

WKKU

World Koshiki Karate Union e.V.

**STATUTE**



§ 2 *Purpose, functions and principles of the activity*

- (1) *The association shall exclusively and directly pursue objectives of a non-profit-making character within the meaning of the section of the German Tax Code on "Objectives entitled to tax relief" namely by exercise of the sport. The purpose is to be realized in particular by the support and exercise of the martial arts, the leisure and recreational sport as well as the child and youth sport. The association assumes the responsibility for training assignments.*

*The purpose of the WKKU is,*

- a. to improve the competition system "Koshiki Karate" continuously and to spread worldwide, whereas the national-connecting, educational, cultural and humanitarian value of the Karate-sports should be considered, and namely in particular by the support of the Karate-sports by youth and development programs;*
- b. particular attention would be given to the safety of the physical and spiritual health of the athletes, to contribute to the understanding between peoples and nationalities and to defend the interests of the "Koshiki Karate" worldwide;*
- c. to achieve the establishing of the competition system of "Koshiki Karate" as an independent kind of sport in the Sport Accord Combat Games;*
- d. to achieve that the competition system of "Koshiki Karate" is acknowledged as an independent kind of sport by the international Olympic committee (IOC) and is admitted to the Olympic program of the IOC; to protect the continuance of the "Koshiki Karate" as an Olympic sport after the admission in the long term and to guarantee from now on the participation of the sport in every Summer Olympics;*
- e. organizing own international competitions in the "Koshiki Karate";*
- f. defining the commitment of competition rules and competition regulations as well as ensuring of its proper enforcement;*
- g. the control of the national member's associations, whilst all necessary measures are taken to prevent the violation of the statutes, regulations and decisions of the WKKU as well as the competition rules;*
- h. to prevent the occurrence of methods or practices which could endanger the integrity of the competitions or lead to abuses of the "Koshiki Karate";*

(2) *"Koshiki Karate" is a competition system consisting of two disciplines.*

- a. *In the discipline "Kumite" it is allowed that in each fight two sportsmen compete with each other without serious endangering to the health and life of the other, whereas the kind of martial arts the fighters belong to is irrelevant. To the fighters is allowed to hit the respective opponent, to kick, to hold on tight, to throw to the ground. Winner of a fight should be, who can combine either most a half an evaluation "wazari" on himself at the end of a fight, or as first achieve a whole evaluation "ippon". The fighter receives half an evaluation for the technically clean strike in parts protected by the protective equipment of the head or the body of his opponent. A fighter wins with a full evaluation if his opponent surrenders, goes down by so-called „knock out“ or is otherwise defenseless. The fighters are not limited in the intensity of their punches and kicks. The flow of the fight is not interrupted by achieving an evaluation. A fight is interrupted after a fight sequence, while several evaluations can be achieved by both fighters. During such an interruption the judge announces whether and which evaluations were achieved in the preceding sequence. Other regulations are left to a set of rules to be decided by the Executive Committee.*
  
- b. *The discipline „Kata Bunkai“ is a team competition. In the discipline „Kata Bunkai“ a single competition participant introduces in each case a form, a so-called "Kata" which shows a sequence of different fighting techniques and fight moves. Thereby both unarmed elements and movements with the aid of traditional Asian slash weapons, sting weapons and impact weapons can be demonstrated. It is irrelevant whether and which kind of martial art the "Kata" arise. After the individual presentation the competition participant demonstrates in cooperation with other members of his team the meaning of the before shown sequence, whose quality is valued by adjudicators. The team which combines most points on itself, wins.*

- c. *During a competition the fighters carry the traditional Japanese karate clothes "dogi" and an appropriate belt "obi", a head protection and facial protection as well as a breast protection. Exclusively for the protection from hand injuries the responsible for the decree of the competition rules organs can admit the use of a hand protection which must remain clearly below the dimensions of usual boxing gloves. The fighters do not carry an other equipment, in particular shoes. On the left and right side of a white "dogi" two stripes a red and a black one are located respectively. The stripes are located in the sleeves beginning from the jacket collar and ending at the cuff. The stripes are located in the trousers beginning from the elastic waist and ending at the ends of the trouser legs. The emblem of the WKKU is on the left breast part of the jacket. The nationality of the fighter is marked by placing of his national flag by height of the upper arm on the outside of the left sleeve. The symbol of another martial arts organization or of another kind of martial arts can be placed by height of the upper arm on the outside of the right sleeve. Other symbols, in particular advertisement are not to be located on the clothes.*
  - d. *Graduations of all styles, schools, clubs and associations of martial arts are to be respected and may be expressed by carrying of a different colored belt in the competition. The WKKU awards graduations according to examination regulations to be decided by the Executive Committee.*
  - e. *The rules lit. a and c are in their core unalterable and are to be appropriated by competition rules determined by the Executive Committee. In particular the Executive Committee can decide on adding other disciplines. For the protection of the fighters thought equipment in particular may be used only if it is checked and admitted by the rules commission.*
- (3) *The WKKU promotes above all the non professional sport and is in consistent compliance with the Olympic charter of the IOC.*
- (4) *The association is working selflessly and does not pursue primarily self-economic goals.*
- (5) *The organs of the association are working in an honorary capacity. The members receive no shares in the profits and as members receive also no allowances from means of the association. The board of directors can determine, if required a representation allowance, in accordance with compensation for expenses provided in the § 3 Nr. 26a German Income Tax Law that was relevant to the time of WKKU foundation.*

