



WORLD KUMITE ORGANIZATION

WKO HOMBU NAHA OKINAWA JAPAN

WKO INTERNATIONAL HOMBU 503/16 M9 NONGPRUE BANGLAMUNG

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REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTERING WITH THE WKO

Thank You for inquiring to apply for membership to the WKO. The World Kumite Organization is fast becoming one of the world's largest nonpolitical Martial Arts Organization in the world. The WKO has over 750 masters representing 126 Traditional styles of martial arts in and out of Japan. The WKO has two main Hombu Dojo's, one in Pattaya Thailand and one in Okinawa Japan. The WKO currently holds and organizes more tournaments in Japan than any other Martial arts organization in Japan. Our goal is to promote traditional martial arts to its fullest potential by supporting our members and uniting masters globally. WKO believes that by offering world class tournaments, Seminars, training Camps, ranking system and a method to recognize grades and underwrite them has created a platform in which Senseis, Shihans, Sifus and Kanchs can stand side by side and work together in promoting the way of Budo. More information can be found on the WKO website www.world-kumite.org

The WKO has three different types of WKO Membership,

1. **EXECUTIVE MEMBER** – Japanese certified and duly elected member of the WKO Committee, only 11 members elected in one term. WKO Guarantees and underwrites all grades and history of Executive members. Executive members have the right to hold selection tournaments, National tournaments, camps, referee training and seminars. Executive WKO members are permitted to wear the black Kimono over their Dogi at events.

No charge, honorary appointment.

2. **WKO MEMBER** – Full WKO member with Japanese certification or certification supplied by the Chinese Government (Sports Authority) The WKO underwrites the grade of the member based on supplied proof and documents supplied at the time of application. WKO MEMBERS may advertise that they are a member of the WKO, submit teams and competitors to local , international and Japanese tournaments providing WKO guidelines in relation to selection process were followed where selection is required. WKO Members Attend all WKO events. Receive a Dojo License if required, use the logo of WKO on advertising stating they are a member only. Wear the logo on their Dogi and other Sports attire. As a Shihan Full WKO members may wear the cream Blazer with the WKO logo, as a Sempai or Sensei full members are permitted to wear the navy blue blazer with the WKO logo. WKO members may use the WKO logo on social media and Website displaying the words Member of.

WKO Full Membership cost is \$100 USD.

- WKO Dan certificate underwriting the applicants current grade
- WKO Badge
- Name listed on the WKO website as Member
- WKO Dojo Membership Certificate
- WKO Gold ID Card



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3. **WKO Associate Member** - Non Japanese certified, Non-Chinese Government (Sports Authority) certified, or a member of a un regulated system of martial Arts under as categorized by the guidelines of the WKO. This membership also applies to supporters of the WKO that cannot produce an authentic grade certificate. WKO does not underwrite or guarantee a grade or Dan for the associate member. The Associate member may display the Logo as an Associate member; Associate members may attend all WKO events. Associate members may apply to wear the WKO logo on their uniform however they need to request permission in writing from the WKO Hombu to do so.

WKO Associate Membership cost is \$100 USD

- **WKO Associate Member Certificate**
- **WKO Badge**
- **Name listed on the WKO website as Member**
- **WKO ID card**

Note

- The WKO operates under Japan system of grading and does not except certificates issued by masters or Shihans of a different style than that of the applicant applying for membership.
- The WKO Does not permit WKO certified masters to use their authority as members of the WKO to grade Students, Members or Instructors of styles that they do not belong too, or are not certified to grade.
- Under WKO regulations the supervisor or grading official must be familiar with the syllabus and a participating graded member of the style of the applicant being graded. Example a Kyokushin stylist cannot grade a Judo stylist.
- If the applicant has formed his or her own style ,then determination of grade is as follows
 1. The applicant must produce his or her last official grading certificate.
 2. The applicant must have proof that he or she has been teaching the newly formed system for how long?
 3. One Dan may be issued for each 6 year period from the date of the applicant's formation of new style starting from the last Authentic Dan certificate being issued. Example if the applicant last held a 3rd Dan and formed his or her new system 6 years ago he would hold a 4th dan according to WKO guidelines.
- Styles that have no link to an authentic system under the guidelines of WKO may apply for Associate member status. After a 5 year period may apply to move to full membership providing they are recommended by an executive member.



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MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE

1. Once you have forwarded all the documents required for joining as shown on the attached check list, your membership application will be reviewed and if accepted you will receive a confirmation letter within 48 hrs of the WKO receiving you application.
2. At this you will be invoiced and you will deposit your membership fee (depending on which membership suites your requirements) into the WKO account which will be shown on your confirmation letter.
3. The WKO will issue your certificate within 45 days of receipt of your membership fee and Required documents.
4. Documents Required or WKO membership
 - **Certification of Dan or Grade**
 - **You history in Martial arts**
 - **Photo in uniform in a kneeling position**
 - **WKO application form completed**
5. Please Scan and forward all of the above to wko.hombu.headquarters@gmail.com to commence your application process.

Please note that once your Dan or grade is certified and underwritten by the WKO it will be recognized by all WKO members and associated Organizations that are official members of the WKO (World Kumite Organization) Please visit the WKO official site www.world-kumite.org for any further information and tournament and event dates. You can also follow WKO on facebook. WKO holds more than 20 tournaments a year in Japan and many other WKO sanctioned tournaments worldwide.

Please don't hesitate to use the WKO to promote your next event. As an official member depending which membership you applied for, you have the right to use the WKO International honbu in Pattaya Thailand or Japan for your Dojo or organization camps and seminars. We can even arrange world ranked masters for different styles that are aligned with the WKO. You will also receive invites to all camps and seminars and have the right to use the WKO logo on all your advertising. When travelling to another country, don't hesitate to visit WKO members and dojos.

If you are not sure as to which category you wish to apply for as membership please contact wko.hombu.headquarters@gmail.com for assistance.

Thank you for your time and support and welcome to the World Kumite Organization.