Jikan Budokai International Association 慈館武道会国際連盟

Regulations for Individual Members

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Background

The headquarters (hombu) of Jikan Budokai International Association (JBI) is Jikan Dojo in London, England. As an individual member of JBI, you will be recognised as a direct student of Jikan Dojo or an approved member club. Your training will be similar to the concept of distance-learning. Individual members can attend Jikan Budokai's members-only seminars at the special rates for direct students. You will receive invitations to training camps around the world with Jikan Budokai and our parent organisations. You may also be registered as direct students of our parent organisations in Japan, usually depending on rank. You'll be given access to various learning resources including the online members portal to practice on your own, however you'll need to visit the headquarters or authorised branches and JBI seminars when you can, for guidance and assessments. Individual members in certain circumstances are eligible for training scholarships.

Individual members are encouraged to create a practice group in their area. If you chose to do so the regulations for practice groups will apply. Once in a practice group you can pursue instructor certification in Japanese martial arts. A **JBI Self-Defence Instructor certification** is usually quicker to achieve through intensive training. To also achieve certification as an instructor of Japanese karate, jujutsu or swordsmanship (iai & kenjutsu) you will need a lot more time and will need to be highly motivated, patience and passionate. In time you will be assessed for rank and when you achieve shodan rank (1st degree black belt) you can complete instructor training and earn the title of 'sensei'. When you achieve nidan (2nd degree black belt) your group's status can change from 'study group' to a full 'member club' and branch of Jikan Budokai International and our parent organisations. At that stage regulations for member clubs will apply.

<u>Rules</u>

- 1. Terms and conditions are subject to change and it is your responsibility to keep up-to-date on the latest regulations.
- 2. You must ensure that your insurance and membership is always up-to-date and renewed in time yearly.
- 3. You must not proclaim to be an instructor of any martial art taught at JBI without certification and authorisation.
- 4. **You must not attempt to teach children without instructor certification**, and JBI authorisation after the relevant background checks. A DBS is also required in the UK.
- 5. You may not publicly demonstrate the techniques of the art you are learning within JBI. You can however participate in demonstrations arranged by the headquarters or full branches (member clubs) of JBI, if you are invited to do so.
- 6. As a student of Jikan JBI there is rarely any need for you to contact the headquarters (hombu) of our parent organisations. Queries regarding the hombu of our parent karate and koryu bujutsu organisation must be directed to the secretary or kancho (president) of JBI. Contacting the hombu of our parent organisations without the expressed permission of the kancho of Jikan Budokai Internation may result in immediate expulsion from the organisation as it circumvents a standard etiquette that is expected.
- 7. You must have expressed permission from the kancho of Jikan Budokai International to practice any other martial art, either in your own study circle or at another club. This is because the principles and practices of other martial arts may be in contradiction to those of the arts practiced in JBI and may hinder your progress. JBI is quite flexible about this but will in certain circumstances be strongly against members affiliating with certain other groups. Membership in other koryu bujutsu groups is not allowed.
- 8. These rules are subject to change and expansion. Just because certain terms and conditions may not be written, it doesn't mean that they may not be applicable. Common sense and discretion are advised. If there is any

uncertainty about any practices, affiliations and other matters that may be not be in harmony with the affiliations, policies and ethics of Jikan Budokai International, you must consult with the secretary or the kancho for clarification.

- 9. You must inform JBI in writing of any changes to the information you provide on initial application.
- 10. You must not ever disclose any of the organisation's internal knowledge or documentation deemed to be 'private', 'secret' or 'restricted'. Some examples of this include curriculums, disciplinary proceedings and training methods etc. You must not distribute any copyrighted material without expressed permission. Violation may lead to expulsion or even legal action.