

## **Constitution**

### **University of Georgia Budokai (Shorinji Ryu Karatedo Club)**

#### **Article I: Name**

- a. The name of this organization is the University of Georgia Budokai. “Budokai” may be translated as “association for the practice of martial ways.”

#### **Article II: Purpose of Organization**

- a. To provide qualified instruction in the art of Shorinji Ryu Karatedo to UGA students, staff, and faculty through regularly scheduled classes.
  - b. To promote traditional Japanese martial ways (budo).
  - c. To develop the moral character of participants through a commitment to non-violence and the protection of human lives and society.
  - d. to promote collateral education in related arts and cultural studies.
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- I. Instruction and ranking of participants are conducted under the authority of the Zen Nihon Karatedo Kempo Kai (All Japan Karatedo Kempo Association) and the Zen Tohoku Karatedo Kempo Kumiai (All Northern Japan Karatedo Kempo Teachers Guild), represented in the United States by the international director of Shorinji Ryu Karatedo, Thomas Cauley.

#### **Article III: Membership and Non-Discrimination**

- a. Any UGA student, employee, or faculty member may participate, provided he or she has access to the Ramsey Center for Student Physical Activities, follows all regulations and

procedures set forth by UGA, and demonstrates an understanding of the ethical requirements of traditional karatedo training.

- b. The traditional “Dojo Kun” summarizes these requirements:
- Seek Perfection of Character
  - Defend the Path of Truth
  - Endeavor to Excel
  - Display Courtesy
  - Refrain from Violent Behavior
- c. A member who has not participated in any scheduled meetings or classes for eight weeks will be considered inactive. Inactive members may re-gain active status at any time by resuming participation for at least two weeks.
- d. **Membership and all privileges, including voting and officer positions, must be extended to all students without regard to age, ethnicity, gender, disability, color, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. *However, Religious student organizations will not be denied registration solely because they limit membership or leadership positions to students who share the same religious beliefs.***
- e. Membership and all its privileges, including voting and officer positions, are open to all UGA students and employees without regard to age, gender, disability, color, national origina, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status. The Budokai will at all times fully comply with the University of Georgia Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy, Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments Act of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

#### **Article IV: Meetings**

- a.** Regular meetings (classes) are held two days per week year-round. The exact meeting time depending on scheduling of Ramsey Center facilities and the operating hours of the University of Georgia.
- b.** Non-official meetings occur Sundays for the highest ranking members.

#### **Article V: Officers and Elections**

- a.** All officers must be students enrolled in at least 6 credit hours at UGA and should be in good academic standing.
- b.** Elections and other discussions of club business are held immediately following class sessions. Elections for a President, Vice-President, and a tertiary officer (if necessary) will occur every January.
- c.** Approval by a quorum of members is required for the election of officers. A quorum shall consist a majority of active members present at any meeting. A candidate must receive a majority vote by the active members present at the meeting when elections take place to receive the position for which he or she is applying.
- d.** The president is responsible for ensuring that the club operates within the guidelines provided by the UGA Student Activities and Recreational Sports offices, including the completion of all required paperwork and documentation and the coordination of seminars and other special events.

- e. It is the responsibility of club officers to request facilities for classes from Recreational Sports; to develop and present an annual budget request; and to represent the club at official Recreational Sports functions.
- f. The vice-president will assume the duties of the president when the president is unable to perform them and will otherwise assist in the administration of the club.
- g. Either the president or the vice-president is authorized to encumber club funds, but only after a quorum of members has voted to encumber the specified funds.
- h. If the officer becomes inactive through nonparticipation (see Membership and Nondiscrimination above), consistently fails to fulfill duties required for the continued existence of the club, or chooses to resign, a special election will be held to replace him or her, following the same procedures as regular annual elections.
- i. An officer may be removed from office by majority vote of the active club members at a meeting scheduled immediately after a practice.

#### **Article VI: Amendments**

- a. Amendments can be made to the Budokai Constitution by a majority vote of active members at a designated meeting after practice.

#### **Article VII: Advisor**

- a. A faculty advisor shall be appointed by the officers of the club to oversee the quality and continuity of instruction and to ensure that university policies and procedures are followed.

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