

Proposal: That BKA Life Membership be offered to current BKA members who have at least 50 years continuous membership of the BKA.

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Suggested amendments to the BKA Constitution to include Life Membership, if the proposal is agreed by the AGM:

Article 7: Membership

7.1 The membership shall consist of the following categories:

- Ordinary individual
- Life Membership
- Temporary individual
- Concessionary Junior Membership
- Exceptional Membership
- Temporary Visitor Membership
- Associate Membership
- Dojo Membership
- University Membership (Dojo & individuals)

Members of the BKA agree to be bound by the provisions of the constitution and its Byelaws as shall be amended from time to time.

Applications for membership shall be treated in accordance with the equal opportunities policy of the BKA.

7.2 Ordinary Individual Membership and Life Membership

This shall be open to practitioners of Kendo, Iaido and Jodo in the United Kingdom. Members of the BKA with at least 50 years continuous membership of the BKA can claim Life Membership. Members may be citizens or non-citizens of the United Kingdom. All individual members of the BKA shall conduct themselves with integrity, transparency, accountability and in a fair and equitable manner and in a way that is commensurate with the objectives of the BKA.

Ordinary individual members and Life Members shall have the following rights:

- To attend and to be heard at all General Meetings
- To vote on all matters concerning the election of officers (“Officers”) of the BKA where provided for in the constitution.
- To vote on the policies of the BKA in accordance with the elections/voting policy.
- To stand for elected office (unless suspended)
- To complete visibility of all records of the BKA including, but not limited

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- to, financial, legal, organisational, and membership matters save those exempted by the constitution and the law and by mutually agreed confidentiality (see communications policy). (See byelaw 2).
- To be treated with courtesy, fairness and honesty by Officers of the BKA.
 - To be issued with a copy of the terms and conditions of the BKA's insurance policy (individual member and professional indemnity etc) upon being so insured (or a website link to the policies)
 - To have access to the minutes of NC/BuEC meetings according to the Communications Policy.
 - To receive timely notice of changes to any rules and regulations that may be adopted.
 - To receive in writing notification of the dates and agenda of General Meetings in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.
 - To participate in events organised under the auspices of the BKA, provided that they satisfy the entry criteria.
 - To enter BKA sponsored and other recognised gradings.
 - To represent the UK in international competitions (subject to the selection process and the rules of the EKF and FIK).
 - To receive a membership book that details the nature of their membership.

Ordinary Individual Members and Life Members shall have additional rights as listed in the Byelaws.

- 7.6 Ordinary individual, Life Members, Temporary individual, Concessionary Members and Junior Members must also be members of a registered dojo of the BKA. In the event that the member leaves or is expelled from a member dojo, the member shall have a period of 3 months to obtain membership of another registered dojo (or to start their own registered dojo). In the event that the member cannot secure the latter, their membership of the BKA shall be put "on hold" until such time as they do satisfy the requirements for membership. During the period "on hold" the person shall not be entitled to the rights and privileges of membership.

Article 8: Subscriptions and other income

8.1 Members, except for Life Members, shall pay annually a subscription in accordance with the scale detailed in the Byelaws. Life Members are not required to pay an annual subscription.

Byelaw 4: Individual Membership

4.1 Life Membership shall have the rights of Ordinary full membership.

4.14.2 Temporary Individual Membership shall have the right to insurance cover only.

4.24.3 Junior membership shall have the rights of Ordinary full membership, except for the right to attend meetings and to vote in elections.

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4.34.4 Exceptional Members shall pay no fee, but shall have the right to insurance cover by the BKA.

4.44.5 Temporary Visitor members shall pay no fee, but shall have the right to insurance cover by the BKA.

4.54.6 Members may undertake to transport, store and care for BKA property free of charge. For the avoidance of doubt, in such circumstances the property ownership remains with the BKA. Charges may only be made when agreed in writing with the Bu and countersigned by the NC Treasurer.