



日本松濤館空手協会

# JSKA CONSTITUION

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# **JSKA Constitution**

## **CHAPTER 1: GENERAL RULES**

### ***Article 1 - Name***

The official name of this corporation is the Japan Shotokan Karate Association (abbreviated as JSKA).

### ***Article 2 - Location***

The legal location of this corporation is in Japan.

### ***Article 3 - Purpose***

1. This corporation is a specified non-profit organization established in Japan, in 1999 and conducts research, guidance, and dissemination of karate.
2. The corporation believe in inclusiveness, where regardless of race, colour or creed, all members are treated with respect, dignity and fairness.
3. The purpose of this corporation is to promote the physical and mental health and self-fulfillment of members through karate, to foster friendship among members, to contribute to a rich life, and to contribute to the development of human resources who are socially significant.

### ***Article 4 - Business operations***

This corporation will carry out the following businesses:

1. Planning and holding of competitions, seminars, events, etc.
2. Providing various guidance and consulting
3. Brand management, public relations, and other branding benchmark
4. Issuance of various qualifications and certifications
5. Publishing and distribution of karate educational materials.
6. Product development, manufacturing and sales
7. Other related

### ***Article 5 - Trademark***

The trademarks owned by this corporation will be operated as follows:

1. All use of the trademark requires the permission of this corporation, and the usage fee specified separately must be paid to the corporation. In addition, for products, images, videos, etc. using this trademark, specifications and materials must be submitted in advance and in order to get the permission before publication.
2. Only the registered affiliation of this corporation have the rights for using the trademark such as letterheads, envelopes, certificates, forms, images, videos,

printed matters, advertisements, and karate uniforms. If other items are outside of this scope or items that are sold separately will have a different rule applied.

3. The copyrights associated with books, music, photographs, videos, on the Internet, etc. issued by this corporation shall be the same as in the previous two paragraphs.
4. The trademark must be used in accordance with the provisions established by this corporation.

#### ***Article 6 - Business Fiscal year***

The business fiscal year of this corporation is from April 1st to March 31st.

## **CHAPTER 2 : STRUCTURE**

#### ***Article 7 - Corporate structure***

This corporation is composed by members and branches/dojos (hereinafter called Branch).

#### ***Article 8 - Members***

The members of this corporation are as follows:

1. Branch representative member - Representative of the branch approved by this corporation
2. Group members -Those who belong to the branch.
3. Supporting member- Individuals or groups who support this corporation in different activities.
4. Honorary member- An individual or group that has shown outstanding achievements for this corporation.

#### ***Article 9 - Membership***

1. To join, it is necessary to complete the procedure according to the prescribed application form and obtain the approval of the board of directors.
2. Members can participate in every activities, seminars or championships and etc. held by this corporation.
3. Members can receive the services provided by this corporation.
4. Members must pay the prescribed membership fee.
5. Members must comply and follow the rules established by this corporation.

#### ***Article 10 - Loss of membership***

In the following cases, membership will be suspended or lost after a resolution of the board of directors.

1. Those who applied for withdrawal from the corporation
2. Those who did not pay the membership fee as prescribed

3. When a member dies or the group is dissolved
4. When there is an act that violates the rules of this significantly
5. When there is an act contrary to the interests of this corporation or an act that seriously damages its honor.

## **CHAPTER 3 : BRANCH**

### ***Article 11 - Establishment of branch***

This corporation approves the establishment of a branch if it meets the following requirements.

1. At least one qualified instructor provides regular guidance and practice.
2. To establish a branch, submit a prescribed application form, and after approval by the board of directors, president approves it.
3. One branch represent one dojo.
4. The branch must pay the prescribed membership fee.
5. The branch must register all members to which it belongs, collect membership fees, and pay to this corporation by the designated method.

### ***Article 12 - Branch business***

The branch can carry out the following businesses by utilizing trademarks such as corporate names and logo marks.

1. Member recruitment, various guidance.
2. Planning and holding of championships, seminars, events, online events and etc.
3. Examination of Kyu, Dan, and other gradings.
4. Product development, manufacturing and sales
5. Regular business utilizing other corporate brands

### ***Article 13 - Name of branch***

The name of the branch cannot be a name that represents a country, a wide area, or a continent. However, this does not apply to city names, town names, etc., or if specially approved by the board of directors.

### ***Article 14 - Branch activity restrictions, qualification suspension, qualification cancellation, closure***

1. If it is found that there has been a clear violation of the Covenant, a resolution of the Board of Directors may impose restrictions on activities, suspension of qualifications, disqualification, etc.
2. If the requirements for opening a branch as mentioned in the Article 10 are no longer met, or at the request of a branch representative member who is the representative, it will be closed and the registration will be deleted.

