

UC SAN DIEGO REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTION GUIDELINES

*Your constitution is a governing document that guides the operations of your student organization.
Please make sure all Principal Members have carefully reviewed and approved the constitution
before submitting*

1. All Center for Student Involvement (CSI) registered student organizations must have a constitution.
 2. All constitutions must include Articles I - VII and include **verbatim** (word-for-word) the language highlighted in yellow. The language and requirements outlined are required by UC San Diego and CSI policy. Additional articles and verbiage that you may want to include, but are not required, are outlined in Articles VIII - XI.
 3. Student organizations who wish to use the University name in their organization's name, **must use at/@ UC San Diego**. **At/@ UCSD is no longer permitted due to university guidelines.**
 4. CSI may ask an organization to edit verbiage and/or provide clarification based on a student organization's proposed purpose, activities, or history before approving a constitution.
 5. Constitutions must be uploaded to your student organization registration page. Student organizations who upload a constitution without the required language will not be approved and may cause a delay in the registration process.
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Okinawan Karate Do at UC SAN DIEGO CONSTITUTION - 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The organization shall be called Okinawan Karate Do at UC San Diego.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- *The purpose of this student organization is to spread awareness of the art of Okinawan Ryuei Ryu Karate in a safe and supporting atmosphere that encourages competition and places emphasis on life-long fitness, safety, and conditioning of the mind and body.*
- *This organization shall participate in, as well as host, competitive athletic events governed by external organizing bodies, including but not limited to the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), United States of America National Karate-Do Federation (USANKF), and the Ryuei Ryu International Federation.*
- *This organization shall provide a means through which members of the UCSD Community can learn and practice the art of Ryuei Ryu Okinawan Karate and gain exposure to the Japanese culture through social activities, lectures, and other events that increase cultural awareness.*
- *All services provided by the "Okinawan Karate-Do 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 voluntary participation members of the organization and the surrounding community.*

ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT STATEMENT

Okinawan Karate-Do at UC San Diego is a non-profit student organization.

ARTICLE IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- *Athletes seeking to participate in meetings, practices, and events must be on the official and regularly updated UCSD Recreation Martial Arts Program roster for the "Okinawan Karate Do at UCSD."*
- *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 and maintain in a safe condition their own athletic equipment including but not limited to a uniform (clean white Karate gi with embroidered Ryuei Ryu Emblem), rank belt (colored obi), mouth guard, sparring gloves, headgear, and Kobudo implements (bo, sai, tonfa, oar, etc.) Members cannot share or lend their equipment to others nor will loner equipment be available for use.*
- *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 UCSD Recreation Classes for Okinawan Karate as released quarterly in the UCSD Recreation Schedule/Catalog/Magazine. Traditionally, these hold on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. in 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. Insert information about how often your org will meet here. You may include what, if any, rules there may be about holding meetings.]*

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 "Okinawan Karate Do at UC San Diego" shall be non-hierarchical with no persons having more than one vote in council towards actions. 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 full-time undergraduate or graduate students in good standing at the University of California, San Diego.*
- *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 Okinawan Karate Do 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*

ARTICLE VII. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

Okinawan Karate Do 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 or the elderly in the given environment of the UCSD Recreation Martial Arts Program

ARTICLE VII. SECTION 1. IN CASE OF INTERACTION WITH MINORS AND/OR ELDERLY

Okinawan Karate Do 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 UC Learning <https://uclearning.ucsd.edu> . Okinawan Karate Do 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 VII. SECTION 3. IN CASE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Okinawan Karate - Do 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 "Okinawan Karate Do" at the University of California San Diego is under the guidance and auspices of the Pacific Southwest District of the Amateur Athletic Union and is considered a branch of that unit rather than an independent athletic organization or entity.*
- *As an affiliated organization, the "Okinawan Karate Do at UC San Diego" is recognized as tax-exempt under the Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S. Inc.'s group determination ruling. The Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S. Inc. has a group 501(c)3 determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service. The Group Exemption Number for the Amateur Athletic Union is: 1155.*
- *The "Okinawan Karate Do 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.*