# **Constitution of Northstowe Karate Club**

## Article I - Name

The name of the organization will be 'Northstowe Karate Club', hereinafter referred to as the Club.

## Article II - Purpose

The Club's purpose is to promote and teach Shotokan Karate and martial arts in a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment. The Club will aim to enhance physical fitness, self-discipline, and mutual respect among its members through the practice and study of martial arts.

#### **Article III - Membership**

Membership is open to all interested in martial arts, without discrimination on gender, age, race, nationality, religious belief, or physical ability. Members are expected to uphold the principles of respect and courtesy in all Club activities.

## **Article IV - Officers**

The Club will have the following officers: Chief Instructor, Secretary and Treasurer. The roles and responsibilities of each officer will be outlined in the Club's Bylaws. Officers will be elected annually by a majority vote of the members.

## **Article V - Committee**

The Club will be managed by a committee composed of the Officers and up to four additional members. The Committee will meet regularly to plan and oversee the Club's activities and is responsible for maintaining the financial sustainability of the Club.

## **Article VI - Meetings**

The Club will meet regularly, with the schedule to be decided by the Committee. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held once per year, during which members will review the Club's activities, finances, and elect officers for the coming year.

## **Article VII - Fees**

Membership and training fees will be established by the Committee and approved by a majority vote at the AGM. Fees will be used to cover the Club's expenses, including but not limited to, equipment, facility rental, and instructor fees.

## Article VIII - Rules and Regulations

The Club will operate in accordance with the principles of martial arts, and members are expected to uphold these principles in all Club activities. The Club may establish additional rules and regulations, which will be set forth in the Bylaws. The club elects to be mandated and governed by BMABA regulation for standards and insurances.

## **Article IX - Amendments**

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at an AGM or a Special General Meeting called for this purpose. Notice of any proposed amendment must be provided to all members at least two weeks before the meeting.

## **Article X - Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the Club, any remaining assets shall be used to settle all obligations. Any remaining funds shall be donated to a non-profit organization with similar purposes, to be determined by the Committee.

SIGNED

Simon Apen-Sadler, Chief Instructor

Mitali Apen-Sadler, Secretary

Deborah Turner, Treasurer

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

2024-08-15