

# RULES OF THE BUJINKAN DOJO

I. Our purpose is to live a healthy life, without harming society, by culturing the mutual relationships of Nature and Mankind through the martial ways.

II. All members must have a membership card for the year, issued by Hombu Dojo. There are two types of membership card: general membership card and Shidoshi-kai membership card.

A. The general membership card applies to members of the Bujinkan Dojo, whether ungraded, Kyu-graded or Dan-graded.

B. The Shidoshi-kai membership card applies to those of Fifth Dan and above (called Shidoshi)

III. Membership must be renewed every year.

IV. Principles of the Shidoshi-kai:

A. Members of the Shidoshi-kai, of Fifth Dan and above, may apply to Hombu Dojo for licences up to Fourth Dan and award these to their students.

B. Shidoshi-ho are those from First Dan to Fourth Dan, and may award their students Kyu and Dan grades up to one below themselves. For example, a First Dan may award from Ninth Kyu up to First Kyu, and Second Dan may award up to First Dan, etc.

V. All money should be sent in Japanese Yen, wherever possible, in cash but if necessary by a Post Office International Money Order. Other currencies or forms of payment are not acceptable.

VI. Members will be informed of Soke's activities, such as new Hombu videos and other publications.

VII. Only membership cards and licences issued by Bujinkan Dojo will be recognised as valid. Those who offend against this principle will be expelled from the Bujinkan Dojo.

A. Furthermore, those who break the law (criminals) and those who are mentally abnormal may not become members.

VIII. The "Bujin" symbol is copyright. If planning to use it you must contact Hombu Dojo first for permission.

IX. Members must follow Bufu-Ikkan (the martial ways as a principle every day of your life) for the sake of protecting natural justice and happiness through the martial ways, without turning to personal profits and desires.

X. Members must always contact Hombu Dojo directly, and build up a community of members.

XI. Communication with Hombu Dojo must be in Japanese. This is to help all business run smoothly, now that Bujinkan has become international. In addition, it is because much of the true nature of the martial ways can not be expressed except in Japanese.

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