

Constitution of the Kendo Club at UCSD

Article I: Name

Section 1.1

The name of this organization is the Kendo Club at UCSD, henceforth referred to as such, or as “Kendo Club.”

Article II: Statement of Purpose

Section 2.1

The Kendo Club at UCSD seeks to promote awareness and appreciation of the Japanese sport of Kendo, through community outreach, school involvement, and intercollegiate competition. The Kendo Club at UCSD is a not-for-profit organization.

Article III: Nonprofit Statement

The Kendo Club at UCSD is a non-profit student organization

Article IV: Requirements of Membership

Section 4.1: Membership

Membership is open to all UCSD students, regardless of gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or creed.

Section 4.2: Active Club Member

Active club members are defined as those who are currently on the UCSD Kendo Team for that current school year.

Section 4.3: Active club members must pay the UCSD recreation fee for the Kendo Recreation Class.

Article V: Practice and Meetings

Section 5.1

The Kendo Club at UCSD holds practice from 2 PM to 4 PM in the UCSD Rec Gym. Club meetings follow each practice. Club members are encouraged to join the Kendo Recreation Class. Other practices and meetings will be called at the discretion of the President and the Executive Board.

Article VI: Executive Board

Section 6.1: Elected Positions

All officers will serve a one-year term, beginning from the end of the academic year in which they were elected, and ending one academic year later. All elected officers must have one year of training and experience with the Kendo Club. All officers are expected to serve as principal members of the club. No individual may hold more than one Executive Board position.

Section 6.2: Vacancies

If an elected position becomes vacant before the end of the officer’s term, the Executive Board has the power to nominate and elect a new officer who will serve for the remainder of the year.

Section 6.3: List of Executive Board Positions

A. President

1. In charge of the overall dealings of the club
2. In charge of organizing meetings and communicating with other officers
3. Works with Kendo Club alumni
4. Represents the Kendo Club
5. Serves as club representative to other Kendo dojos and university teams
6. In charge of re-registering the club with the Center for Student Involvement

B. Vice President

1. Coordinates public relations at UCSD and externally, alongside the President

2. Works with the President on maintaining relations with other UCSD martial arts clubs and cultural interest groups

3. In charge of internal affairs of the UCSD Kendo Club

4. In charge of making any necessary room and space reservations (e.g. for fundraisers)

5. Works with other groups at UCSD as necessary

6. Applies for AS funding along with the Treasurer

C. Secretary

1. Takes minutes at meetings

2. Works with webmaster to keep information current

3. In charge of making/organizing team paraphernalia (tenugui, t-shirts, flyers, etc.)

4. Contact person and organizer for cultural demonstrations both on and off campus

D. Treasurer

1. In charge of club bank account

2. Keeps records of purchases and income, and any necessary reimbursements to individuals

3. In charge of money for tournaments

4. Organizes fundraising activities with VP

5. Applies for AS funding along with VP

6. In charge of organizing payments for team related activities (tournaments, etc.)

E. Webmaster

1. Develops Kendo Club webpage

2. Keeps webpage current and updated

3. In charge of photography/collecting photos for the club site

Section 6.4: Principal member positions

Up to 3 principal member positions will be available for interested members to apply for.

These members will be a part of the cabinet and assist cabinet members with their tasks, duties, logistics, etc.

Article VI: Elections

Section 6.1: Elections

Elections for the Executive Board Positions shall be held during the fifth meeting of Spring Quarter, or at another time designated by the Executive Board if necessary. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot.

Votes shall be counted by the club advisor.

Section 6.2: Nominations

Any active club member can nominate another active club member to run for an Executive Board position, given that the nominee in question is eligible for the position. A member can be nominated for multiple positions, but can only hold one Executive Board position, per Section 5.1.

Section 6.3: Multiple Majorities

In the event that an individual receives the majority vote for multiple positions, the individual must choose which single position they will hold. A secondary election will be held for the unfilled position(s).

Article VII: Sensei & Advising

Section 7.1: Sensei

This club may function under the guidance of a Head Coach, who is a Sensei with a minimum of 4-Dan in kendo. In the event a 4 Dan or above sensei is not available to guide us, the Kendo Club may

ask the Head Instructor of San Diego Kendo Bu, SDKB, to suggest an acting head coach for that current academic school year. The Head Coach will have oversight on club matters and will serve as the conclusive resource for all kendo related matters.

Section 7.2: Advising

The current Head Coach of the Kendo Club at UCSD is Mrs Susan Zau, Kendo 5-Dan. The Kendo Club at UCSD is additionally advised by Dr. Henry Kikunaga, Kendo 5-dan, SDKB, and Mr. Ed Katsumi Chinen, Kendo 4-dan, SDKB. The Kendo recreation class is taught by Dr. Mathias Shultz, Kendo 5-dan, SDKB.

Article VIII: Risk Management

The Kendo Club at UCSD is a registered student organization at the University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

The Kendo Club at UCSD understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

Section 8.1

Risks associated with kendo are entirely athletic injuries ranging from small bruises to extremely uncommon muscle tears. However, the Kendo Club at UCSD is advised by multiple senseis that have personal experience with treating and taking care of injuries from years of doing kendo. Most club members also bring first aid to practice in the event small injuries are inflicted. For more serious athletic injuries, the Kendo Club practices on campus nearby to medical facilities and transportation can be easily provided by other members. In the event that there is a sudden life-threatening injury 911 will be called and instructions will be followed from then.

Article IX: Constitutional Amendments

Section 9.1

Amending the constitution can be called for by any active club member, per section 3.2, of the kendo Club and take place at any time during the school year. The suggesting party must receive approval from at least half of the executive board before calling for a vote. A simple majority quorum and a majority vote by active club members are required in order for the amendment to be passed. The active club members must be physically present for voting and voting may be called during an after-practice meeting, or at a reasonable meeting time and place, agreed on by the Executive Board. The amendment before it is allowed to be voted on must already be fully detailed in a revised copy provided by the suggesting party and state exactly what amendments are being made. If a majority vote is not obtained the amendment is then nullified and the suggesting party may not call for another amendment until 10 weeks have passed.

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