

Alberta Kodokan Black Belt Association Special Resolution Backgrounder:

2026 Special Resolution Change of Bylaws Revisions

Current	Proposed
<p>II. MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 4. CONDUCT SUFFICIENT FOR SUSPENSION</p> <p>Any member of the Association:</p> <p>a. Who fails to pay any indebtedness (other than fees) to the Association within 60 days from the date when due; or</p> <p>b. Whose conduct is considered by the Disciplinary Committee as prejudicial to the best interests of the Association or injurious to its character and reputation; or</p> <p>c. Participates in a tournament, clinic or other display that he has been advised is not approved the by Association, after receiving notice to that effect from the Association; or</p> <p>d. Practices in a club, in the Province of Alberta, that he has been advised by the Association, is not registered under these by-laws; or</p> <p>e. Has been suspended, disciplined or expelled by Judo Canada or other recognized Judo governing body; shall be notified in writing to this effect via registered mail, addressed to his address appearing on the books and records of the Association. The person concerned shall be suspended or expelled from membership only after a noticed hearing. The Disciplinary Committee shall at such noticed hearing duly consider the charges made against such person and any oral or written material presented to it by the person whose suspension is being considered. At the conclusion of the hearing the Disciplinary Committee may, by the affirmative vote of not less than three-quarters of those present,</p>	<p>II. MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 4. SUSPENSION AND SANCTIONS</p> <p>A member may be suspended or sanctioned in accordance with the Society's policies and procedures related to discipline, dispute resolution, and safe sport.</p> <p>A suspended member is not in good standing, may not vote at meetings of the members, is not permitted to have any sport-related involvement with the Society, and may be subject to a probationary period before being reinstated in good standing.</p> <p>A member may not resign from the Society when the member has been suspended or is subject to an ongoing disciplinary or safe sport investigation or action</p>

<p>either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i Suspend the member for a definite period of time; ii Suspend until the suspension is terminated by the Disciplinary Committee; iii Expel the person from the Association, thereby terminating his status as a member of the Association. <p>4</p> <p>Revision 09/25/2023</p> <p>If the Disciplinary Committee does not impose any of the sanctions mentioned above, the person shall, at the termination of the meeting at which his hearing was held, be restored to full status.</p> <p>If the Disciplinary Committee imposes sanctions under "ii" above, the said Committee shall specify the period for review. The suspension shall continue until such time as the suspended party applies to the Disciplinary Committee as a candidate for reinstatement, after the period for review, and, if accepted as such, a candidate shall comply with the terms and conditions for re-instatement as may be specified by the Disciplinary Committee.</p> <p>A member suspended shall forfeit all rights and privileges of a member and shall only be eligible for re-admission or re-instatement as a member upon such terms as the Disciplinary Committee shall determine.</p> <p>A member who has been expelled shall forfeit all rights and privileges and shall not be eligible for re-admission or reinstatement.</p>	
<p>II. MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 5. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE</p> <p>All matters relating to conduct sufficient for suspension shall be managed by a Disciplinary Committee consisting of one regular member from each</p>	<p>II. MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 5. TERMINATION</p> <p>Membership in the Society will terminate immediately upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The member's death; ii. The member fails to maintain any of

<p>of the eight Sport Alberta Zones with at least one club registered under these by-laws, who may, exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as necessary.</p> <p>a. Appointment to Office: The Regular Members shall be appointed by the Executive on January 1 in each year or so soon thereafter as is practical.</p> <p>b. Meetings of the Disciplinary Committee: The Disciplinary Committee shall meet as the need arises, or at the call of the President or the Executive.</p> <p>c. Decision of the Disciplinary Committee: Any decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be reduced to writing and forwarded to the person concerned to his address appearing on the books and records of the Association.</p> <p>d. Interim measures The Executive Committee may impose interim measures pending a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee, if the Executive Committee is of</p> <p>5 Revision 09/25/2023 the view that the imposition of such measures is in the best interests of the members of the Association. Interim measures are not suspension, and may take different forms, including but not limited to the imposition of conditions upon continued participation of a member in the activities or work of the Association and/or member clubs.</p>	<p>the qualifications or conditions of membership described in these bylaws;</p> <p>iii. The member resigns by giving written notice to the Society;</p> <p>iv. The member's membership expires, unless renewed in accordance with these bylaws;</p> <p>v. The Society is dissolved under the Societies Act; or</p> <p>vi. Upon at least fifteen (15) days prior written notice to a member, the Executive Committee may pass a resolution authorizing disciplinary action in respect of such member, or the termination of such member's membership. The notice shall set out the reasons for the proposed disciplinary action or termination of membership. The member receiving such notice shall be entitled to give the Executive Committee a written submission opposing the proposed disciplinary action or termination of membership not less than five (5) days before the end of the said fifteen (15) day period. The Executive Committee shall consider any written submission made by the member before making a final decision regarding disciplinary action or termination of membership.</p>
<p>II. MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 6. APPEAL An appeal lies to the Executive from a decision of the Disciplinary Committee. The appeal must be in writing, addressed to the Secretary of the Association and be filed within 20 days of the person concerned being notified of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee. The decision of the Executive in such matters shall be final</p>	<p>II. MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 6. DISCIPLINE A member may be disciplined, suspended, or expelled from the Society in accordance with the Society's bylaws, policies, and procedures. The Executive Committee maintains authority to establish, amend, and enforce policies governing discipline, dispute resolution, and member conduct.</p>