- (6) *The association funds may be used only for statutory purposes. No person may benefit from the expenses which are different from the purposes of the association or by unreasonably high remuneration.*
- (7) *The association maintains party political neutrality. WKKU grants the same right to the people of all nations and races and represents the principle of religious and ideological tolerance.*

### *§ 3 Doping*

*The WKKU feels obliged to the World Anti-Doping Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in his respective version and provides for the enforcement of these rules within the scope of the association activity in particular all by the WKKU and her member associations or the continental associations approved by the WKKU to promote the sport events.*

### *§ 4 Membership*

- (1) *Members of the WKKU are associations, founder members, successors of the founder members and honorary members.*
- (2) *Associations who are responsible in their country for the organization and control of the "Koshiki Karate" can become members of the WKKU. In this context the term "Country" refers to an independent state recognized by the international community of states. In every country only one association would be recognized. Exceptions are reserved according to paragraph 6.*
- (3) *A member association must reveal the nation that it is representing in its name. The name of the member association must contain the denomination „Koshiki Karate“.*
- (4) *An association which wants to become a member of the WKKU has to submit to the Executive Committee of WKKU a written admission request.*
- (5) *The valid statutes of the association are to be added to the admission request, which must compulsory contain the following regulations:*
  - a. to follow at any time the statutes, regulations and decisions of the WKKU;*
  - b. to uphold the valid competition rules;*
- (6) *An association of an area which has not attained the independence yet, may request by approval of the association of the country to which the area belongs of an entry to the WKKU.*

- (7) *The implementing provisions to be adopted by the Executive Committee regulate the details about the admission procedure.*
- (8) *Every member must determine his interests independently and without involvement of the third party.*
- (9) *The organs of a member association may be determined only by means of elections within the association. For this purpose the statutes of the member associations must intend a procedure which provides the certain board with guaranteed complete independent voting.*
- (10) *The organs of a member association whose election or appointment was not held considering the regulation during clause 8 are not accepted by the WKKU. This is also valid if these organs were chosen only temporary or were appointed.*
- (11) *Decisions of the instances which were not chosen or were appointed according to the regulations by clause 8 are not recognized by the WKKU.*
- (12) *Every member association must have laid down the purposes of the WKKU in accordance with §2 in their statutes as a purpose of the member association free of contradiction. In particular a member association according to its statutes may pursue exclusively and immediately only charitable goals, as it pursues the support and exercise of the competition sport, the leisure sport and recreational sport as well as the child sport and youth sport. A member association according to its statutes does not pursue primarily self-economic goals. In particular the organs of the member association perform their duties in an honorary capacity. The members of the member associations receive no shares in the profits and in their capacity as members as well as no allowances from means of the member association. A member association which changes aforementioned regulations in its statutes, so that they unfold lower effect than those noted above or no effect, is to be excluded from the WKKU by the Executive Committee.*
- (13) *The founder members are natural persons who have taken part in the foundation meeting and have cofounded the WKKU.*

*(14) Every founder member determines a successor for the Executive Committee for the case of his demise, who is to be taken up in the case of the demise of the respective founder member by the Executive Committee in the WKKU and to become the same rights like the deceased founder member. Every successor within the meaning of this paragraph determines after admission in the WKKU for the case of his demise on his part a successor for whom the regulations of this paragraph are to be applied by analogy.*

*(15) The member associations can be for their part a member in a continental association recognized by the WKKU. A continental association for the purposes of this statute is a union of member associations of the WKKU belonging to the same continent (or a comparable geographical region). The WKKU recognizes only one continental association pro continent (Africa, America, Asia, Europe, Oceania). A continental association must reveal the continent represented by him in his name. The name of the continental association must contain the denomination „Koshiki Karate“. In exceptional cases the WKKU can permit to a continental association to take up a member association of the WKKU as a member who belongs geographically to another continent, but not his continental association. The statement of the geographically responsible continental association is necessary. The continental associations have the task to take all measures in close cooperation with the WKKU which seem necessary for the development of the "Koshiki Karate" on the concerning continent, like development programs, organization of courses, conferences etc.*

