Sport Aikido Federation (WSAF).
- ii) Events and rules for juniors can follow the 2017 WSAF World Championships model with tentative variations until they are reviewed and finalised by the WSAF.
- iii) From time to time, some additions or changes to the rules for development and research purposes may occur as sanctioned by the OAKR Technical committee up to regional level competition.
- iv) Ultimately the guidelines of the Worldwide Sport Aikido Federation regarding competition rules will be adhered to.

**X. Official Team**

- i) Selection of teams to represent Australasia overseas will be expedited by the Tournament Organising Committee of OAKR

**XI. Competitions**

- i) It is the primary mission of OAKR to organise national, regional and international competitions.
- ii) OAKR will offer standards and assistance to member clubs for in-club, interclub and state competition.
- iii) All aspects of competition will be guided by the policies of the Worldwide Sport Aikido Federation of which OAKR is a founding member and holds a seat on the executive committee board of directors.

**Policies**

**2.1) Fund raising Policy**

- i) OAKR is a “fees for service” Business model with a sport membership.
- ii) Regular Fees may be charged for services such as examinations, registration and record keeping of promotions / awards and any associated goods and materials such as certificates and booklets.
- iii) Entry fees may be charged for events organised by OAKR Ltd such as competitions, training clinics and the like.
- iv) Funds may be raised through sponsorships and grant applications
- v) Funds may be raised through the sale of Official goods.
- vi) OAKR cannot accept charitable donations.

**2.2) Code of Behaviour and complaints**

- i) A Code of Behaviour and a complaints process will be adopted.
- ii) The Guidelines of the Australian Sports Commission will be followed.

**2.3) Social Media Policy**

- i) A social media policy based on the JFA (Judo Federation of Australia) will be adopted

**2.4) Doping Policy**

- i) A doping policy will be adopted.
- ii) The guidelines of the Australian Sports Commission will be followed and additionally that of the WSAF and WADA.

**2.5) Discrimination and equality policy**

- i) A policy on discrimination and equality will be adopted.
- ii) The guidelines of the Australian Sports Commission will be followed.

**2.6) Player protection (social)**

- i) A Policy on Player protection will be adopted.
- ii) A protection policy based on the JFA (Judo Federation of Australia) will be adopted

**2.7) Privacy and Data protection policy**

- i) The state and federal law jurisdictions shall apply to protection of privacy and data
- ii) All kept data will be protected by law and not divulged to third parties unless by the expressed written permission of the person concerned.

**2.8). Conflict of interest**

- i) A study of conflicts of interest in Sport will be undertaken and a full policy adopted.
- ii) It will be considered a conflict of interest for an Affiliate Club or State to offer the same or similar service in competition with OAKR Ltd.

## **Policy Statement**

All the above policies will come under regular review as many of them will get constant updating by the institutions that regulate them due to the ever-changing environment in Sport. Many of these policies are requirements of accreditation as a sporting body by our own WSAF, the Australian Sports Commission and the world sports organisations to which we aspire. There may also be an increase in additional policies due to involvement with such world bodies.

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