

Middlebury Karate Club Constitution

Article I

Name

Middlebury Karate Club (MKC)

Article II

Purpose

- To promote the mental, physical, spiritual, and historical values of Karate
- To provide a safe environment in which people of all experience levels can learn traditional Karate
- To provide Karate equipment to members that enhances safety and learning
- To provide seminars where student instructors and guest instructors can expand the martial arts knowledge of members

Article III

Membership

- Membership is open to all Middlebury students, faculty, and staff
- To be a member, one must:
 - Be on MKC's mailing list
 - Participate in at least one meeting every three weeks

Article IV

Officers

- President- the president shall:
 - Preside over all club meetings of the Instructors' Committee (see Article VII) and general membership
 - Co-plan activities
 - Represent or appoint someone to represent the club at SGA
 - Communicate with members
- Vice President- the vice president shall:
 - Co-plan activities
 - In the absence of the president, run meetings
 - Be the second in command for the president
 - Communicate with members
- Treasurer- the treasurer shall:
 - Be responsible for collection of dues
 - Purchase group orders for equipment
 - Request funding from SGA if needed
 - Be the club's liaison with the SGA Finance Committee
 - Communicate with members
- Secretary- the secretary shall:
 - Maintain attendance at practices, meetings, seminars, and tests
 - Be responsible for equipment inventory
 - Communicate with members

Article V

Elections

Election Process

- 2/3 of membership must be present for an election to take place
- Voting will be conducted by secret ballots with a 50% majority to take office
- Middlebury faculty and staff who are members of MKC may participate in voting
- All elections must be completed by March 15th

Mode of Succession:

- In the event that the President drops out of office, the Vice President will take the President's place
- In the VP's absence, the Treasurer will be invited to take the VP's place, but if the Treasurer chooses not to, a new VP will be elected according to the "Election Process"
- In the Treasurer's absence, the Secretary will be invited to take the Treasurer's place, but if the Secretary chooses not to, a new Treasurer will be elected according to the "Election Process"
- In the Secretary's absence, a new Secretary will be elected according to the "Election Process"
- The dropping out of an officer besides the President will be treated as an "absence" according to the guidelines above

Article VI

Meetings

- MKC members will meet at least 3 days a week for training sessions
- Trainings sessions will be conducted by student instructors
- Officers may schedule additional training sessions during the week
- Seminars with specialized or advanced material will be scheduled throughout the year. These will take place on Saturdays and Sundays
- Sparring will not be permitted without the presence of a qualified, non-student supervisor.

Article VII

Committees

The Instructors' Committee

- Membership of the Instructors' Committee will be determined by MKC's officers, who can invite club members to participate in this committee

The committee shall consist of student instructors who will:

- Choose class curriculum
- Determine which student instructors shall teach which classes

- Plan and schedule seminars

Article VIII Faculty/Staff Advjser

The membership agrees to maintain an adviser from the faculty or staff, as required

Article IX Affiliations

No affiliates exist

Article X Discrimination Policy

This student organization operates in full accordance with Chapter Four, Section II, A of the Middlebury College Handbook concerning , Student Organization Policies of Discrimination, Freedom of Association, Anti-Hazing, Freedom of Inquiry and Expression, Student Publication, Funding, Advertising, and Scheduling. Any and all changes made to the Student Organizations Policies section of the Middlebury College Handbook will immediately become policies adopted by the Middlebury Karate Club.

Article XI Ratification

- A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Article XII Amendment

- A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Approved as to form: November 1, 2007