

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MARTIAL ARTS CONSTITUTION

This organization shall be called the Martial Arts Club at The University of Tennessee and will also be known as UTMA.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the University of Tennessee Martial Arts Club is,

- A. To offer interested persons an opportunity to learn the principles of the Martial Arts as a means toward physical and mental discipline.
- B. To enjoy and practice the Martial Arts for fun or competitive purposes.
- C. To promote general interest in the Martial Arts as an aid in developing sportsmanship, leadership, cultural diversity, physical and mental well being, self-control, self-confidence, self-defense, and an overall better lifestyle.

MEMBERSHIP

- A. Members must be students, faculty, employees of the University of Tennessee, or any non-student approved by the Sports Club Executive Council.
- B. Visitors may work out with UTMA by invitation from the club members or the club officers, but must be either student, faculty, or employee of the University.
- C. All members and guests must sign a SportsClub waiver.
- D. An inactive member is one who has missed 50% of preferred martial art without permission from instructor or coach.
- E. Reinstatement of active status will be requested through verbal or written intent by the member.

OFFICERS

- A. The officers will consist of a president and vice-president.
- B. The officers will serve for a one year term.
- C. Re-election is possible through a majority vote of active members, which will take place during the spring semester.
- D. The officers shall be held responsible for communicating with each instructor or a representative of each martial art on a weekly basis.
- E. All administrative and financial matters will be determined by the officers. If any member of the club wishes to contest these matters, he may approach the faculty advisor and request that a meeting be held. The advisor will contact the officers and a meeting may be called.
- F. Officers must be undergraduate or graduate students of the University of Tennessee.
- G. Officers shall conduct the administrative activities of the club.
- H. Officers are expected to attend all executive and Sports Club meetings and functions.

OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

Officer responsibilities will be distributed according to the strengths of the elected individuals and will include, but not be limited to:

- A. Directing all administrative affairs.
- B. Insuring UTMA abides by all University of Tennessee regulations and safety procedures.
- C. Attending required Sports Club meetings, Executive Council meetings, and other major club functions.
- D. Greeting guests and potential new members and assisting them into a smooth transition into club practice.
- E. Organizing and directing public relations and promotions.
- F. Responding to phone calls, emails, or visits of club candidates to encourage their involvement and support.
- G. Keeping an accurate financial record.
- H. Assuring that all members have paid club dues, submitted insurance information, and filled out a SportsClub waiver.
- I. Assuring that the weekly report is submitted on time.

INSTRUCTORS

- A. The instructors shall be in charge of all activities practiced within the classes.
- B. The instructors will be addressed according to class tradition.
- C. The instructors are to express any class concerns to the UTMA officers.
- D. The instructors will hold at least a black-belt in addition to being registered with a national association.
- E. The instructors shall conduct UTMA rank promotions, practices, and competition in accordance with their own national organization regulations.
- F. The instructors shall submit a class syllabus to the faculty advisor each year for approval.

ADVISOR

- A. The UTMA shall elect an advisor from the faculty.
- B. The advisor will be approved by the Executive Council, Office of Recreation Coordinator, and the Dean of Students.
- C. The advisor may attend all club functions. If not present, he shall be made aware of the proceedings.

DUES

- A. Dues will be \$30.00 for Jujitsu, Karate, and Taekwondo. Judo dues will be \$45.00.
- B. If the other classes wish to begin competing, they will need to pay \$45.00 for dues.
- C. Dues are non-refundable except in special cases approved by the Executive Council and are subject to change only with the approval of the Executive Council.
- D. Dues include membership to all classes, with \$15.00 added to those wishing to participate in Judo.

- E. Dues shall be paid by the third attended class.
- F. All funds will be deposited and disbursed through the student activities office.
- G. In the event of dissolution, all funding will be kept in the club account for one year after which the Sports Club Executive Council will dispense accordingly.
- H. All members of the UTMA will be encouraged to purchase membership in the national organization affiliated with their class.
- I. Any proceeds from fundraising events will be deposited into the hosting art's dues account.

REIMBURSEMENTS

- A. All expenses pending reimbursement must be turned in with their receipts within two business days of purchase.
- B. Only the two elected officers may be allowed to request reimbursement and turn in receipts.
- C. All classes requesting travel must first propose the request to the officers.
- D. Upon approval, a travel request and trip roster must be submitted to the SportsClub office two weeks before scheduled departure.
- E. All expenses must be approved by the UTMA officers and SportsClub manager.
- F. Under no circumstance shall food or personal items be reimbursed.

