



ASSOCIATION AIKIDO HARMONIE
Sports and Cultural Association

STATUTES

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First Article – Name

The association, as per the law of July 1st, 1901, the decree of August 16th, 1901 and founded on February 1st, 1991, is entitled: "AÏKIDO HARMONIE".

Article n°2 – Purpose

The association aims to promote the practice of Aikido.

The association uses as means of action the publication of a newsletter, books, videography, lectures, training courses, seminars; and in general any activity related to Aikido or which can promote its development. The association does not allow any discussion or manifestation of a political or confessional nature.

Article n°3 - Head Office

The association's headquarters are the residence of the person in charge of the presidency. Headquarters may be transferred to any other place by simple decision of the board. The association will be informed at the following General Meeting.

Article n°4 – Duration

The association has no time limit.

Article n°5 – Composition

The association is composed of :

1. Honorary Members.
2. Active members.

Only individuals may join.

Article n°6 – Admission

The association is open to any individual aged 16 or over. To become a member of the association, one must be accepted by the board, who rules on the applications for admission received. Any refusal must be justified by the board and will be communicated to the applicant.

Article n°7 – Members – Subscriptions

Members are considered active upon pay of their annual subscription within the delay fixed by the board.

Honorary members render specific services to the association. As such, they are exempt from paying the subscription but may contribute if they wish to. Honorary membership must be submitted to a vote during the general assembly. Honorary membership is conferred for life.

The price of the subscription is fixed during the general meeting. It appears in the association's rules and regulations.

Article n°8 – Exclusion

Membership is lost by:

1. Resignation
2. Death
3. Exclusion, motivated on serious grounds and decided by the board. In such cases, the member concerned will be called upon for explanations two weeks before the decision, with the possibility of being assisted by a person of their choice.

Article n°9 - Resources

The association's resources comprise:

1. Members' subscription fees
2. State, regional and local authorities' subsidies.
3. All proceeds from enrolment fees for training courses.
4. All proceeds from any event compatible with the aims of the association.
5. All proceeds from investments
6. Gifts and donations.

Article n°10 – Ordinary General Assembly Meeting

The ordinary general assembly meeting of the association comprises all the active and honorary members. Each member has one vote in both ordinary and extraordinary general meetings.

Voting by proxy is allowed. Only a family member or an active member of the association can hold a proxy vote. Each proxy vote, signed by the represented person, must mention their name as well as the name of the person who is representing them.

One active member cannot hold more than two proxy votes.

The ordinary general assembly meeting takes place once a year at the same time as the annual training course. At least two weeks before the appointed date, the secretary will send the members of the association a letter of notification. The meeting agenda appears on the convening letter.

The president, assisted by the members of the board, presides over the meeting and reports on the moral situation and/or the activity of the association. The assembly is responsible for the approval of both presentations.

The treasurer reports on his budgetary management and submits the annual accounts of the previous financial year for approval by the members.

Decisions are taken by a majority vote of the members present and represented. For the deliberations to be valid, the presence of one quarter of the members (as referred to in Article 7) is required. If the quorum is not reached, the meeting is deferred.

After consultation of the board, the president fixes the date and time of the new meeting. The announcement of the postponement of the meeting is made to the members. The reconvened meeting is authorized to vote the decisions by a majority of the members present or represented.

All decisions are taken by a show of hands, except for the election of the board members which must be done by secret ballot, unless the participants unanimously decide to proceed with a different voting method. Decisions of general meetings are binding on all members, including those absent or represented.

Article n°11 – Extraordinary General Meeting

If necessary, the president may convene an extraordinary general meeting, in accordance with the provisions under the statutes, and for the sole purpose of amendment of articles, incorporation or dissolution of the association. The terms of the meeting are the same as for the ordinary general assembly meeting.

In this case deliberations are taken by majority of two-thirds of the members present or represented. For the validity of the deliberations, one quarter of the members referred to in Article 7 must be present. If that quorum is not reached, the meeting is deferred. After consultation of the board, the President fixes the new dates and times of the Assembly.

The announcement of the postponement of the meeting is made to the members. The reconvened meeting is authorized to vote the decisions by majority of two-thirds of the members present or represented.

Article n°12 – Board

The association is led by a board of up to 6 members, elected for four years by the general assembly. Members are eligible for re-election.

The board is composed of at least:

1. a president
2. a secretary
3. a treasurer

The roles of president and treasurer are not and can not be cumulative. Roles are distributed among the members of the board on a voluntary basis.

The board can also appoint among the elected:

1. a vice president
2. an assistant secretary
3. an assistant treasurer

Should it be necessary, the board may co-opt a member of the association, if the latter provides a letter of motivation and the general assembly approves his or her application.

The board shall meet at least once a year, at the invitation of the president, or at the request of one quarter of its members. Decisions are taken by a majority of votes; in the event of a tie, the president has the casting vote.

Any member of the board who, without excuse, does not attend two consecutive meetings is considered as having resigned.

Expenses are authorized by the President or the Treasurer who are the only ones authorized to carry out financial operations. The association is represented by its president in court and in all acts of civil life or, failing that, by any other member of the board specifically authorized for that purpose.

Article n°13 – Election of the board

Is eligible to be elected to the board of the association, any person who has reached the age of majority on the day of the election, is a member of the association, is up to date on his contributions, and in measure of exercising his civil and political rights.

Any person running for election to the board must send a written application to the president no later than three days before the election date.

Article n°14 – Benefits

All functions, including the board, are unpaid and voluntary. Expenses incurred in fulfilling their mandates are reimbursed provided provision of documented evidence. The financial report presents, per beneficiary, reimbursements for assignments, travel or representation expenses.

Article n°15 – Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the association, in any situation, the general assembly appoints one or more commissioners responsible for the liquidation of the assets of the association. It allocates the net assets, in accordance with the law, to one or more associations. In no case will members of the association be entitled to anything owned by the association, apart from the retrieval of their own contributions.

Article n°16 – Rules and regulations

Rules and regulations are established by the board and must be approved by the general Assembly. The rules and regulations document is intended to cover the various points not provided for in the present statutes, in particular those relating to the internal administration and running of the association. The rules and regulations may not contradict the Statutes.