



Seiwakai South Africa

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Goju-Ryu Seiwakai Africa

Code Of Conduct

1. Name And Legal Status

The official name of the organization is **Goju-Ryu Karate-Do Seiwakai Africa**, hereinafter referred to as "the association." the association is a **non-sectarian, non-political, and non-profit** entity. It shall function in accordance with its constitution to promote the practice, development, and integrity of goju-ryu karate-do in africa.

2. Objectives And Purpose

The association exists to:

- Promote and develop Goju-Ryu Karate-Do In Africa.
- Maintain high technical standards and ethical conduct among its members.
- Provide structured training, seminars, and grading opportunities.
- Facilitate affiliation with international karate organizations.
- Operate as a legally compliant entity within the South African regulatory framework.

3. Non-Discrimination Policy

The association adheres to South African constitutional principles of equality and non-discrimination. Membership shall not be refused based on **race, gender, religion, ethnicity, or disability**.

4. Headquarters (Hombu Dojo)

The headquarters (hombu dojo) of the association shall be **located at the domicile of the President**.

5. Affiliation

The association is an officially recognized affiliate of **International Karate-Do Seiwakai Japan** and operates under its guidelines. The president is appointed by Seiichi Fujiwara Hanshi, the international President of Seiwakai Japan.

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6. Governance structure

6.1 National Executive (Shihan Kai)

The Shihan Kai is comprised of senior instructors who:

- Hold a **5th dan or higher** ranking.
- Have a minimum of **15 years of karate practice**.
- Are **appointed or removed by the President**.

Appointed Members:

- **Ben Maré Shihan** (President) - Examiner
- **Jay Padayachee** - Examiner
- **Peter Klipfel** – Examiner

Presidents Council:

- **Ben Maré** - President
- **Jonathan Duncan** – Chairman
- **Emma Wentzel** – Secretary General
- **Jay Padayachee** – Technical Head
- **Peter Klipfel** – Technical Head

7. Membership

7.1 Categories of Membership

- **General members:** Any individual training under a recognized Seiwakai dojo.
- **Black Belt members:** Dan-graded practitioners recognized by the association.
- **Instructor members:** Dojo heads and instructors holding at least a **3rd dan**.
- **Executive members:** Shihan kai and other appointed leadership roles.

8. Fees and affiliation costs

- Annual fees are due by **28 February** each year.
- **Affiliation fee:** R150 per student.
- **Grading certificate fees:** R20.00 per certificate (if ordered through head office).
- **International Seiwakai Lifetime Membership:** 3000 yen (mandatory for all brown belts and above).

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9. Grading and rank structure

9.1 International Grading

- No South African / Africa Seiwakai or JKF Goju-Kai member may grade without **written permission** from the president.
- A Seiwakai grading must be passed before attempting a JKF Goju-Kai grading.

9.2 Regional Grading

- **Kyu grades:** conducted by a dojo Sensei (minimum **3rd dan**).
- **Shodan & Nidan:** panel - Examiner and **two Senior Members** (invitation only).
- **Sandan and above:** panel - **three examiners and the President**.
- **Dan rank minimum age requirements:**
 - Shodan: **16 years old**
 - Nidan: **18 years old**
 - Sandan: **21 years old**, minimum **3 years as a Nidan**
 - Yondan: **25 years old**, minimum **4 years as a Sandan**
 - Godan: **30 years old**, minimum **5 years as a Yondan**
- Members must be in **good standing** to be eligible for any grading.
- **Invitation Only**

10. Titles and designations

- **Sempai:** Shodan & Nidan practitioners assisting with instruction .
- **Sensei:** 3rd dan practitioners who run a dojo, title awarded Shihan Kai.
- **Shihan:** Title awarded by the President and the President Council.
- **Renshi, Kyoshi, Hanshi:** Titles awarded by **Seiwakai Japan**.

11. Training requirements

11.1 National training

- National seminars shall be conducted **three times a year** by the president.
- Attendance at a **national seminar is mandatory** before grading.

11.2 International training & communication

- All communication regarding **international matters** (Japan, Seiwakai headquarters, or any global events) must go through the President.
- Written permission from the **President** is required before engaging in international events.

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12. Disciplinary code

12.1 Disciplinary Committee

- Any **misconduct, unethical behaviour, or violation of rules** will be addressed by the **Chairman and two impartial Shihan kai members.**
- **The PRESIDENT will decide after consultation with the Chairman.**
- **The President decision is final**

12.2 Grounds for Disciplinary Action

- Any conduct that **violates the ethical standards** of Seiwakai .
- **Any conduct that the Presidents Council deem unethical.**
- Failure to **adhere to training requirements** or grading policies.
- Engaging in **political or sectarian disputes** under the association's name.
- **Unauthorized grading or issuance of certificates.**

12.3 Governance and Disciplinary Actions

- Violations of this Code of Conduct will be addressed by the Federation's disciplinary committee.
- Disciplinary measures may include warnings, suspensions, or expulsion from the Federation.
- Members have the right to a fair hearing before any disciplinary action is taken.
- All disputes should be resolved through proper channels in a professional manner.

12.4 Disciplinary Procedure

1. **Complaint Submission:** Any member may report a violation by submitting a written complaint to the Federation's disciplinary committee.
2. **Preliminary Review:** The committee will conduct an initial review to determine if further investigation is warranted.
3. **Investigation:** If necessary, the committee will gather evidence, interview involved parties, and document findings.
4. **Hearing:** The accused member will be given an opportunity to present their case in a formal hearing.
5. **Decision & Sanctions:** Based on the findings, appropriate disciplinary actions (warnings, suspensions, or expulsion) will be determined.
6. **Appeal Process:** Members have the right to appeal the decision within a specified timeframe, following formal appeal procedures.
7. **Implementation & Monitoring:** Sanctions will be enforced, and compliance will be monitored to ensure adherence to the Federation's standards.

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13. Administration & financial management

13.1 Dojo Head responsibilities

- Each dojo is **responsible for its internal operations**.
- Dojo heads have **direct access to the president** for non-national matters.
- All funds collected from **national events** shall benefit the association.

13.2 Regional Head Responsibilities

- Each **regional head** is responsible for organizing provincial events it chooses to host.
- Each regional head must **handle its affiliation** with Karate South Africa (KSA).

14. Amendments to the constitution

- Any **proposed changes** to the constitution must be submitted in writing to the president.
- Amendments require **approval by the Presidents Council and the President**.

Member / Instructor Full Name: _____

Member / Instructor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Accepted:

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

NAME:

SURNAME:

DISIGNATION:

SIGNATURE

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