

BKG CONSTITUTION

The name of the organisation is the British Karate Guild. (BKG)



OUR OBJECTIVES

- 1 To promote and protect the philosophical foundations of Kyokushin as a budo martial art.
2. To pass on this knowledge to our members and strive towards a standard of excellence.
- 3 To work together in a democratically run non-profit organisation for the benefit of all our members

Membership

Membership to the BKG is open to an individual or club interested in promoting Kyokushin Karate, subject to:

Payment of membership and affiliation fees.

Honorary life membership may be granted to an individual recommended to and agreed by the Executive Board Members.

Membership may be withheld, withdrawn or suspended by the Executive Board (EB) if the conduct of a member is determined as being detrimental to the interests of the BKG. This includes misconduct by any member of the BKG, which, in the opinion of the majority of the EB, shall cause, or risk, reputational or financial damage to the BKG, or may bring the BKG into disrepute.

Executive Board

The organisation shall be run by the Executive Board who must be members of the association. The EB shall consist of not more than 9 persons.

This board will be made up from a maximum of 5 Ex-Officio members and 4 elected members. The Ex-Officio members will comprise of the Chief instructor, and Four assistant Chief instructors,

The positions of Treasurer and chairperson shall be held by the Ex-Officio members unless they agree to delegate these roles to elected EB members. In the event that an elected board member holding the post of Treasurer or Chairperson is voted off, these roles automatically revert back to the Ex-Officio-members for them to take on themselves or again agree to delegate to an elected Board member.

In the event of an Ex-Officio member leaving the role, the remaining Ex- Officio members can agree to replace this person with someone of suitable expertise. (This must be by majority a vote of the remaining Ex-Officio members)

Each Ex-Officio and Elected Board Member shall have one vote. The Board Member holding the role of Chairperson will only have a casting vote to be exercised in the event of a tie.

Elected board positions are in post for a minimum of two years. If at the end of this time, applications are received by the Chairperson for election on to the board and if vacant spaces do not already exist the following process will take place at the AGM.

1.If there are more than two nominees for election onto the board all new nominees shall stand for election amongst themselves. Senior members (16yrs and over) will vote for the two nominees they want to move forward to the second stage of being elected to the board. The two nominees with the majority number of votes shall move forward for election to the board.

2.Senior members (16yrs and over) will vote to de-select a maximum of two of the existing Elected Board members. The two deselected Board members will then stand for re-election along with the two new nominees.

Senior members (16yrs and over) will vote to elect a maximum of two nominees onto the board.

If there is only 1 nominee to be a board member, then only one existing elected Board member will be de-selected, and both the de-selected board member and new nominee will stand for election for the one vacant position by the Senior members (16yrs and over)

If there are no Nominees for the Executive Board, the existing elected Board members remain for a further two years.

Nominations for election onto the board must be submitted in writing to the BKG Chairperson 21 days prior to the date of the Bi-Annual election AGM. The Nomination must be proposed and seconded by two members of the BKG and accompanied by a brief personal portfolio of the nominee.

In the event of an elected Board member leaving the role prior to the two-year term or a vacant space is unfilled the EB can agree to fill this position by majority vote. In this scenario the minimum elected term of two years will not apply and all elected Board members including any appointed mid-term by the EB will be up for selection at the next elections.

The EB have the right to negotiate and enter into contracts on behalf of and in the best interest of the BKG.

The EB may appoint sub-committees delegating such duties as it deems necessary. Sub committees remains answerable to the EB and any proposals they have must be ratified by EB prior to implementation.

The EB may appoint such persons as are needed to assist with the day to day running of the association, delegating such duties and remunerating as it deems necessary.

The quorum for the start of an EB meeting shall be 4.

The Chairperson will send notice of every meeting of the EB, along with the agenda to each EB member at least 7 clear days prior to the date of the meeting.

Unless a secret ballot is required, all voting shall be by a show of hands. In the event of a tie the Chairperson shall exercise their casting vote.

AGM

The AGM of the association will be held in each calendar year, not more than 13 months and no less than 11 months following the date of the last AGM. To conduct the following business.

- 1 To receive, consider and approve the BKG financial accounts.
- 2 To elect from BKG member applicants to open positions on the BKG Board **(bi-annually)**
3. To deal with any matters the BKG board wish to bring before the members, and to deal with any other business which the members wish to bring to the meeting.

The AGM will require not less than 28 days' notice to be given to all dojo operators of the BKG.

Motions at the AGM shall be decided by a vote of the senior membership (16yrs and over) present at the meeting.

Notices of business for consideration at the AGM must be given to the Chairperson at least 21 days before the AGM date.

The EB can agree to hold AGM's in person or virtually via an online platform.

Alteration to the constitution

The constitution may be altered by a Resolution passed at the AGM or an EGM of the BKG by a ballot carried out by a majority of not less than two thirds of the senior members (16yrs and over)

Proposals to alter the Constitution shall be made to the Chairperson at least 21 days prior to the AGM or EGM. Any proposal must be signed by at least 2 members of the BKG who currently hold a BKG licence.