

University of Toronto Judo Club Constitution

Article 1: Name

1. The official name of the club is: The University of Toronto Judo Club. This may be abbreviated to U of T Judo Club, and is referred to as UTJC for the rest of this document.

Article 2: Purpose

1. Mission Statement

- i. 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.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. 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.
 - iv. 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. The content and structure of the instruction offered by the Instructors is subject to change at any time the Instructors deem necessary.

Article 3: Membership

1. UTJC membership is open to all people affiliated with the University of Toronto as students, staff, faculty, or alumni.
2. Voting UTJC members must be affiliated with the University of Toronto as students, staff, faculty, or alumni.

3. Members not affiliated with the University of Toronto as students, staff, faculty, or alumni have the right to attend classes and meetings, but are not considered voting UTJC members.
4. Active members are defined as those attending instructional judo classes through registration with Hart House Athletics.
5. No membership fee is required.

Article 4: Executive

1. **Elected Positions.** Members may be appointed to the executive committee by the general voting membership in annual general elections, or in by-elections in the case of vacancies. Elected executive positions are:
 - i. **President**, whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to: General organization of UTJC, liaison between UTJC and Hart House.
 - ii. **Secretary**, whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to: Assist president as liaison between UTJC and UTSU, maintenance of a record of meetings and activities of UTJC.
 - iii. **Treasurer**, whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to: Prepare annual budget and maintain UTJC finances; maintaining membership of Judo Ontario.

Article 5: Finances

1. Finances for various activities are available at the discretion of a majority vote of the executive.
2. 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.
3. The group's executive or members may not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature. This is not intended to preclude the collection of membership fees to cover the expenses of the group, or of charges for specific activities, programs or events, or to prohibit groups from engaging in legitimate fundraising. However, the group will not have as a major activity a function that makes it an on-campus part of a commercial organization, will not provide services and goods at a profit when that profit is used for purposes other than those of the organization, and will not pay salaries to some or all of its officers.

Article 6: Meetings

1. In general, two meetings will be held each year, 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. Quorum is the majority of the executive and an additional ten non-executive members

of the UTJC. Date and time of every meeting will be announced to the general membership a minimum of two weeks prior to the date.

2. Executive meetings will be called whenever deemed necessary by at least two members of the executive. Decisions made at these meetings shall be by majority vote.

Article 7: Elections

1. Elections for the executive will be held annually.
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.
3. Candidates for the positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer must be members of the UTJC.
4. The election of the nominated candidates will be performed in a single public voting round of the voting membership. Successful candidates for a given position will be decided by majority.
5. Once elected, the elected officials are permitted to maintain this position until the proceeding year's election except if removed from the position by majority vote of the executive or resignation.
6. By-elections may be held at any time in the event that
 - i. an executive position has not been filled.
 - ii. the executive no longer fulfills the voting membership criteria, or:
 - iii. upon the resignation of an executive.

Article 8: Amendments

1. Amendments to the club constitution requires approval by two-thirds majority of the voting members, and the approval of the Instructors. A minimum of 2 weeks of notice must be given to the voting membership before the vote is taken.

Article 9: Termination of Executives or General Members

1. 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, may be given notice of removal. The member up for removal shall have the right to defend his/her actions. A two-thirds majority vote of the current members present in favor of removal is required. The member must have the right to an appeal before the general membership, and the majority vote of the general membership will have the final say on the matter.
2. The member will be removed from the club's membership and will lose any privileges associated with being a member of the club.