

Statutes of the Association

Traditional Aikido Europe

§ 1: Name and residence

1.1: The name of the association is “Traditional Aikido Europe”

1.2: The Association has its place of residence in the municipality of Copenhagen, Denmark.

§ 2. Aims and Objectives

2.1 The Association is a non-profit organisation whose overall aim is to be the umbrella organisation for European Aikido dojos wishing to practice Aikido as taught by the late Morihiro Saito Sensei.

2.2 The Association’s main activities are:

- To coordinate the activities of the member dojos within Europe and towards Hombu Dojo in Japan.
- To carry out yudansha (black belt) tests for students of the member dojos, including the associated administration of these towards Hombu Dojo
- To organise training camps of shorter or longer duration at various places in Europe

2.3 The Association has a Technical Committee, led by the Technical Director. The Technical Committee is responsible for the overall technical level of the Association.

§ 3 Membership

3.1 Any dojo can be admitted as a member if sympathetic to the purposes and activities of the Association.

3.1a The member dojos are normally represented by the dojo cho(s) of their dojos

3.2 The membership fee is determined at the annual General Meeting.

3.3 There is an up to two (2) year trial period after which the board of TAE - in consultation with the dojo seeking membership - will decide on full membership or an extension of the trial period. During the trial period the dojo seeking membership can not vote at the general assemblies.

3.4 The board may expel a member if, after being given a written warning, the member

breaches the statutes of the association. Exclusion under this provision requires a majority of at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total number of votes of the members of the board. This decision can be appealed at the next general meeting.

§ 4: General Meeting

4.1 The General Meeting is the supreme and sovereign authority of the association. It is held each year before the end of March. Members must be called to attend the General Meeting at least three (3) weeks in advance. The General Meeting can be held online.

4.2 Voting at the General Assembly requires payment of one's membership fee for the fiscal year prior to the meeting. Each member dojo has one vote. Votes may be cast by proxy.

4.3 All members may submit proposals for consideration at the General Meeting. Such proposals are to be received by the President no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The President is, in turn, obligated to submit the received proposals to all members no later than five (5) days prior to the meeting.

4.4 The General Meeting decides on proposals by simple majority vote which is tallied by show of hands. It takes one (1) member to request a written, secret ballot (can be done via email to the Chairperson of the meeting).

4.5 The agenda of the General Meeting must include the following points each year and more points are encouraged:

1. Election of Chairperson for the General Meeting
2. Election of a minute taker
3. The President's report
4. The Treasurer submits the audited accounts for approval
5. Proposals (if any)
6. Setting the membership fee
7. Election of two (2) or three (3) Board members
8. Election of two (2) auditors
9. Other business

§ 5 Extraordinary General Meeting

5.1 If deemed necessary, an Extraordinary General Meeting is summoned if requested in writing by either the board, the auditor, or by at least thirty (30) percent of members.

The meeting must take place within six (6) weeks of the initial request.

5.2 The Extraordinary General Meeting is held in accordance with the rules in § 4, but the agenda does not have to include items three, four, six, seven, and eight (3, 4, 6, 7, and 8) if the reason for the Extraordinary General Meeting does not require such steps.

§ 6: Board

6.1 The Board is responsible for managing day to day business. The Board consists of the board members elected at the General Meeting. The Board members elect officers including, but not limited to, President, Treasurer, and Secretary among themselves.

6.2 The Board consists of at least five (5) people including the President. All members are appointed by the General Meeting. The term is two (2) years. The President and the Treasurer are elected for three (3) years at the first founding General Assembly.

6.3 The Board specifies other rules of procedure.

§ 7: Auditors

7.1 The auditors approve and sign the annual accounts and give an auditor's statement.

7.2 Within four (4) weeks after the end of the fiscal year, the auditors must have access to all documentation necessary to form the basis of their statement.

7.3 The auditors have the right to access all of the Board's and the Association's documents and to attend the General Meeting.

§ 8: Finance

8.1 The Association's fiscal year runs from 1 January to 31 December.

8.2 Members are liable for the Association's obligations with their membership fees only. A member is not entitled to a share in the Association's assets.

§ 9: Disposition right

9.1 The Association is officially represented by the President and 1 board member or by the Treasurer and 1 board member who have the authority to make binding agreements on behalf of the Association.

9.2 The Treasurer, or the President alone, or two board members jointly may dispose of the Association's accounts up to a maximum amount as determined by the Board.

9.3 The Board can approve that the Treasurer, or the President alone has access to the bank account of the Association (including online banking), any amount over a fixed daily limit (set by the Board), needs Board approval.

§ 10: Changes

10.1 Amendments to these statutes can only be made at a General Meeting with at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes present agreeing on the changes.

10.2 Amendments to these statutes take effect from the time of the General Meeting where they are adopted.

§ 11: Dissolution

11.1 Decision on the dissolution of the Association requires that at least three-fourths (3/4) of the members are present at the General Meeting and the resolution is adopted by at least three-fourths (3/4) of the votes cast. Blank and invalid votes will be considered not to be cast and do not count. Should three-fourths (3/4) of the members not be present at the General Meeting, but the proposal adopted by three-fourths (3/4) of the votes represented, the Board will convene an Extraordinary General Meeting at which the proposal can be adopted by three-fourths (3/4) of the votes cast without regard to the turnout.

11.2 In the event of dissolution, the Association's assets will be used in accordance with § 2, or for other charitable purposes. The General Meeting will decide on the specific use of the assets, which is decided on the Association's dissolution, in accordance with the provisions of § 2.