## *§ 5 Acquisition and loss of the membership*

*(1) The Executive Committee decides on the admission, suspension and the exclusion of members, unless, this statute regulates other. Every member can resign from the WKKU on the end of the calendar year.*

*(2) Following the rules of the Olympic charter of the IOC the WKKU informs the national Olympic committee and the highest sports authorities of the country which is represented by the taken up association about the admission.*

*(3) The congress appoints the honorary members with absolute majority of the representatives eligible to vote or members of the association. Honorary members cannot be excluded from the WKKU.*

*(4) The membership ends by exclusion, withdrawal, death of a founder member or his successor according to the §4 paragraph 14 or liquidation of a member's association.*

*(5) The letter of resignation must arrive at the latest six months before end of the calendar year at the general secretariat and has to be notified by registered letter.*

(6) *With ending of the membership the obligation to pay contribution and other obligations towards of the WKKU continue up to the end of the current business year. Former or excluded members have no right to shares from the property of the association. Other claims of a former or excluded member against the WKKU must be made in writing within six months after the termination of the membership by a registered letter and be claimed.*

§ 10 *The right to vote and eligibility*

(1) *The passive election right is entitled to all adult members and all adult members of the member's associations. The passive election right is entitled only to members of the member's associations, which belonged to WKKU for at least two years at the time of the congressional event. For the commissions to be formed according to this statute the restriction of the sentence 2 does not apply.*

(2) *The following persons cannot be chosen in the Executive Committee:*

- a. the employees of the WKKU and the national member associations for the duration of their employment and until the expiration of two years after the employment relationship is terminated;*
- b. those people who are in charge of providing services for the WKKU for the duration of the contractual relationship and until the expiration of two years after the termination of the contract; this is applies also to the persons, who are partners and general managers in such companies;*
- c. The persons who are trading with sports equipment and sports clothing or produce such goods or the persons, who are partners and general managers in such companies;*
- d. If a member of the Executive Committee after his election complies the preceding conditions, he is dismissed of his office by decision of the Executive Committee.*

(3) *The participation in one of the following competitions as an active athlete, coach, referee, judge and adjudicator is incompatible with the holding of an elective office:*

- by the WKKU, her member associations or approved continental associations organized national championships, continental championships, world championships or competitions which serve as a qualification competition for one of these competitions -*

*Nevertheless such persons can run for offices, for the period of their candidacy and holding an office as well as during two following years after their resignation they are excluded from the participation in competitions of the WKKU, her member associations or approved continental associations as an active athlete, coach, referee, judge and adjudicator.*



- (4) *Every member association sends maximum five representatives in the Congress. These representatives must be members of the respective member association. Every member association has in the Congress one vote, that must be cast uniformly by the representatives sent by the respective member association. If the representatives of a member association cast no uniform vote, the vote is deemed as not cast. A member association is only eligible to vote if it has belonged to the WKKU for at least two years at the onset of congressional event and has fulfilled all due contribution debts towards of the WKKU. The member association must name their representatives to the Executive Committee at the latest one month before the beginning of the congress. Substitute can be determined by the member association only for the case of proven without fault hindrance.*
- (5) *Every adult member, who is not a member of an association, is not entitled to vote in Congress.*
- (6) *The members of the Executive Committee can act in the congress and at the same time as a representative of the member association in which they are members, so that then the number of representatives to be sent from respective member association are reduced by the number of the members in the congress, whom the member association has sent in the Executive Committee.*
- (7) *A member of the WKKU cannot authorize another member or any other person to the casting of votes.*
- (8) *For the offices to be filled by elections only the candidates who were suggested by members of the WKKU can be chosen. Such proposals are only considered, if they were submitted in written form in the general secretariat at the latest four months before the beginning of the electoral congress. Every member is entitled to present exactly one nomination for every office to be filled by election. The general secretariat rejects the candidates who, according to this statute, may not be chosen in the office for which they run for election and announces, at the latest three months before the beginning of the electoral congress, the candidate list to the members.*

#### § 14 Merchandising

- (1) *Emblems, flags and symbols of the WKKU may not be disposed by the members to generate the earnings of any kind.*
- (2) *For the case of the offence against the regulation of the clause 1, within 4 weeks an account on obtained income is to be given to the WKKU and the obtained income is to be paid to the WKKU. Other sanctions provided by this statute remain unaffected.*

