

Constitution of The University of Toronto Judo Club

1. Article One – Name and Purpose

- 1.1. The official name of the club is: The University of Toronto Judo Club.
- 1.2. The official acronyms or abbreviations of the group are U of T Judo Club, and UTJC.
- 1.3. Mission Statement:
 - 1.3.1 The University of Toronto Judo Club (UTJC) is a not-for-profit group dedicated to the instruction of the principles of Kodokan Judo to the University of Toronto community. Its purpose is to provide a forum for the students of the University of Toronto to learn about Judo's ways and philosophies.
 - 1.3.2 By philosophy and practice, the UTJC is dedicated to goals related to education and physical culture. Judo, as a sport and a way of life, is designed to be of minimal risk possible to its practitioners. The principle, "Mutual Welfare and Benefit" underpins all that a Judo practitioner does, particularly in protecting the emotional and physical health of the weaker or the less capable. Accordingly, practice of Judo leads to development of character, knowledge of the sport, self-confidence, self-discipline and healthy values in relationships with club members and others.
 - 1.3.3 The style of Judo practiced is in accordance with the principles and practices of the Kodokan Judo Institute of Tokyo, Japan. UTJC is a member in good standing of Judo Ontario, and through it, in Judo Canada, the Canadian Olympic Association and the International Judo Federation.
 - 1.3.4 The Primary Programme includes the instruction and practice of Judo, and its accompanying values and philosophies. Demonstrations are held to increase the awareness of the Art of Judo on campus. For those wishing to learn more, classes of Judo instruction are offered at Hart House. Each class is under the direction of a Black Belt in Judo or qualified individuals appointed as assistant instructors by the club.

2. Article Two – Membership and Membership Fee

- 2.1. The group shall maintain a list of group members.
- 2.2. Membership in Student Groups should be open to all registered student members of the University without restriction on the grounds outlined by the Ontario Human Rights Code's Prohibited Grounds of Discrimination.
- 2.3. Voting membership must open only to registered students of the University of Toronto.
- 2.4. Non-voting membership may be extended to interested staff, faculty, and alumni, or persons from outside the University, without restriction on those grounds outlined by the Ontario Human Rights Code's Prohibited Grounds of Discrimination.
- 2.5. Active members are defined as those attending instructional judo classes through registration with Hart House Athletics.
- 2.6. No membership fee is required.

3. Article Three – Rights of Members

- 3.1. All voting members have a right to attend all general meetings of members.
- 3.2. All voting members have a right to cast votes at all general meetings of members.

- 3.3. All voting members have a right to stand for election unless otherwise stated in this document.
- 3.4. All voting members have a right to cast votes in all group elections and referenda.
- 3.5. All voting members have a right to propose and vote on amendments to this constitution.
- 3.6. The rights prescribed in Article Three are not awarded to non-voting members as described in Article Two.

4. Article Four - Executive Committee

- 4.1. The term for all positions on the Executive Committee shall be from May 1st to April 30th.
- 4.2. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of 3 voting members.
- 4.3. Executive members with voting privileges shall be currently registered students of the University of Toronto.
- 4.4. Registered students may be executive members on one or more Student Groups but may only serve as a financial signing officer on one Student Group at a time.

5. Article Five - Executive Committee Composition and Duties

5.1. The President shall:

- 5.1.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.1.2. Oversee the operations, management, and success of the group,
- 5.1.3. Serve as spokesperson for the group,
- 5.1.4. Hold signing and financial authority along with the Treasurer,
- 5.1.5. Preside over meetings of the Executive Committee and/or members,
- 5.1.6. Ensure a transition of office from one year to the next.
- 5.1.7. Liaison between UTJC and Hart House.

5.2. The Secretary shall:

- 5.2.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.2.2. Maintain a list of group members,
- 5.2.3. Maintain the group website and member contact list,
- 5.2.4. Record notes and motions for meetings,
- 5.2.5. Notify all members of general meetings.
- 5.2.6. Assist president as liaison between UTJC and UTSU

5.3. The Treasurer shall:

- 5.3.1. Be eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee,
- 5.3.2. Record all financial transactions of the group,
- 5.3.3. Hold signing and financial authority along with the President,
- 5.3.4. Maintain a budget of income and expenses,
- 5.3.5. Advise members on financial position of the group,
- 5.3.6. Prepare an annual budget for the group.
- 5.3.7. Maintaining membership of Judo Ontario.

