



Judo Ontario Membership Policy

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POLICY STATEMENT

1. Membership and participation in the activities of Judo Ontario offers many benefits and privileges. The Judo Ontario Membership Policy describes the different categories of membership and the associated rights, privileges, and expectations as well as the grounds for suspension and removal of membership by an individual, club or the board of directors.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

2. Judo Ontario, as per its By-Laws, has the following categories of membership:
 - i. Regular Members (Voting)
 - ii. Associate Members (Non-voting)
 - iii. Honourary Life Members (Voting)
 - iv. Honourary Members (Voting)
 - v. Member Clubs (Voting)
3. Regular Members
 - i. Only a resident of Ontario may be or become a Regular Member.
 - ii. Only a black-belt degree recognized by a Regular Member federation of the International Judo Federation will be accepted as proof of eligibility for Regular Membership.
 - iii. An applicant must present a certificate of their recognized degree at the time of their application.
 - iv. An applicant who is a Regular Member of any other Regular Member association of Judo Canada must relinquish their other Regular Membership on acceptance as a Regular Member of the Corporation.
 - v. A Regular Member who accepts Regular Membership in another Regular Member association of Judo Canada will be deemed to have resigned from the Corporation.
 - vi. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, allow exceptions to the above in the case of visitors (sensei, foreign students and others). Such exceptions may include restrictions such as entry into certain competitions and eligibility for grants.
 - vii. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, allow exceptions to the above in the case of Regular Members temporarily living outside the Province of Ontario who are required to join another association for purposes such as insurance but whose permanent residence is in Ontario and who wish to take part in Ontario events.
4. Associate Members
 - i. Such persons as are registered with the Corporation as practitioners of Judo but who do not hold a blackbelt degree shall be Associate Members during the time that their registration is current.
 - ii. Only a resident of Ontario may be or become an Associate Member.
 - iii. An Associate Member must normally be a member of a Member Club under section 3.5 below ("Member Clubs"). In unusual circumstances the Board of Directors shall have the power to accept individual registrations.
 - iv. An Associate Member may not hold membership in any other provincial or national Judo association.
 - v. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, allow exceptions to (c) above in the case of visitors



(foreign students and others). Such exceptions may include restrictions such as entry into certain competitions and eligibility for grants. Associate Members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of Regular Members.

5. Honourary Life Members

- i. Honourary Life Membership may be conferred by the Board of Directors on Members who have given long and distinguished service to Judo.
- ii. Honourary Life Members are entitled to all the rights and privileges of Regular Members.

6. Honourary Members

- i. Honourary Membership may be conferred by the Board of Directors on Distinguished Persons, not engaged in the practice of Judo, and may include presentation of an honorary black belt.
- ii. Honourary Members are not entitled to any of the rights or privileges of Regular Members.

7. Member Clubs

- i. Member Club membership is open to Judo clubs in Ontario.
- ii. A Member Club membership must be held by a named Regular Member of the Corporation.
- iii. Member Clubs are entitled to all the rights and privileges of Regular Members.

FEES

8. The Board of Directors shall establish fees payable by Members, Member Clubs and Associate Members, and the respective dates by which the fees must be paid. The Board of Directors may from time to time change fees and due dates.

9. 2022/23 Season Fees:

- i. Mundansha Non-Black Belts
 - U8 to U14 \$51 JO/\$30 JC + HST
 - U16 to 21+ \$76 JO/\$30 JC + HST
- ii. Yundansha Black Belts and Up
 - U16 and up \$117 JO/\$30 JC + HST
- iii. 15 Week Introductory Membership
 - All Ages \$10 JO/\$10 JC + HST
- iv. Club Fee
 - All Clubs \$165 JO + HST

RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

10. Any Member may resign from the Corporation by submitting their written resignation to the Vice-President (Administration) of the Corporation.

11. The Board of Directors, after due consideration of the circumstances and having given 30 days notice to the Member of intent to consider, may suspend or expel any Member for any of the following reasons:

- i. contravention of the By-laws or policies of the Corporation.
 - ii. actions contrary to the standards of behaviour and ethics of Kodokan Judo.
 - iii. conduct that is contrary to the Ontario Human Rights Code.
 - iv. delinquency of fees, fines, or other contractual debts. Such fees fines, or other contractual debts will be deemed delinquent if the Board of Directors decides that the collection of such fees, fines or other contractual debts has become futile.
12. A Member who does not pay their fees on or by the date set from time to time by the Board of Directors is deemed to have voluntarily suspended their Membership. Reinstatement is automatic on payment of fees equal to those a Member would have paid during the period of suspension.
13. Rights and privileges for the period between voluntary suspension and reinstatement are foregone. The foregoing applies also to Member Clubs and Associate Members.
14. Persons expelled or under suspension forfeit all rights and privileges except the right of due process including the right of appeal.
15. On notification by a club of the expulsion or suspension of a Regular Member or Associate Member, the Board of Directors shall consider, at its next regular meeting, what action by the Corporation is warranted.
16. Any person who has resigned or is suspended or has been expelled shall immediately return to the Corporation all books or other property of the Corporation of which they may have care, and they shall remain liable for the payment of all monies due from them at the time of their resignation, suspension or expulsion. Failure to pay the set fees before the established due dates, except for Lifetime Members, by a Member shall imply that the Member has relinquished their Membership.