

# **JUDO NEW BRUNSWICK CONSTITUTION**

## **1. NAME**

- 1.1 The name of the organization in English shall be "*Judo New Brunswick.*"
- 1.2 The name of the organization in French shall be "*Judo Nouveau-Brunswick.*"
- 1.3 The organization shall herein after be referred to as "Judo NB"

## **2. HEAD OFFICE**

- 2.1 The Headquarters of Judo NB shall be the office of the Executive Director unless otherwise designated by the Board of Directors.

## **3. AFFILIATION**

- 3.1 Judo NB shall be affiliated with Judo Canada, the national governing body for the sport of judo in Canada.

## **4. OBJECTIVES**

- 4.1 To promote, foster, teach and perpetuate the art and sport of judo and encourage training for competition, self-development, leadership, and sportsmanship in the field of judo.
- 4.2 To act as a forum for the exchange of member's views.
- 4.3 To assist in the establishment of judo clubs throughout the Province of New Brunswick.
- 4.4 To communicate information to its members.
- 4.5 To be a liaison with governments and private agencies / organizations interested in promoting and supporting the art and sport of judo.
- 4.6 To promote and foster a safe and inclusive environment.

## **5. STATUS**

- 5.1 The organization shall carry on without purpose of financial gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to this organization shall be used in promoting its objectives.

## **6. JURISDICTION**

- 6.1 Jurisdiction of Judo NB shall be within the boundaries of the province of New Brunswick.

## **7. MEMBERSHIP**

- 7.1 Membership in Judo NB shall consist of the following three categories:
- i. Active member (as per Judo Canada Membership policy)
  - ii. Honorary
  - iii. Lifetime member (as per Judo Canada Policy)

## **8 DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- 8.1 Any member in good standing of Judo NB shall be eligible to be elected as a Director of Judo NB.
- 8.2 The affairs of Judo NB shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of one Director from each Zone (in which at least one duly registered Judo club is operating), plus four (4) elected Officers and the Past President (non-elected)
- 8.3 These Zones shall correspond with those identified by the Sport and Recreation Branch of the Government of NB or as determined by the Board of Directors.

8.4 In the event a Zone director is vacant, a By-Election shall be held within that Zone. The term of the newly elected director will be for a period of two (2) years, or the duration of the out-going directors term, whichever is shorter.

8.5 An Executive Director for Judo NB will be hired by the Board of Directors, and will serve “at the pleasure” of the Board of Directors, and/or pending the results of a yearly performance evaluation to be conducted by the Board of Directors, or a Human Resources Committee that may be established by the Board of Directors for the purpose of assessing the performance of the Executive Director. A person cannot be both a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Director.

## **9 OFFICERS**

9.1 Any member in good standing of Judo NB shall be eligible to be elected as an Officer of Judo NB. The position of President must be held by a member who holds the rank of Shodan or higher.

9.2 The officers of Judo NB shall be the President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

9.3 The officers of Judo NB, with the exception of the Past President, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and shall hold office for a period of two years as measured between Annual General Meetings. The Past President will be appointed following their term as president for a period of two years. Officers shall be included as members of the Board of Directors of Judo NB.

## **10 MEETINGS**

### **10.1 Annual General Meetings**

10.1.1 Annual General Meetings of the members of Judo NB shall be held approximately one month prior to the Annual General Meeting of Judo Canada at a time and location as determined by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Annual General Meeting will be to elect Officers and

Directors, receive reports, propose and vote on honorary and lifetime members, and transact any other business that affects Judo NB.

10.1.2 If for any reason, the meeting is not held at that time, then it shall be automatically convened on the second weekend of July following. Decisions made at the meeting convened on the second weekend of July shall be binding regardless of the number of members present, and notwithstanding quorum stipulations noted elsewhere in this Constitution.

10.1.3 Unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors, the Annual General Meeting shall be held at the head office of Judo NB. Consideration shall be given to rotating the location of the Annual General Meeting around the Province.

## **10.2 Special Meetings**

10.2.1 Special Meetings of the members may be convened by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors at any time. Such a meeting shall also be called by the President if requested in writing by at least 25% of the active membership of Judo NB. The Secretary of Judo NB shall send a notice and the agenda of the meeting at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.

10.2.2 The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting to any member or members or the non-receipt of any notice by any member or members shall not invalidate any resolution passed or any proceedings taken at any meeting.

10.2.3 All members of the Association are entitled to attend a meeting of members, however, voting rights shall only be held as provided for in Articles 3.2 and 3.3 of the Judo NB By-laws. Any other persons may be admitted on the invitation of the Chairman of the meeting, or with consent of the meeting.

## **11 POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

11.1 The management of the business and affairs of Judo NB shall be invested in the Board of Directors, who shall exercise all such powers, and do all acts and things on behalf of Judo NB as may be exercised or done by Judo NB in

general meeting. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the duties of the board shall be to administer, supervise, and otherwise carry on business and affairs of Judo NB except those specifically reserved for an Annual General Meeting. Subject to any by-laws made from time to time by Judo NB at an Annual General Meeting, the Board may make such rules and regulations deemed necessary for carrying out the objectives of Judo NB and for better defining the duties of its Officers, its Directors, agents, employees and committees and may alter, amend or repeal same.

11.2 The Board has the power to remove a member of the Board who does not attend at least 50% of the meetings held by the Board over the course of one (1) year. Notification prior to a meeting of absence with just cause will be considered.

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