## CHAPTER 4 : ORGANIZATION

### ***Article 15 - General Headquarters***

The General headquarter of this corporation is located in Japan. It will control and operate the business of this corporation.

### ***Article 16 -World Organization***

In order to ensure the smooth and developmental operation of the world organization, in principle, it shall be divided into five continents (Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania and America), and each shall be operated according to the situation. (See Attachment: List of countries on each continent)

### ***Article 17 -Continental Headquarters (Continental JSKA)***

1. If the prescribed requirements are met, the continental headquarters may be established by a resolution of the board of directors.
2. The names of the continental headquarters will be JSKA Europe JSKA Africa, JSKA Asia, JSKA Oceania, JSKA America
3. The continental headquarters represents the relevant continent and controls the area exclusively and independently within this corporate agreement, and carries out the business of the corporation.
4. The officers of the Continental Headquarters shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.
5. If there is no continental headquarters, the general headquarter will supervise this matter

### ***Article 18 - Regional and national representative organizations (Regional /National JSKA)***

1. The continent shall be divided into several regions or countries and operated according to their specific situation.
2. If the prescribed requirements are met, the regional or national headquarters can be established by a resolution of the board of directors with the approval of the higher-level organizations specified in this chapter.
3. Install this under the name of JSKA area name, JSKA country name, etc.
4. The regional / national headquarters represent the relevant region / country, within the scope of the higher-level organizational rules stipulated in this chapter, and carries out the business of this corporation.
5. The officers of the headquarters set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the board of directors of this corporation.
6. If there is no regional or national headquarters, the higher-level organization specified in this chapter will supervise the matter.

### ***Article 19 -Organizational requirements***

The requirements for the establishment and composition of the organization specified in this chapter shall be decided separately by the board of directors.

## **CHAPTER 5 : GOVERNANCE**

### ***Article 20 - Representative***

The President and Chief Instructor represent and supervise this corporation.

### ***Article 21- Board of Directors***

1. The board of directors consists of five or more directors.
2. The board of directors is the highest management deliberation body of this corporation and controls the organization management.
3. Hold meetings as needed.
4. The resolution will do this with a majority.
5. The directors are appointed by the President.

### ***Article 22 - Shihankai***

1. The Shihankai consists of five or more Shihan (Master of Instructors).
2. The Shihankai is the highest technical deliberation body of this corporation, assist the chief instructor and manages technical matter such as competition, guidance, and qualifications.
3. Hold meetings as needed.
4. The resolution will do this with a majority.
5. The members of Shihankai are appointed by the chief instructor.

### ***Article 23 - Term of the Board of directors and Shihankai***

The term of the Board of directors and Shihankai is five years. However, it does not prevent reappointment or concurrent the positions.

### ***Article 24 - Executive Committee***

The Executive Committee manages the corporation based on the resolutions of the Board of Directors and the Shihankai.

Committee member is appointed by the board of directors or the shihankai.

Specialized personnel or companies can be assigned as needed.

## **CHAPTER 6 : MEETING**

### ***Article 25 - Report, Statement, Opinion***

1. The Organizational Headquarters in Chapter 4 must publish the annual report to its affiliated branch representative members within 6 months after the end of each business year.
2. Branch representative members can view its affiliated organisation's reports or notifications on the Internet.
3. Branch representative members can express their opinions in writing or on the Internet. Necessary matters will be discussed by the board of directors or Shihankai and reflected in the corporation management.

#### ***Article 26 - General Meeting***

1. If the Board of Directors deems it necessary, or if requested by more than one-third of branch representative members, a general meeting may be held as necessary.
2. If the Shihankai deems it necessary, or if there is a request from more than one-third of the branch representative members, a general meeting of Instructors, Referees or Examiners can be held as needed.
3. The general meeting in the preceding two paragraphs will be held at the conference hall or on the Internet, and the minutes will be prepared.
4. The General meeting has no voting rights.

### **CHAPTER 7 : AWARDS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

#### ***Article 27 - Awards and disciplinary action***

1. Awards may be given by the president or chief instructor with a resolution of the board of directors or the Shihankai.
2. Disciplinary action may be subject by the president or chief instructor with a resolution of the board of directors or the Shihankai.
3. Awards and disciplinary requirements will be determined separately

### **CHAPTER 8 : SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS**

#### ***Article 28 - Amendment***

1. This constitution will be announced on April 1, 2021 and will be implemented within one-year grace period.
2. Amendments to this constitution shall be announced by the president after a resolution by the board of directors.

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