

The Aikido Association for Daily Life

Constitution

Objectives

The name of the organisation will be the Aikido Association for Daily Life (referred to hereafter as the Association).

The Association will be a full member of the British Aikido Board, which is the Sports Council recognised governing body in the U.K.

The prime objective of the Association is to be an “umbrella” organisation for a group of independent Aikido clubs, with a similar Aikido philosophy, to get the benefits of membership to the B.A.B. such as insurance for members, coaching policy, health and safety etc. which would not be available to them as independent clubs.

Membership

The Associations members are those clubs who wish to join and not the students who practice in those member clubs.

Each club will be represented by their teacher or a member nominated by the teacher, and this individual will act as an officer of the Association with voting rights. Any decisions that need to be made, will be made on the basis of a majority decision. Only a majority vote can effect change.

Members of the Association will be autonomous and will control their own finances, insurances, aikido syllabus, grading structure, membership, health and safety, child protection, data protection, coaching policy and discipline issues within their own club.

The Association member must agree to maintain the minimum standards as set out by the BAB, with regard to all their policy and guidelines such as: Coaching, Insurance, Child Protection, Health and Safety, Drugs in Sport, Equal Opportunities etc.

Renewal of membership will take place on the 1st April, aikidoka who join member's clubs will pay pro rata for their first membership fee.

Finance

The Association will be run on a non profit making basis.

Membership fees will be set to cover BAB insurance costs and the administration costs and exceptional costs.

Any surplus funds will be returned to the member clubs on a pro rata basis, using the last BAB membership return.

Accounts will be produced annually and presented to an Annual General Meeting.

The cost of BAB insurance, both member to member and Association plus the administration cost will be £12 for each aikidoka of Member's clubs per annum. This fee is subject to change dependent on fees set by the BAB

Discipline

Should a member of the Association bring the Association into disrepute or should they not adhere to the policies and guide lines set out in the B.A.B. they will be expelled from the Association should the majority of members agree.