6. Article Six – Elections

- 6.1. All voting positions on the Executive Committee shall be filled through an annual election.
- 6.2. The candidates for the executive positions may be nominated at any time from the date of announcement of the meeting to the election. This nomination must be recorded by the secretary, at which time the secretary will ask for a member of the voting membership to second the nomination of the candidate.
- 6.3. Candidates for the positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer must be members of the UTJC.
- 6.4. All voting group members shall be eligible to seek nomination to and cast a ballot for each voting position.
- 6.5. Non-voting group members shall not be eligible to cast a ballot for any elected position.
- 6.6. The nominee winning the plurality of votes cast in the election for each position shall be deemed the winner.
- 6.7. On the condition that multiple candidates are to be elected for a single position, the nominees winning the largest share of the votes cast shall be deemed the winners until all positions are filled.
- 6.8. The elections must be held in a nonbiased manner. No individual who is seeking election may participate in planning or administering the election.
- 6.9. By-elections may be held at any time in the event that
 - 6.9.1 An executive position has not been filled.
 - 6.9.2 The executive no longer fulfills the voting membership criteria, or:
 - 6.9.3 Upon the resignation of an executive.

7. Article Seven – Finances

- 7.1. The Treasurer shall keep an active record of income and expenses.
- 7.2. The Treasurer shall present the group's updates on the group's financial position at annual general meetings.
- 7.3. The Executive Committee must approve all expenditures over \$100.00 through a majority vote at a meeting of the Executive Committee. Any use of UTJC funds totaling more than \$200.00 must be approved by a majority vote of the executive, in advance, at an executive meeting. In addition, any use of UTJC funds totaling more than \$500.00 must be approved in advance by a majority approval vote at one of the meetings stipulated in Article 6 section 1; the exception to this is uniform (judogi) orders.
- 7.4. The group may not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature.
- 7.5. The group will not have as a major activity a function that makes it an on-campus chapter of a commercial organization.
- 7.6. The group will not provide services and goods at a profit when that profit is used for purposes other than those of the group.
- 7.7. The group will not pay salaries to any of its officers.

8. Article Eight – Meetings

- 8.1. The Executive Committee shall meet monthly. The quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be 50%+1 of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

- 8.2. The group shall hold general meetings at least twice per year to provide the general membership an opportunity to review the group's annual activity plan, financial health, and propose or vote on constitutional amendments.
- 8.3. The two meetings will be held each year, with dates and locations to be specified at least 2 weeks in advance to the general membership. In general, one meeting will be held in Fall/Winter, and one in Spring/Summer, at the discretion of the executive.
- 8.4. The Executive Committee must announce the date of a general meeting to the general membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

9. Article Nine - Termination of Membership

- 9.1. The Executive Committee may revoke the membership of any member of the club who commits an act negatively affecting the interests of the club and its members, including non-disclosure of a significant or continuing conflict of interest.
- 9.2. A vote to revoke membership must be held at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 9.3. A two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee is required to approve any motion to revoke membership.
- 9.4. Any member facing removal shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Executive Committee to the general membership.
- 9.5. In the case of an appeal, a simple majority vote at a meeting of the general membership shall be required to sustain the revocation of membership.
- 9.6. Following a termination of membership, the member will be removed from the club's membership and will lose any privileges associated with being a member of the club.
- 9.7. Executive Committee members are subject to the same termination of membership process as general members.

10. Article Ten – Amendments

- 10.1. All constitutional amendments shall require a 2/3 majority vote to be passed at a general meeting.
- 10.2. All voting members may propose and vote on amendments to the constitution.
- 10.3. The Executive Committee shall submit the revised constitution to staff in the Division of Student Life at the University of Toronto within two (2) weeks.
- 10.4. Amendments to the constitution shall take effect only once the revised constitution has been approved by staff in the Division of Student Life at the University of Toronto.