

# United Kingdom Tae Kwon-Do



## Rules and Constitution

United Kingdom Tae Kwon-Do herein after referred to as UKTKD

## **Objectives**

1. To promote the sport and practise of Tae Kwon-Do.
2. To promote the codes of safety in the sport and practise of Tae Kwon-Do.
3. To promote the moral, mental, physical and social well-being of its members.
4. To obtain, collect, receive and administer money and funds for these purposes.
5. To provide members with such services and support as may be available through their membership to the UKTKD.
6. To Promote the Tenets of Tae Kwon-Do
7. To operate and maintain a register of current membership
8. To raise, administer and expend funds in its discretion according to this constitution.
9. To arrange for the supply, purchase, sale and hire of all materials, goods and services as may be required.
10. To co-operate with other bodies having similar aims to the benefit of its members.

## **Membership**

11. A person who has had their application accepted by the Executive Committee and has paid the annual fee shall be considered a member of the UKTKD.
12. The UKTKD reserves the right to refuse an application at its own discretion.
13. The membership term is one year.
14. The term of membership will usually begin on the date training commenced or the anniversary of that date.
15. Termination of membership will occur on the expiry of the term of membership where the renewal fee has not been received, the date of written resignation of a member, the date of written suspension or expulsion of a member.
16. The Executive Committee shall have the right to suspend or terminate the membership of an individual on the grounds that the member has acted to the detriment, or contrary to the interests of the UKTKD.

## **Insurance**

17. All current members of the UKTKD will receive the minimum insurance cover as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee to participate in all events sanctioned by the UKTKD. A copy of the benefits of the insurance should be available to view by the applicant at the time of application to membership of the UKTKD by their Instructor.
18. The insurance cover will not extend to events and participation of events not sanctioned by the UKTKD.

## **Executive Committee**

19. The Executive Committee will comprise of the following titles; chairman, vice-chairman, national secretary, treasurer and others as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.
20. Titles may be allocated as necessary by the Executive Committee
21. One person may hold more than one office.
22. The Executive Committee will convene meetings from time to time and discuss matters relating to the UKTKD, whereby a majority rule will apply to all matters of business.

23. If a title becomes vacant or a new title is deemed necessary, an existing Executive Committee member may take the vacant position subject to majority vote of the existing Executive Committee.
24. The cessation of an Executive Committee Member will occur on; expiry of membership to the UKTKD, resignation, removal or retirement.
25. In the event of the cessation of an Executive Committee Member, that person will loose all rights to monies, property, capital and assets owned or accumulated by the UKTKD, such monies, property, capital and assets will be evenly distributed amongst the remaining Executive Committee Members and will be used for the purposes of the UKTKD as outlined in this constitution.

## **Gradings**

26. Gradings will be open to all members of the UKTKD, subject to the appropriate fees being paid.
27. It is the Members sole responsibility to decide whether they have the ability to take a grading so as not to cause injury to themselves or others, and if during a grading they find for whatever reason they are unable to continue they must cease participation in the grading and make their intentions know to the grading examiner.
28. In all cases there will be a minimum training period of 3mths between gradings up to and including blue belt (4<sup>th</sup> Kup), and a minimum training period of 6mths between gradings from blue belt (4<sup>th</sup> Kup) to Black Belt (1<sup>st</sup> Dan). Therefore the minimum training period from white belt to black belt will be 3yrs 6mths subject to passing all of their gradings.
29. Black Belt (Dan gradings) will be a minimum of years apart relating to the Dan grade, i.e. The minimum time from passing 1<sup>st</sup> Dan and being able to take 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan would be a period of 2yrs, from 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan would be 3yrs etc.
30. Only Executive Committee Members may grade and promote UKTKD members, except in the unlikely event that an Executive Committee Member is unable to attend the grading, where a substitute grading examiner maybe nominated by the Executive Committee.

## **Instructor**

31. A member of the UKTKD may apply to reach the status of Instructor after passing the minimum requirements as set down by the Executive Committee.
32. An Instructor must have a valid first aid certificate, passed a CRB check, passed a coaching course recognised by the UKTKD, hold instructors liability insurance through the UKTKD, reached the rank of at least 1<sup>st</sup> Dan and have their application to be granted Instructor status accepted by the Executive Committee.
33. In the event of an Instructor lapsing on any of the above points, they will loose the status of Instructor.
34. Only a member who has reached the status of Instructor may open a school under the name of the UKTKD.
35. An Instructor who wishes to open a school under the UKTKD must have their application accepted by the Executive Committee. Reasons for refusal of application may include, but will not be limited to, a conflict of interests where there is currently a UKTKD school in the area applied for.
36. An Instructor must follow the guidelines and constitution set down by the Executive Committee when teaching UKTKD members, failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.
37. An Instructor may raise in writing a point of discussion to be debated by the Executive Committee. Any decision reached on the point by the Executive Committee will be final.

## **Financials**

38. The financial aspects of the UKTKD shall be governed by the Executive Committee.

39. The Executive Committee has the right to appoint suitably qualified auditors or other professional advisors as required.
40. The Executive Committee shall decide as necessary the rate of subscriptions, fees and charges to members, instructors and schools under the name of the UKTKD.
41. The UKTKD through its Executive Committee shall have the power to buy, hold and sell assets as it sees fit in the interest of the UKTKD.

### **Expulsions**

42. Members, Instructors and Executive Members who breach the Constitution or Rules of the UKTKD, or whose conduct shall be deemed to be contrary to the ethics or well being of the UKTKD or liable to bring the UKTKD into disrepute may face disciplinary action.
43. The Executive Committee will make all decisions on expulsions, and in certain circumstances may impose a lesser penalty as it sees fit, including but not limited to suspension of membership and limitation of activities.
44. In the event of disciplinary action, the Member, Instructor or Executive Member may appeal in writing within 14days of the disciplinary action being taken. If the decision to uphold the disciplinary action is made, no further appeal will be allowed.

### **Amendments**

45. The Executive Committee may without prior notice to its Members or Instructors change, alter, add to or delete any part of the Constitution.

### **Matters Not Covered**

46. The Executive Committee will have the power to decide on any matters not covered in the Constitution and Rules of the UKTKD and any decision will be final.