



# Constitution of Aikido Shoryukai Australia

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## 1. Name and Purpose

- 1.1 The association shall be known as **Aikido Shoryukai Australia** ("the Association").
- 1.2 The purpose of the Association is to provide a formal structure for the network of independent Aikido dojos in Australia directly connected to **Toyonaka Shosenji Aikido Dojo** ("Shosenji Dojo"), its Director, and the **Aikikai Public Interest Foundation** ("the Aikikai International").

## 2. Objectives

- 2.1 The objects for which the Association is established are:
  - 2.1.1 To do all such things to be reasonably **supportive of Shosenji Dojo** and its Director;
  - 2.1.2 To **provide training** intended to develop ASA members to high degree of proficiency in Aikido, thereby ensuring a high standard of the art of Aikido is maintained
  - 2.1.3 To provide a **professional standard of instruction** in a safe, supportive and inclusive training environment;
  - 2.1.4 To interact professionally and **cooperate with other Dojos of Budo** and other related arts, to deepen members understanding and practise of Budo and explore innovation in keiko and kenkyu by providing cross training opportunities;
  - 2.1.5 To provide a centralised mechanism for all affiliated Dojos to **connect to the Australian Jujitsu Federation** (AJF), Governing Body for Ju Jitsu and Related Martial Arts (including Aikido) formally recognised by the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), in particular in regard to their National Integrity Framework policies and National Coaching Accreditation Program;
  - 2.1.6 To provide a centralised mechanism for affiliated Dojos to have a **collective insurance policy** for the protection of members, instructors, and the organisation; and
  - 2.1.7 To do all things conducive to **furthering the objectives and interests of the Association**.

## 3. Structure and Governance

- 3.1 The Association shall manage its relationship with Shosenji Dojo via a Technical Director as appointed by the Director of Shosenji Dojo.
- 3.2 The Association is comprised of Affiliated Dojos which will conduct their day-to-day operations independently of the Association.
- 3.3 The Association business shall be managed by an Association Council.



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3.4 The Association shall maintain registration as a “school” with the Australian Jujitsu Federation, the Governing Body for Ju Jitsu and Related Martial Arts (including Aikido) formally recognised by the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).

3.4.1 Affiliated Dojo will be listed as Branches of the Association.

3.4.2 The Association and Affiliated Dojo will be required to comply with the policies of the Australian Jujitsu Federation.

## 4. Affiliated Dojos

4.1 All Affiliated Dojos are required to be a signatory to this Constitution via their Dojo-Cho.

4.2 Dojos wishing to be affiliated are required to submit a written application for consideration.

4.2.1 The application will be considered and decided by the collective Association Council.

4.2.2 Irrespective of the outcome of the decision, a written outcome will be provided.

## 5. Association Council

5.1 An Association Council will represent the Affiliated Dojos at the highest decision-making level including, but not limited, to overall policy and direction and approve constitutional changes.

5.1.1 The Dojo-Cho of each Affiliated Dojos (or their designated representative) will be the representative for the Dojo.

5.2 Decisions of the Association Council will be made by a vote where necessary.

5.2.1 Each Affiliated Dojo will have a single equal vote.

5.2.2 The Technical Director of the ASA will have a deciding vote in the case of a split decision.

5.3 The Association Council will meet as required, either in person, video, exchange or electronic correspondence, but at minimum once a year.

5.4 Any decision of the Association Council will be communicated to Association members by their relevant Dojo-Cho.

## 6. Individual Membership

6.1 All individual members must be members of an Affiliated Dojo.

6.2 All Association members must, each year, complete and agree to the **Aikido Shoryukai Australia Membership Agreement**, which sets out overarching standards of conduct, training etiquette, and compliance with Association and AJF policies.

6.2.1 The membership year for the Association shall be 1 July to 30 June.

6.2.2 A register of Association members will be maintained based upon the completion of the agreement, and will be available for inspection by the Dojo-Cho of all Affiliated Dojo.

6.3 There will be no fee associated with Association membership.





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## 7. Association Policies

- 7.1 The Association will maintain policies as needed.
- 7.2 The need will be determined by the Association Council.

## 8. Instructor Accreditation

- 8.1 All members of the instructor cohort of the Affiliated Dojo, must hold current accreditation under the **AJF National Coaching Accreditation Program** (or equivalent recognition as determined by AJF).
  - 8.1.1 Dojo-Cho are responsible for ensuring compliance requirements and providing this advice to the Association.

## 9. Gradings

- 9.1 Gradings will be conducted by the Association in accordance with the Aikido Shoryukai Australia grading Policy.

## 10. Financial Arrangements

- 10.1 The Association is not a registered legal entity.
- 10.2 The Association does not collect or manage dojo-level fees. Each dojo is financially independent and responsible for its own income, expenses, and financial reporting.
- 10.3 Association may collect contributions for joint activities such as seminars, visiting instructors, or grading events, with funds to be administered transparently for the intended purpose.
- 10.4 The Association is not-for-profit and any monies acquired from any source will be used to provide services to members.
- 10.5 The Association does not operate a bank account.

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This Constitution is endorsed and agreed to by the following Affiliated Dojo:

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This Constitution is approved by the Technical Director of Aikido Shoryukai Australia:

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