#### § 15 Official languages

- (1) *English, Spanish, French, Russian and German are the official languages of the WKKU.*
- (2) *German is the official language for protocols, the correspondence and disclosures. The WKKU translates all protocols and disclosures into the English language and communicates with international associations in English language. Incidentally, the members are responsible for the translation in their national language.*
- (3) *English, Spanish, French, German, Russian, Arabic and Portuguese are the official languages of the congress. The translation into these languages is to be done by the qualified interpreters. The delegates can speak in their mother tongue, if the translation is undertaken by a qualified interpreter in one of the official languages of the Congress.*
- (4) *The statutes, implementation regulations to the statutes, agenda of the congress, decisions and disclosures of the WKKU are drafted in five official languages. If they differ in wording, the German text is authoritative.*

#### § 16 constant commissions

- (1) *The following constant commissions are to be established, whose members are to be chosen by the congress.*
  - a. *Rules commission*
  - b. *Referee's commission*
  - c. *Anti-doping commission*
  - d. *Disciplinary commission*
  - e. *Sports commission*

f. Examination board

- (2) *Job of the commissions is to carry out the tasks assigned to them by this statute, to compile the statute subordinated orders, assigned to the commission, and to submit these orders for resolution to the Executive Committee. If the Executive Committee is not ready to adopt an order as it stands, the draft would be referred back to the commission for reconsideration. The Executive Committee may not resolve an order, assigned by the commissions, in derogation from the draft submitted by commissions.*
- (3) *The commissions compile and develop the following statute subordinated orders:*
- a. *the rules commission the competition rules;*
  - b. *the referee's commission licensing orders for referees, judges and adjudicators;*
  - c. *the anti-doping commission rules of procedure for the doping prevention and for dealing with doping;*
  - d. *the disciplinary commission a catalogue of reprimands and rules of procedure for appealing against reprimands;*
  - e. *the sports commission rules of procedure for organization of sports events and the admission of sport events in the competition calendar of the WKKU and the travel expenses order;*
  - f. *the examination boards the examination regulations and a licensing orders for examiners.*
- (4) *Besides other duties assigned to it, the rules commission suggests the commissions or to organs responsible for that, by considerable offence against the competition rules, to impose the reprimands.*
- (5) *The referee's commission determines, beside other duties assigned to it, the appointment of referees, judges and adjudicators in competitions hosted by the WKKU and suggests, in cases of considerable offence against the statute and the orders of the WKKU, the commissions or organs responsible for it, to impose the reprimands against referee, judge and adjudicator.*
- (6) *The anti-doping commission, besides other duties assigned to it, takes the preventive action in the fight against doping outward as inwards and suggests the commissions or organs responsible for it, to impose the reprimands in the case of offence against the anti-doping regulations of the WKKU.*

- (7) *The sports commission sends to every competition an observer according to §13 to paragraph 9. The observer provides within 2 weeks after ending of the competition a detailed report on the compliance and the handling with the rules, with orders provided by the commissions and the Executive Committee to and with this statute and sends it in this term to the commissions and the Executive Committee. The sports commission is responsible for the organization of all sports events which are held by the WKKU.*
- (8) *The examining board, besides other duties assigned to it, decides on deterring from examination and on the appointment of examiners, issues exam certificates and, for the case of considerable offence against the statute and the orders of the WKKU, suggests the commissions or organs responsible for it to impose reprimands.*
- (9) *The president of the WKKU is automatically a member of every commission. He is a chairperson of the rules commission.*
- (10) *Every commission is filled with at least two and maximum 10 members. Different members of a member association, apart from the president, may not at the same time be a member of the same commission. Except the president, which is by the virtue of his office member in every commission, a member of the Executive Committee may not be at the same time a member of a commission.*
- (11) *The founder members determine in each case the first version of the orders named in paragraph 3. Up to the first elections of the commissions the founder members take over the functions of the commissions.*

§ 17 *Dissolution*

- (1) *On the dissolution of the WKKU decides an especially for the case convened congress with three quarter majority of the appeared eligible to vote.*
- (2) *With resolution of the association or ceasing of its purpose, according to §2 of this statute, the assets of the association, as far as it exceeds the loan contract claims of the members, will pass to the sport association of Berlin, which has to use it immediately and exclusively for the purposes in accordance with §2 paragraph 1 of this statute.*

§ 18 *Entry into force*

*This statute was resolved in the present form at the general meeting of the association, the Congress of WKKU on the 7/1/2010.*

*We insure of the correctness and of completeness of the statute according to §71 paragraph 1 sentence 4 of German Civil Code.*

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