

Constitution of the Iaido Club at UC San Diego 2023-2024

Article I. Name of Student Organization

The organization shall be called “Iaido at UC San Diego” and shall be referred to as “Iaido at UC San Diego”

Article II. Statement of Purpose

- The purpose of this student organization is to promote awareness and preservation of the *Muso Jikiden Eishin-Ryu* branch of Japanese swordsmanship in a safe environment that encourages healthy competition amongst peers and the pursuit of fitness and conditioning of the body and mind
- This organization shall participate in, as well as host, competitive athletic events governed by external organizing bodies including but not limited to the Kokusai Nippon Budo Kai (KNBK).
- This organization shall provide a means through which members of the UC San Diego Community can learn and practice the art of Muso Jikiden Eishin-Ryu and gain exposure to Japanese culture through social activities, lectures, and other events that increase cultural awareness.
- All services provided by the “Iaido at UC San Diego” and fees collected are only to be used to sustain and pay for special guests (for lectures and instructional seminars), food, and other resources directly involved with special events that stand to benefit all voluntarily participation members of the organization and the surrounding community.

Article III. Nonprofit Statement

Iaido at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

Article IV. Requirements of Membership

- Athletes seeking to participate in meetings, practices, and events must be on the official and regularly updated UC San Diego Recreation Martial Arts Program roster for the “Iaido at UC San Diego.”
- Only registered undergraduate students at the University of California – San Diego may register as principal members and be conferred the benefits and responsibilities thereof.

- Members must own, maintain, and clean in a safe condition their own athletic equipment including but not limited to a uniform (laido gi and hakama), retaining belt (kaku obi), and laido implements (bokken, iaito, saya, jo, etc.) Loaner equipment (bokken, obi) is available but purchasing individual equipment is encouraged for returning club members.
- Cleaning and preparation duties (sweeping cleaning spaces, pick up loaner equipment from Storage Closet) is distributed among members to be done before practices.
- All participants in any organization-hosted events shall sign an annual waiver of liability that shall remain on file with the Recreational Martial Arts Program at the University of California – San Diego.

Article V. Frequency of Organization Meetings

- Meetings shall occur as needed on the campus grounds of the University of California – San Diego.
- Athletic practices shall coincide with the UC San Diego Recreation Classes for Iaido as released quarterly in the UC San Diego Recreation Schedule/Catalog. Traditionally, these are held on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Recreational Gym near the Main Gym Complex on the campus of the University of California – San Diego.
- Seminars, competitions, and other events shall be held or attended as scheduled. All events hosted by the organization shall have a blue form on file with the Center for Student Involvement and shall have facilities reserved through the designated CSI Advisor.

Article VI. Qualifications for Holding Office and Methods of Selecting and Replacing Officers

Only registered UC San Diego students may hold office in the organization. Only registered UC San Diego students may vote in elections for the selection of the organization's officers.

- The executive board of the "Iaido at UC San Diego" shall be non-hierarchical with no persons having more than one vote in council towards actions. However, the President may hold veto power when entertaining an action proposed by a junior officer. Responsibilities may be individually assigned but work shall be divided and shared by all members of the governing cabinet and general body membership.
- All officers must be enrolled full time undergraduate students at the University of California-San Diego in good standing.
- Each officer shall be appointed by the standing members of the Executive Board based on application, interview, past commitment to the club, and experience.
- Each officer on the executive board shall undertake and retain the position from the beginning of the academic school year to the beginning of the next academic year.

- Any officer not acting in accordance with Iaido at UC San Diego code of conduct or who does not meet or fulfill the standards of duties established for the office he/she holds may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
 - 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.
- The executive board shall comprise the following positions:
- **President**
 - In charge of the overall dealings of the club
 - In charge of organizing meetings and communicating with other officers
 - Represents the Iaido Club
 - Serves as club representative to other Iaido dojos and university teams
 - In charge of re-registering the club with the Center for Student Involvement
 - Is the intermediary between senseis and club members
 - Must have at least one year of club membership
- **Secretary/VP**
 - Takes minutes at meetings
 - Works with webmaster to keep information current
 - Internally organizing members for cultural demonstrations both on and off campus
 - Writes weekly newsletters to inform club members of the club's current dealings
- **Admin/Treasurer**
 - Works alongside all members of the board, primarily with the President
 - Coordinates events with the External Vice President
 - Responsible for itineraries and other logistical needs of the President
- **Publicity Rep**
 - Is in charge of managing the organization's reputation and social reach within the school and the greater San Diego area.
 - Coordinates tabling events, flyering events, as well as fundraising events alongside the Admin chair.
 - Keeps in contact with other organizations with a vested interest in working with Iaido at UC San Diego.
 - Externally organizes and negotiates with said organizations when discussing potential cultural demonstrations both on and off campus

Article VII. Hazing Prevention

Iaido at UC San Diego does not tolerate any form of hazing to new or current members of the organization. Any member found performing any hazing behaviors will be reported to the appropriate officials as deemed by campus policies.

Article VIII. Risk Management

Iaido at UC San Diego is a registered student organization at University of California, San Diego, but not part of the University itself.

Iaido at UC San Diego understands that the University does not assume legal liability for the actions of the organization.

This organization will encounter and work with minors and/or the elderly in the given environment of the UC San Diego Recreation Martial Arts Program.

Article VIII. Section 1. In the Case of Interaction with Minors and/or the Elderly

Iaido at UC San Diego is aware that all registered student organizations that serve minors or the elderly have access to training on child and elder abuse prevention for its members via the Center for Student Involvement, online or in person (in person by request only). Iaido at UC San Diego will develop plan(s) for activities and events where members will be interacting with minors or the elderly such that members will receive education and/or training on Child Abuse Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA), common sense measures to both avoid child or elder abuse allegations (i.e. avoiding one-on-one situations; working with minors in plain view of others; limiting calls/texts/social media posts or other communications with minors), and how to properly report potential harm or neglect to minors or the elderly with whom they are working.

This organization may move forward to an international competition, which would require international travel.

Article VIII. Section 2. In Case of International Travel

Iaido at UC San Diego recognizes that the University generally recommends against all international travel by Student Organizations due to the myriad of risks travelers face in foreign countries. Student organizations are discouraged from traveling to foreign countries due to the wide variety of risks involved with foreign travel, and the extensive planning efforts required by the Student Organization's Members to manage those risks. Security risks and health care services vary widely from one country to another, so thorough research on those topics is especially important. International travelers are advised to research US State Department Travel Advisories and the CDC Travel Health site and abide by all recommended alerts and warnings, and procure travel insurance with medical coverage that covers their chosen destination because most USA Health Plans are not valid in foreign countries.

Article XI. Affiliation with Other Groups

- The “Iaido Club at UC San Diego” at the University of California – San Diego (UC San Diego) is under the guidance and auspices of the Kokusai Nippon Budo Kai (KNBK) and is considered a branch of that unit rather than an independent organization or entity.
- The “Iaido at UC San Diego” is a registered student organization on the campus of the University of California – San Diego through the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) formerly known as the Student Organizations and Leadership Opportunities (SOLO).
- This organization is a not-for-profit entity under the Center for Student Involvement at the University of California – San Diego.

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