

**1. TITLE**

The Club shall be called "Loughborough Students' Wado Ryu Karate Club", hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

**2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

To foster and develop the sport of Wado Ryu Karate and discourage any misuse of Wado Ryu Karate.

**3. AFFILIATION**

The Club shall form part of Loughborough Students' Athletic Union and as such, shall adhere to all guidelines and policies as approved by its members at Loughborough Students' Athletic Union General Meetings.

The Club shall also be affiliated to the English Karate-Do Association (which is affiliated to the Amateur Martial Arts Association, which in turn is affiliated to the English Karate Governing Body).

**4. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Club shall be open to all students of those institutions in membership of Loughborough Students' Union (namely Loughborough University, Loughborough College and the RNIB Vocational College). At the discretion of the Club, members of staff at the above institutions and alumni may join the Club.

**Associate Membership**

The Club may apply to the Athletic Union to have a maximum of FIVE associate members per academic year. These non - student individuals would be expected to be high-class performers, who could contribute to the club in the following ways:

- (a) As a short term measure for the Club to enter a new league/competition which, with the current level of student players could not be sustained.
- (b) As part of a Regional or National Academy
- (c) To enhance the Club's activities

**Maximum numbers**

The Club's Committee must be aware of maximum membership level as indicated in its annual development plan and not permit over-subscription.

**The subscription fee** shall be determined annually by Loughborough Students' Athletic Union and must be paid to the Club Treasurer before any participation in club activities.

## 5. CLUB COMMITTEE

The Club's Committee is responsible for the day to day running of the Club and posts must include Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; Committee positions must be held by current students. There must be at least three Committee Meetings per term.

## 6. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Chairman** Shall oversee the running of the Club, preside at all meetings and ensure that they are properly conducted. In his/her absence, a member of the Club's Committee shall take the chair.

**Secretary** Shall give notice of all Committee and General Meetings and take the minutes of each. Shall be responsible for the dissemination of information to members and any correspondence thereto. In conjunction with the Treasurer, shall be responsible for the upkeep of membership records.

**Treasurer** Shall be responsible for the upkeep of the Club's accounts in accordance with Loughborough Students' Athletic Union policies. Shall also be the Club's signatory for any cheques issued from the Club's private account (these cheques also to be countersigned by either the Athletic Union President or Athletic Union Sports Administrator).

**Press and Publicity Officer** Shall be responsible for maintaining the club's web page and web link with the Athletic Union; be responsible for poster and leaflet design as requested. To provide regular articles for the student magazine; to maintain the club's portfolio.

**Social Secretary** Shall organise regular social events for the club (at least two per term) and shall organise the annual Christmas ball in conjunction with the Chairman and Secretary.

## 7. MEETINGS

### **General Meetings**

A *General Meeting* shall be called by the Committee or by written request, signed by not less than one quarter of the membership. Two weeks' notice of such meetings must be given by the Secretary to the membership and at least one such meeting should take place each term.

### **Annual General Meeting/Election of Club Committee**

The election of Officers of the Club Committee shall take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, which shall take place the week either side of the first day of March each year.

## **8. QUORACY**

Quoracy at *General Meetings* and the Annual General Meeting shall be no less than 40% of the membership.

Should such meetings be inquorate, then a further *General Meeting* shall be held within 15 days and will be automatically quorate.

## **9. VOTING**

All Club members shall have speaking rights at all meetings, BUT only current, registered student members of those institutions affiliated to Loughborough Students' Union are entitled to vote.

## **10. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

Amendments to the constitution must be passed by two thirds of those present at a *General Meeting* or by 51% of the membership.

All amendments must be ratified by Loughborough Students' Athletic Union Executive Committee, who will then forward the same on to the Procedures Committee of Loughborough Students' Union for approval.

## **11. DISSOLUTION**

In the event that the club is no longer able to carry out its activities, and thus folds, all assets will revert back to Loughborough Students' Athletic Union.

## **WADO RYU KARATE CLUB GUIDELINES**

The following rules and regulations shall be strictly adhered to by each member.

### **CLUB'S CODE OF PRACTICE AND CLUB'S CONSTITUTION**

The Committee is responsible for ensuring that each member receives a copy of the code of practice when subscribing to the club and that each member has read the club's constitution.

### **KARATE GI AND LICENCE**

- (a) Standard Karate-Gi shall be white and unfigured with appropriate belt. Gi's shall be kept clean and badges, if worn, shall be on the left breast and not exceed two in number. Members must obtain an appropriate GI immediately after their first grading within the club.
- (b) Members must have a current licence before grading or competing and shall be responsible for its annual renewal. Licence application/renewal forms shall be available from either the Chief Instructor or a designated member of the Committee.

### **DISCIPLINE**

- (a) Each member shall be responsible for their own conduct at club meetings, social occasions or when representing the club at any competition or training course.
- (b) Should it come to the attention of the Committee or Chief Instructor that any member has behaved in a way detrimental to the interests of Wado Ryu Karate or the club, then that member may, after proper investigation, be suspended, expelled or penalised as decided by the Committee and Chief Instructor in conjunction with the Athletic Union President. (nb. the member shall be given notice in writing of the decision)
- (c) All rules and regulations (Dojo etiquette) as specified in the front of the EKA licence, shall be adhered to.

### **AGE AND SEX LIMITATIONS ON FIGHTING**

- (a) No person over forty years of age will be required to fight, unless they wish to, in order to achieve a grading.

- (b) No-one will ever be forced to engage in free fighting, but it should be noted that grading at green belt and above requires free fighting when graded.

### **GRADES AWARDED BY OTHER ASSOCIATIONS AND IN OTHER KARATE STYLES**

The decision to recognise any grades (including Dan grades) awarded by a Wado Ryu Karate Association other than that to which the club is affiliated, or awarded in a style of karate other than Wado Ryu will be with the Chief Instructor and Committee.