



Regulations of the BKI

(BUSHI KYODAI INTERNATIONAL)



KICKBOXING



NINJUTSU



BOXING



NUNTYAKU JUTSU



SUMO



KENJUTSU



SAVATE



JUDO



KARATE



TAEKWONDO



KENDO



CAPOEIRA



WUSHU



MUAY THAI



AIKIDO



KUNG FU

Legend

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ARTICLE 1: NAME - MOTTO

Name: BKI (BUSHI KYODA I INTERNATIONAL)
(International Brotherhood of Warriors)

Motto: WITHOUT LORDS - WITHOUT FORCE - WITHOUT PREFERENCES.

1. WITHOUT LORDS = you can join any other federation, sports promotion body and/or organisation - there are no national, regional and/or other mega officers, with us the offices are political and are only established to organize, support and offer our contribution to our members.
2. WITHOUT FORCE = you can independently take all the exams you want. You do not have to provide training certificates or mandatory participation in BKI courses, you can organize all the events and competitions you want.
3. WITHOUT PREFERENCES = all martial arts and/or related disciplines have the same status and importance to the BKI, regardless of the members' race or nationality. As the BKI regards itself as « the brotherhood of warriors » there is only one set of rules and only one way of applying them.

ARTICLE 2: MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership: a) Style/Method Technical Director €25.00;
b) Practicing members (active) €10.00;
c) Non-practicing members (passive) €5.00;

Foreign Membership: As far as the membership of foreign countries is concerned, the membership fees are calculated considering the purchasing power of the individual currency. As currency and purchasing power might differ by nation, the international head and the BKI board will adjust the fees from time to time.

ARTICLE 3: RECOGNITION OF GRADES

1. All black belt holders of similar organizations - recognized by the BKI - may apply for the BKI diploma. For their application they have to attach the respective documents of the organization having provided the degree.
2. All persons intending to take the graduation examinations recognized by the BKI must take the appropriate examination in the presence of a member of the Board (or his representative) and send the application, the document and a copy of the transfer fee to the General Secretary of the BKI within the agreed (stated) period.

ARTICLE 4: COMPLIANT DIPLOMAS

1. Black belt holders who wish to obtain the BKI diploma in conformity with the one issued by another BKI recognized organization must submit a copy of the diploma to the General Secretariat together with the agreed fee:

1st - 2nd Dan 80,00 €;

3rd - 4th Dan 130,00 €;

5th - 6th Dan 170,00 €;

7th - 8th - 9th Dan 210,00 €;
2. All members who wish to obtain the international diploma and/or take the examinations organized by the BKI, must pay the fees according to art. 11 of the current Statutes, the latter in addition to the BKI international diploma.
3. Black belt holders - technical directors as well as school directors - will be registered in the International Register of the BKI.

ARTICLE 5: EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

In the event of an accident the BKI is exempt from any civil or criminal liability, as the presidents of the affiliated sports centers, when filling out the membership forms, self-certify that the sports center and all its members are insured and that local regulations are followed.

ARTICLE 6: BKI INTERNATIONAL LECTURERS

International lecturers recognized by the BKI are masters who have a technical degree of at least Dan 5 or a similarly recognized degree by the BKI.

ARTICLE 7: STYLES AND METHODS

1. A style or a method is defined as the specific school or orientation of a martial discipline or sport. A principal has to be designated for each style or method.
2. The BKI accepts documents submitted by masters of BKI accredited organizations, associations and bodies at both [as such] national or international level. The master has to prove his specific qualification of a style or a method. These documents must include a personal curriculum vitae. The principal/applicant must be at least 45 years old.
3. The principal may apply for the BKI diploma in accordance with his/her rank and qualifications only after two consecutive years of service.

4. The BKI accepts applications for classifying a style or method from masters working within the BKI. The applicant must be at least 45 years old and he/she must have worked for at least two years for the BKI. On successfully graduating the applicant receives the title of a School Leader.
5. Interested persons must submit their application to the General Secretariat, on proposal of the Territorial Delegate. The following documents have to be included:
 - a. Application form for a sample examination as a school leader.
 - b. Copy of the certificate/diploma showing the minimum degree of 5th Dan issued by the BKI.
 - c. Technical program in triplicate.
 - d. A feature/essay [Dissertation?] on the school with a special focus on [reference to] its philosophy to be submitted in triplicate.
6. In order to recognize the school, a technical committee will be appointed to evaluate not only the ability and efficiency of the technical program, but also the theoretical part about the philosophy of the school, as well as an explanation of the school's coat of arms.
7. The commission is formed by the president of the BKI (Italy), the vice president (Switzerland) and at least one principal of another nation to insure the presence of masters of different nationalities on the committee for international recognition. The secretary of the commission is responsible for setting up all preparatory formalities necessary for verifying and recognizing the style within the BKI and thus granting international validity.
8. In accordance with its own regulations the BKI recognizes the proposal of the international high-ranking personalities or the international president, to [confer]grant one of these titles:
 - a. HANSHI "The Transcendence of the Being" Headmaster and/or founder of a style and/or a method; is reserved from the 8th Dan;
 - b. KYOSHI "The one who practices", also means master of masters, reserved from the 7th Dan;
 - c. RENSHI "Spiritual maturity", competence and mastery of a style - reserved from the 5th Dan;
 - d. SENSEI "Master" Technical Director from the 4th Dan.

