



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
GOVERNMENT

Shotokan Karate

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Shotokan Karate (shotokan) of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its governance. Failure to follow this constitution could result in penalties or revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Shotokan Karate is to teach traditional Shotokan karate to all interested members of the University community, regardless of gender or level of previous experience. The intercollegiate team is selected from the undergraduate members and represents the University of Rochester in local, regional, and national college competitions.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Eligibility - All Students' Association (SA) members shall be eligible for membership. An SA Member is a University of Rochester undergraduate of the College who has paid their SA activities fee. All members and associate members shall be listed on the organization's Campus Community Connection site. Membership is automatically renewed yearly unless the member graduates, requests to cancel their membership, or fails to meet membership requirements.
- B. Definition of active member - An active member shall pay club dues, attend at least 50% of all practices, and hold a ranking as follows within the club:
 - a. Beginner: starting with no previous martial arts experience.
 - b. Intermediates: starting with some martial arts experience (with belt rank) and/or has trained regularly for two semesters.
 - c. Advanced: starting with long-term martial arts experience (brown or black belt ranking); and /or has trained regularly for three or more semesters.
- C. Definition of associate member - All University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate students and Eastman students shall be eligible for associate membership but not eligible to hold an officer position. Graduate students, faculty, and staff are not eligible to perform, compete, nor travel as part of a college student organization.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as half of the active membership plus at least two officers.

SECTION TWO - VOTING

- A. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
- B. All members shall have equal voting power.
- C. Procedure – All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using a hand vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer. The President shall only vote to break a tie.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS

- A. President
- B. Vice-President (optional)
- C. Business Manager
- D. Equipment Manager
- E. Secretary

SECTION TWO - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
- B. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
- C. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
- D. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
- E. The President shall preside over the meetings and shall maintain organization within the club, communicate with other officers and delegate duties to maintain a functioning club that fulfills the purposes set forth above. The President shall also be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this organization, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association.
- F. The Vice-President shall be responsible for assisting the President in their duties, notably with space reservations and reaching out to other karate clubs for tournaments and seminars. The Vice-President shall also assist other officers with their duties when necessary, and spearhead any miscellaneous tasks that do not fall under the jurisdiction of any designated officers.
- G. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
- H. The Equipment Manager shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining equipment used by the organization, as well as keeping a list of gi lent out by the club.
- I. The Secretary shall take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Nominations will be determined by Sensei

and current officers. Elections will be held in person unless it is unsafe to do so. Votes will be cast by show of hands, and tabulated by Sensei or a graduating officer or a current officer who plans to leave the board.

- B. Term of Office - Determined by Sensei, otherwise one year.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections shall be held in April of each year at least two weeks before the end of the Spring Semester.

SECTION FOUR - VACANCIES, RESIGNATIONS, AND REMOVALS

- A. At the first valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in Article V, Section Three.
- B. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a 2/3 majority of the entire active membership to pass. Any member of the organization may call for a vote of no confidence.
- C. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, they must be notified one week in advance.
- D. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

ARTICLE VI - RESOURCES

SECTION ONE - RESOURCES

- A. The Shotokan Karate of the University of Rochester will abide by their Resource Agreement.

ARTICLE VII - HAZING POLICY

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the Shotokan Karate. Behavior prohibited under this rule includes actions threatening substantial risk of physical or mental injury; actions exposing the individual to distressing, repulsive, or alarming situations or sensations; forced consumption of alcohol or drugs; actions in the form of social pressure which might cause harm to an individual.

ARTICLE VIII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Shotokan Karate abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.



Signature of Confirmation
Zebulon Stafford
President, Shotokan Karate

4/11/23

Date



Signature of Approval
Evan Ji
Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee

4/15/23

Date