

By-Laws
of the
Nikko Jujutsu Kai

Article I – Name

- Section A. The name of this Association shall be **Nikko Jujutsu Kai**.
- Section B. The Association's Headquarters and Hombu Dojo shall be Nikko Dojo (1) located in Olympia, Washington, USA.

Article II -- Objective

- Section A. The objectives of this Association are:
- The encouragement of systematic practice of Danzan Ryu Jujutsu and related arts as taught by Professor H.S. Okazaki and perpetuated by Professors Sig Kufferath and Tony Janovich.
 - To establish and maintain, by founding, affiliation, or otherwise, schools for the instruction in the art of Danzan Ryu Jujutsu.
 - The establishment of a set of standards for qualification as instructor in the arts, and for promotion to the different ranks.
 - To promote and improve the physical and mental health and character of its members.
- Section B This association shall be non-political and non-sectarian.

Article III -- Membership

- Section A. There shall be two classes of membership:
- Active
 - Life
- Section B. Membership in this Association shall be of four (4) types:
- **School** -- Eligible for affiliated schools and organized clubs with 10 or more students.
 - **Individual** -- A single person eligible for membership shall be anyone who is currently registered with Nikko Jujutsu Kai as being a student or member of any active group member or single Member at Large. An Individual Member must actively promote and participate in Nikko Jujutsu Kai.

- **Honorary** -- An individual (except an active member) who has provided distinguished service to Nikko Jujutsu Kai. Honorary membership must be approved and awarded with a two-thirds vote of the Board of Officers.
- **Special** -- Special conditions as determined by the Board of Officers.

Section C. Annual membership dues shall be due and payable by the first day of July of each year.

Section D. There shall be no distinction made in regard to sex, race, nationality or creed.

Article IV -- Organization

Section A. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year shall be July 1st to June 30th.

Section B. The Association officers shall be:

- **President** -- 2 year term.
- **Vice-President** -- 2 year term.
- **Secretary/Treasurer** -- 2 year term.
- **Director of Standards** -- 2 year term.
- **Professor** -- Most senior position in the Association and serves as the Technical Director for the association. Term is for "Life" unless vacated. If vacated an election will be held to fill the position with at least a two thirds majority vote of the Board of Officers.
- **Professors' Senior Advisor** -- This position serves at the pleasure of the Association's Professor and acts as an advisor providing guidance for the operation and leadership of the Association. This position is a non-voting position.

Section C. Roles and Responsibilities

- **President** -- The President shall be the chief executive officer and shall preside over all official association meetings. This person shall be an ex officio member of all committees. When authorized, he/she shall execute all agreements on behalf of the association and perform other such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Officers. This position shall appoint all committees. The incumbent shall hold the rank of SanDan (3rd Black) or higher.
- **Vice-President** -- The Vice-President shall fulfill the duties of the President in his/her absence or disability and perform other duties as directed by the President or Board of Officers. Additional duties shall also include complete handling of all rank certificates for the association. If the position of Director of

Registration is appointed by the Board of Officers, he/she will report to the Vice-President. The incumbent shall hold the rank of NiDan (2nd Black) or higher.

- **Secretary/Treasurer** – The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep minutes of all official Association meetings preserve all correspondence of the organization. The Secretary/Treasurer shall collect and have charge of all the funds of the organization and deposit such funds in a bank or savings account designated by the Board of Officers and shall make disbursements as authorized. The Secretary/Treasurer shall make a financial report to the Board of Officers at each meeting and shall make available the financial books of the Nikko Jujutsu Kai to the Board of Officers prior to the close of each fiscal year for annual audit. At the discretion of the Board of Officers, this position may be divided between two separate positions as necessary. The incumbent shall hold the rank of NiDan (2nd Black) or higher.
- **Director of Standards** – The Director of Standards is responsible to:
 - Set standards for promotions and related time in grades
 - Maintain syllabus of curriculum and related descriptions of techniques.
 - Conduct examinations for Yudansha ranks

The incumbent shall hold the rank of SanDan (3rd Black) or higher with minimum KaiDenSho grade of Renshi.

- **Professor** – The Professor is the most senior position of the Association and serves as its Technical Director and shall provide overall guidance and leadership to the association. This person serves as an advisor to the Director of Standards for establishing and maintaining the technical standards and requirements for rank advancement for the association. This position may serve in other Board of Officers capacities, but will only carry a single vote in these instances, except in cases where there is a voting tie. In cases of a tied vote, the Professor will make the final decision. The incumbent shall be ranked RokkuDan (6th Black) or above with a KaiDenSho grade of Shihan.

Article V -- Meetings

Section A. The Board of Officers will meet quarterly at a minimum (4 times a year). Other meetings may be held as required.

Article VI -- Committees

Section A. Committees may be formed and assigned as deemed necessary by the Board of Officers.

Article VIII -- Parliamentary Authority

Section A. When not covered by the Association By-Laws, the rules of procedure for this association and its committees shall be covered by Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised (RONR).

Article IX -- Amendment of By-Laws

Section A. All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer for submission to the Board of Officers

Section B. the Board of Officers shall consider the proposed amendment and recommend approval, disapproval, or modification. Approval will require a two thirds majority vote to pass.

Nikko Jujutsu Kai Founding Board of Officers:

Professor/President --	Tom Westfall
Vice President --	Gary Yonkers
Secretary/Treasurer --	Ben LaBelle
Director of Standards --	Rob Gebhart
Professors' Senior Advisor --	Prof. Tony Janovich

Associate Professors:

Prof. Clive Guth
Prof. George Arrington
Prof. Mike Belzer

Charter Schools:

Nikko Dojo (1) -- Hombu Dojo, Olympia WA

Prof. Tom Westfall, Shihan -- School Head
Gary Yonkers, Sensei -- Chief Instructor

Nikko Dojo (2) -- Olympia WA

Prof. Tom Westfall, Shihan -- School Head
Ben LaBelle, Sensei -- Chief Instructor

Ohana Martial Arts -- Chehalis WA

Rob Gebhart, Renshi -- School Head/Chief Instructor


Affiliate Schools:

Chiisai Nikko Dojo -- Tumwater, WA

Yousef Fahoum, Sensei -- School Head/Chief Instructor

Ju Te Dojo -- Olympia, WA

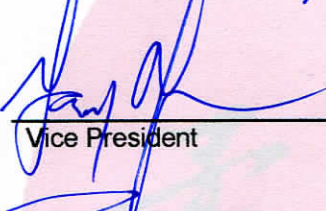
Ben LaBelle, Sensei -- School Head/Chief Instructor



Professor/President

6/30/2012


Date



Vice President

6/30/2012

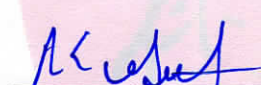
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Secretary/Treasurer

6/30/2012

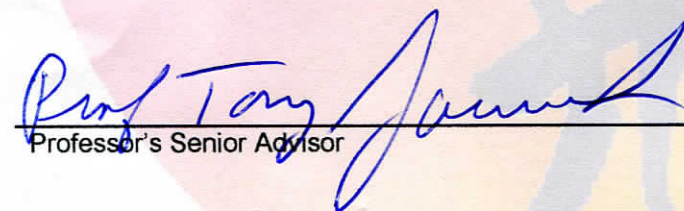
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Director of Standards

6/30/2012

Date



Professor's Senior Advisor

6/30/12

Date