ARTICLE 8: WAKA SENSEI

1. The BKI recognizes the title of Waka Sensei for accredited schools.
2. The title of Waka Sensei can be conferred from 1Dan upwards.
3. The Waka Sensei will, when due, regularly conduct the examinations specified in the applicable regulations, respecting the waiting period;
4. Within the BKI, he will automatically be recognized as a school master if his master declares that he is not able to work as such.
5. As long as not being [this is not] the case, the Waka Sensei can put the appropriate emblem on the keikoji. This procedure gives him the opportunity to further publicize his prestigious position within the school which he belongs to.

ARTICLE 9: WAITING PERIODS FOR NEWLY ADMITTED TECHNICIANS

1. The technical directors coming from other organizations, institutions or federations must include in the application for admission a technical resume of their combative career, when applying for admission to the BKI technical cadre,. To be approved, all Dan passages and/or examination applications must show a minimum of two years affiliation with the BKI.
2. All Technical Directors and all Black Belts from other organizations applying for membership in the BKI must attach a copy of the diploma issued by another recognized organization. This diploma must contain the rank and the technical qualification.

ARTICLE 10: LOWER AND UPPER GRADES

1. The examinations for the lower grades (colour belts - Kyu) can be taken independently directly in the respective sports centre.
2. The examinations for the intermediate grades, i.e. for the intermediate grade: black belt Kyusha (Kyu - Sha = student who knows the Kyu), may also be held independently if this is provided for in the schools to which they belong. This graduation can have a different name if it is a non-Japanese discipline.
3. For the degree to be recognized by the BKI, the Kyusha black belt must be at least 12 years old. This examination is conducted independently by the style or method technicians of each discipline. The result of this examination will be officially recognized by the BKI with the issuing of a BKI diploma free of charge.
4. For the examinations of the higher classes, the home club is free to organize and arrange the examinations according to its own rules and to issue the corresponding diploma. This diploma will then be sent to the territorial delegate for forwarding to the General Secretariat for inclusion in the black belt squad of the BKI.
5. On the other hand, if the sports club wishes to have the international rank recognized by the BKI, the examination must take place in the presence of a member of the BKI Board (President - Vice-President or Delegate).

ARTICLE 11: EXAMS

- Corresponding 1st Dan - 18 years old - 12 months seniority in previous rank € 80,00
- Corresponding to 2nd Dan - 20 years old - 24 months seniority in the previous rank € 100,00
- Corresponding 3rd Dan - 23 years old - 36 months seniority in previous rank € 120,00
- Corresponding 4th Dan - 27 years old - 48 months seniority in previous rank € 140,00
- Corresponding 5th Dan - 32 years old - 60 months seniority in the previous rank € 150,00

For higher grades from 5th Dan or similar grades, there must be at least 5 years between each grade and the following conditions must be met:

- Corresponding to 6th Dan - min. 40 years old - 5 years in existing rank.
- Corresponding to 7th Dan - min. 45 years old - 5 years in existing rank
- Corresponding 8th Dan - min. 50 years old - 5 years in existing rank
- Corresponding 9th Dan - min. 58 years old - 5 years in existing rank

ARTICLE 12: EVENTS

1. Organizers who want to take over the patronage of the BKI must submit their event plans in time to the Area Delegate, who will report the event to the General Secretariat. Once they receive a positive opinion, they can start promoting the event with the BKI logo.
2. There is no obligation or compulsion for the presence of the technicians in the various events organized by the BKI. Considering the common interest and the membership to the same organization together with the sense of responsibility and fellowship should encourage each athlete to participate in the event.

ARTICLE 13: BUDO PASSPORT

1. The Budo Passport is the personal career document of the martial artist, in which all information about his martial activity is recorded. The BKI will [shall] issue an International Budo Passport to each individual martial artist upon request.
2. Those who have not yet applied for the Budo Passport or have lost it, may apply for it to their Master.

ARTICLE 14: THE BKI BADGE

1. The circular BKI badge is the emblem attached to the training uniform to certify membership in the organization. No other type of badge is allowed to indicate membership in the BKI.
2. The badge is placed on the left sleeve of the uniform for all.