<p>II. MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 7. WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Membership in the Association is terminated when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Member dissolves; b) The Member fails to maintain any of the qualifications or conditions of membership described within these bylaws; c) The Member resigns from the Corporation by giving written notice, in which case the resignation becomes effective on the date specified in the resignation. The Member will be responsible for all dues payable; d) By Ordinary Resolution of the Board or of the Members at a duly called meeting, provided fifteen (15) days' notice is given and the Member is provided with reasons and the opportunity to be heard. Notice will set out the reasons for termination of membership and the member receiving the notice will be entitled to submit a written submission opposing the termination; e) The Member's membership expires, unless renewed in accordance with these By-laws; or f) The Corporation is liquidated or dissolved under the Act. 	<p>II. MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 7. GOOD STANDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A member of the Society will be in good standing provided that the member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has not ceased to be a member; b) Has not been suspended or expelled from membership or had other restrictions or sanctions imposed; c) Has completed and remitted all documents as required by the Society; d) Has complied with the bylaws, policies, and rules of the Society; e) Is not subject to disciplinary investigation or action by the Society, or if subject to disciplinary action previously, has fulfilled all the terms and conditions of such disciplinary action to the satisfaction of the Executive committee; and f) Has paid all required fees to the Society g) Has not been suspended, disciplined, or expelled by Judo Canada or other recognized Judo governing body.
<p>IV. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS, SECTION 5. NOTICES AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>Notice of all meetings of members unless waived in writing shall be given at least twenty one (21) days before but not more than forty days before the meeting to each Regular and Life member by mail addressed to his address appearing on the records of the Association. Notices of all meetings of members shall state the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called and the time and place where it is to be held</p>	<p>IV. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS, SECTION 5. NOTICES AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>Notice of all meetings of members, unless waived in writing or electronically, shall be given at least twenty-one (21) days before the meeting to each Regular and Life member. Notice may be delivered in person, sent by prepaid mail, or transmitted by electronic means (including email) to the member's physical or email address appearing on the records of the Association. Notices shall state the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, as well as the date, time, and physical or electronic location of the meeting.</p>

N/A	<p>IV. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS, SECTION 10. VIRTUAL AND HYBRID MEETINGS Any meeting of the members or of the Executive Committee may be held entirely by electronic means (such as teleconference or internet-based video conferencing platforms) or as a hybrid meeting allowing both in-person and electronic participation.</p> <p>Members or Directors participating in a meeting by electronic means are deemed to be present in person at the meeting. Voting at electronic or hybrid meetings may be conducted via online polling, secure electronic ballots, or any method designated by the Executive Committee.</p>
N/A	<p>SECTION 14. INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY Every Officer, Director, or committee member of the Association acting in good faith and in accordance with their duties shall be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Association from and against: a. Any and all costs, charges, and expenses whatsoever that such person sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit, or proceeding brought, commenced, or prosecuted against them for or in respect of any act, deed, matter, or thing made, done, or permitted by them in or about the execution of the duties of their office; and</p> <p>b. All other costs, charges, and expenses that they sustain or incur in or about or in relation to the affairs of the Association, except such costs, charges, or expenses as are occasioned by their own willful neglect, fraud, or default. The Association shall maintain adequate Directors and Officers (D&O) liability insurance coverage at all times.</p>
N/A	<p>SECTION 15. CONFLICT OF INTEREST Any Director or Officer who is a party to, or who has a direct or indirect financial interest in, a contract, transaction, or decision being considered by the Executive Committee shall immediately disclose the nature and extent of their interest to the Executive Committee.</p>

	Such Director shall abstain from taking part in discussions, voting, or attempting to influence the decision on the matter, and shall not be counted in the quorum for that vote.
<p>VII. REGIONAL COUNCIL AND ZONE REPRESENTATIVES, SECTION 1</p> <p>There shall be one Zone Representative for each of eight members of the Association representing the eight sporting zones in the Province of Alberta established by the Alberta Sports Recreation Parks and Wildlife Foundation or its successor.</p>	<p>VII. REGIONAL COUNCIL AND ZONE REPRESENTATIVES, SECTION 1</p> <p>There shall be one Zone Representative for each of eight members of the Association representing the eight sporting zones in the Province of Alberta established by the Government of Alberta.</p>
<p>VII. REGIONAL COUNCIL AND ZONE REPRESENTATIVES, SECTION 2</p> <p>Nomination for the Position of Zone Representative</p> <p>Each club will choose a name from their Club Membership to be forwarded to the current Regional Council Chair for consideration as possible zone rep. If more than 2 names are forwarded in a zone, the current regional councilor will at his discretion pick 2 names from his zone. When all the names have been forwarded to Judo Alberta, the appointment of the new Regional Councilor will be done by the Executive of Judo Alberta at their discretion.</p>	<p>VII. REGIONAL COUNCIL AND ZONE REPRESENTATIVES, SECTION 2</p> <p>ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF ZONE REPRESENTATIVES</p> <p>Zone Representatives shall be selected or elected by the member clubs within their respective zones prior to the Annual General Meeting, in accordance with the procedures established in the Association's policies.</p> <p>I. If a single qualified candidate is nominated by the member clubs in a zone, that candidate shall be appointed by acclamation.</p> <p>II. If two or more qualified candidates are nominated in a zone, an election shall be conducted where each member club in that zone holds a vote prior to the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>III. The election results shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for formal confirmation and approval at or before the Annual General Meeting.</p>
<p>SECTION 12. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR, PRAIRIE REGION</p> <p>Upon the Association becoming eligible to have one of its regular members become the Director representing the Prairie Region to Judo Canada, an election for the position of Director, Prairie Region shall be held at the Annual Meeting immediately prior to the Meeting of Judo Canada where such person is to be confirmed.</p>	Removed from the bylaws
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