PEER REVIEW

- A. The Executive Council will execute a peer review when necessary.
- B. Peer review is indicated when necessary, but not limited to violation of the rules and regulations of the club.
- C. Documentation of a violation of the rules and regulations of the UTMA will be written up by the club officers.
- D. The Executive Council will meet with the club member(s) to discuss the violation(s) of the rules and regulations and recommend a course of action.
- E. The member will be given a copy of any documentation and recommendations when he or she is in violation of the rules and regulations.
- F. The Executive Council may:
 1. Reinstate the member with active status.
 2. Place the member on probation, then review the status in three months.
 3. Dismiss the member from the club.
 4. Rules 2 and 3 are subject to the approval of the SportsClub Executive Council.
- G. An appeal process will be initiated through the SportsClub Director and the Executive Council when a student wishes to protest an Executive Council decision.

PRACTICE, COMPETITION, THE UTMA, PUBLIC RELATIONS

- A. The UTMA shall host and attend various competitive events and clinics in accordance with the particular class's nation organization.
- B. UTMA members who wish to compete must be a member of a national organization and show proof of their membership as defined by the national organization.

1. International students shall show proof of their membership in their country's national organization.
 2. International students who are not members of their country's official national organization will see the instructor of their class to ascertain their status with the U.S. national organization.
- C. Designated members of the UTMA shall be available to give demonstrations and/or lectures about their class and the Martial Arts for the University of Tennessee and other groups.
- D. The UTMA shall give notice to the SportsClub office regarding the above activities, planned out of town travel, and hosting events.
- E. Martial Arts etiquette will be consistent with traditional schools.

RISK MANAGEMENT

- A. At least two club members must be certified in First Aid, Adult CPR, and AED.
- B. All accidents and incidents will be reported to the Sport Clubs staff within two business days of the occurrence. Club Officers will complete a report (injury/incident) and submit it to the Sport Clubs office.
- C. Facility hazards will be communicated to the Sport Clubs office immediately. Hazards will either be corrected immediately or cautioned off until repair is complete.
- D. Each club member will complete a release form. These release forms will be turned in to the Sport Clubs office where they will be put on file.
- E. Members' insurance card copies will be submitted to the Sport Clubs office. The University of Tennessee does not provide insurance for club members.
- F. All visiting clubs and non-student club volunteers must complete waivers before participating in club events.
- G. Participation of students in hazing activities is prohibited. Hazing is defined as an intentional or reckless act by a club member or group of members which is directed against any student, which endangers his/her mental or physical health or safety.
- H. Safety and first aid shall comply with those of the University of Tennessee, UTMA, and the national organization affiliated with that class.
- I. Each class will have separate practice times in order to insure proper instruction, availability of proper spacing, and safety.
- J. All club members must abide by these risk management policies.

GENERAL CLASS INFORMATION

JUDO (translates as "the gentle way")

Class emphasis on sport techniques consisting of throwing, choking, arm locking, and pinning.

Equipment required for the class:

High quality mat and single or double weave judogi

Meets in TRECS studio 10 on Monday and Wednesday from 6pm-8pm

KARATE(combination of kicking and punching)

Class emphasis on providing various styles of Karate to promote self defense. Consists

of punching and kicking.

Equipment required for class:

Mat, shin pads, hand pads, feet pads, mouth piece, uniform, and punching bag.

Meets in TRECS studio 10 on Tuesday and Thursday from 8pm-9:30pm.

TAE KWON DO (translates as “the art of the hand and foot”)

Class emphasis on sport techniques consisting of kicking, punching, blocking, and various self defense techniques.

Equipment required for class:

Sparring gear, uniform, target pad, and mat.

Meets in TRECS studio 10 on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00pm-9:30pm.

JUJITSU(translates as “the gentle art”)

Class emphasis on providing self-defense techniques consisting of kicking, punching, throwing, chocking, and joint locking.

Equipment required for the class:

High quality mat, single or double weave judogi.

Meets in TRECS studio 10 on Monday and Wednesday from 8pm-9:30pm.