The Thurrock School of Karate



CONSTITUTION

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This is to certify that this is a correct account of the Constitution of The Thurrock School of Karate .

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Objectives

- .1 To foster and encourage the study and practice of safe and healthy karate at The Thurrock School.
- .2 To represent The club at regional, national and international Karate competitions.
- .3 To provide an opportunity for members to enter competitions and attend external training courses
- .4 To empower, promote equality and diversity.

2 Governing Committee

- 2.1 Shall consist of Chief Instructor, Treasurer, Secretary, Men's Captain, Women's Captain, and Social Secretary.
- 2.2 Shall review annually the affiliation of the Club with regard to its Governing Karate Association.
- 2.3 No club member is allowed more than two consecutive years on the committee, with the exception of the Chief Instructor.

3 New Committee

- 3.1 At the end of the third term, the Club's members shall elect a new President, Men's Captain, and Women's Captain. These will, in consultation with the old committee, select the remainder of the new committee.
- 3.2 All Club members interested in standing for a committee position should be encouraged to nominate themselves prior to the above election.
- 3.3 Committee positions are only open to persons at 18 and over, members of the school(TSOK) or members parents.
- 3.4 The Committee shall aim to meet once every guarter.
- 3.5 The President is ultimately responsible for the well being of the school, its external representation and the booking of Guest Instructors.
- 3.6 The Treasurer is responsible for the financial management of the Club, including the annual submission of the Club's accounts .The Treasurer is also responsible for the collection of training fees.
- 3.7 The Secretary is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Club including notification of club activities to its members.
- 3.8 The Men's and Women's Captains are responsible for organising the Club's training programme and competition teams.
- 3.9 The Social Secretaries are responsible for ensuring that the Club maintains a healthy social life, including the organisation of termly dinner events.

4 Technical committee

- 4.1 Shall consist of Men's and Women's Captains, and all other current regular instructors of the Club.
- 4.2 Shall be chaired by either the Chief Instructor, Men's or Women's Captain.
- 4.3 Shall assume an advisory function for issues of teaching, training, grading, and the general standard of karate in the Club.

4.4 Shall meet formally if deemed necessary, and submit minutes of this meeting to the Governing Committee.

5 Non-student members

- 5.1 Any person who has not subscribed to the register of the club or governing body
- 5.2 Non-students will be allowed a free trail lesson to which the option of full membership.
- 5.3 Non-student members can take part in the non-student competitions.

6 Tuition/Guest Instructors

- 6.1 The Club shall aim to train Karate assistant instructors from within.
- 6.2 The Committee shall nominate a range of Guest Instructors for the purpose of broadening the Club's training content.
- 6.3 Guest Instructor courses should aim to be self-financing, although special funding can be applied for.
- 6.4 A non-member presence shall be permitted at Guest Instructor courses, but club members should be given priority.

7 Club Affiliation

- 7.1 The style of karate practiced by the Club is Shotokan.
- 7.2 The Club is affiliated to the English Karate Organisation(EKO).
- 7.3 At least one year's notice shall be given for any proposed changes to the Club's affiliation. Such changes must be implemented only after discussion at a meeting of the club, and must strictly adhere to voting guidelines.

8 Compliance

- 8.1 The Club is eligible to be and is registered to the England Karate Organisation (EKO), the National Governing Body. The Club shall effect and maintain such registration: purchase any insurance cover which the national body makes available unless the Thurrock School of Karate committee decides or prescribes other arrangements; and make every effort to comply with all safety procedures which the national body prescribes, or recommends as good practice.
- **8.2** The Club shall ensure that all paid Club administrative and coaching appointments are ratified by the chief Instructor; that all coaches are registered with any relevant national governing body; and that all paid coaches are accredited by such body.
- **8.3** The Club shall observe the Code of Conduct on Safety Matters which is set out in the Schedule to this Constitution, ensure compliance with the Code by the members of the Club, and follow an appropriate procedure for risk assessment. Both the Code of Conduct and the procedure for risk assessment must be acceptable to the Chief instructor. If and for so long as the Club is responsible for organising an inter competition, the Code of Conduct shall include guidelines and appropriate risk assessments for that competition.