



# **Canada**

**Kyokushin-Kan Organization**

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# Canada Kyokushin-Kan Karate Organization Official Bylaws

## *-Official Regulations-*

*Canada Kyokushin-Kan Organization follows the Karate way of building character and training the mind and body to contribute to society, based on Sosai Mas Oyama's Kyokushin spirit.*

*We in Kyokushin-Kan Karate-Do do not promote or practice discrimination or prejudice based on ethnicity, race, nationality, politics, philosophy, religion, sex or age and recognize that everyone has the same rights. Our greatest pursuit is to reach for the goal of friendship.*

### **1. Name of this Organization:**

The name of this Organization is "Canada Kyokushin-Kan Organization", established by Shihan Hamid Asna-Ashari in 2003.

### **2. The Structure,**

#### **Board of Directors:**

**President,** Hamid Asna-Ashari Shihan

**Vice President,** Ray Cormier Shihan

**Secretary,** Mojtaba Talebzadeh Sensei

**Member of the Board,** Stephane Marcotte Sensei

**Member of the Board,** Vittorio Russo Sensei

**Member of the Board,** Sean Devlin Sensei

### **3. The Purpose:**

The purpose of Canada Kyokushin-Kan Organization:

- (1) To contribute to society through the wisdom of Kyokushin-Kan Karate.
- (2) To teach, develop, regulate and support Kyokushin-Kan Karate and to promote friendship and peace.

### **4. The Activity:**

The activity of the organization is twofold:

- (1) To spread the spirit and technique of Kyokushin-Kan Karate.
- (2) To develop Kyokushin-Kan Karate by holding promotional events such as tournaments, seminars & demonstrations.

## **5. Canada Kyokushin-Kan Organization Membership:**

- (1) There are no distinctions based on ethnicity, race, nationality, politics, philosophy, religion, sex or age.
- (2) New members must obtain an official International membership card from Honbu, Japan, available through their Branch Chief or Dojo Operator.
- (3) Canada Organization Membership is considered current if the member consistently supports the efforts of the Branch to the best of his/her ability; as determined by the Branch Chief.

## **6. Branch Qualifications:**

Branch Chief /Dojo Operator is appointed solely by Kykokushin-Kan International Honbu, Japan. However, a new branch chief or a Dojo Operator must obtain a letter of consent from the majority members of the Board. A Branch must be an active, operating Dojo of Kyokushin-Kan Karate.

## **7. Appointment of New Branch Chiefs/ Dojo Operator**

The qualifications necessary to be appointed to the position of Branch Chief/ DO are:

- (1) Recommendation by one of the existing Branch Chiefs.
- (2) Superior leadership abilities, good personality and exceptional ideology of Kyokushin Karate.
- (3) Excellent business management skills.
- (4) Significant training experience at one of the branches across the country.
- (5) Ideally, must possess a Second Dan Black Belt or above, and also substantially contributed to the Canada Organization.

## **8. Duties of a Branch Chief / Dojo Operator:**

- (1) Must be a model human being, a respected member and an exceptional Instructor for the Organization.
- (2) Must formally register all students directly with Honbu, Japan and provide them an official International Membership Card.
- (3) Must report all matters concerning their Branch and affiliate Dojos to the Organization a minimum of once annually.
- (4) Must personally operate one or more Dojos in the respective branch.
- (5) Must reside in the Province/city to which he/she is appointed.
- (6) Must actively participate in and support national and International tournaments or seminars.
- (7) Must maintain a current and operational telephone, fax number and an email address.
- (8) Regarding their own and their member's participation in certain styles or systems of martial arts' events such as championships, competitive displays, promotions and the like, the Branch Chief or the Dojo Operator must attain written approval from the Organization.
- (9) The Branch Chief or a Dojo Operator is responsible to uphold the guiding principles for all their Branch members. Should Branch members act inappropriately, or disregard the policy, it is the duty of the Branch Chief / Dojo Operator to investigate and immediately consult with the Boards.

**9. Branch Operations / Members Protocol:**

- (1) All new members must be registered with the Honbu, Japan and issued an official International Membership Card.
- (2) Branch Chiefs and Dojo Operators must abide by the Bylaws set forth within the organization.
- (3) Members switching schools or Branches, temporarily or permanently, must obtain a formal letter of recommendation from their previous Branch Chief or Dojo Operator in order to apply to train at a new school or Branch.
- (4) If a member, who switches schools or Branches, intends to operate an affiliate school in the new area, he/she must apply to the Branch chief of that area. If there is no branch in that area, the request must be sent to the Board for authorization and if approved, must abide by the Organization Bylaws.

**10. Branch Operations / Grading:**

- (1) All members registered to the Branch must test at their current Branch's scheduled grading periods and not venture outside of their area to test. As an exception, a member may test at another Branch if he/she obtains prior written approval from both his/her Branch Chief and the other area's Branch Chief.
- (2) Branches set their own Kyu testing fees as they see fit for their demographic area. For the sake of continuity, it would be beneficial if those fees were within a responsible range across the organization.
- (3) All Branch students must be registered members of the Organization through Honbu, Japan.
- (4) The Branch Chief / Dojo Operator shall register members and certify students' ranks with official e-certificates available from Honbu, Japan.
- (5) Black Belt test can be held at each branch annually based on Kyokushin-Kan International Honbu, Japan's regulation.
- (6) All members intending Dan promotion test outside the country must notify the Board.

**11. Dismissal of a Branch Chief / Dojo Operator:**

Canada Kuokushin-Kan Organization reserves the right to remove members, by a majority vote of the members of the Board, in case of the following circumstances:

- (1) If they breach a material provision of these Bylaws.
- (2) If they hinder their region's or the Organization's effective management.
- (3) If it is determined that they are no longer able or suited to fulfill their appointed duties.

**12. Appeal Process:**

1. In the event that the Board determines that a member should be expelled or suspended from membership in the Organization, the president, or other officer designated by the Board, shall provide notice of suspension or expulsion to the member and shall provide reasons for the suspension or expulsion. The member may make written submissions to the Board, in response to the notice received, within Fifteen (15) day period.
2. In the event that no written submissions are received by the Board, the decision is final. If written submissions are received, the Board will consider such submissions and notify the member the final decision within Fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the submissions. The board's decision shall be final and binding on the member, without any further right of appeal.
3. The Board shall provide a full report of the dismissal or suspension to Honbu, Japan and request to expel or to suspend the member from the Kyokushin-Kan International Honbu as well.

**13. Canada Kyokushin-Kan Organization Trademarks and Logos:**

Canada Kyokushin-Kan Organization is using Honbu, Japan's Trademarks and Logos. They are belong solely to Kyokushin-Kan International Honbu, Japan and may not be used for any purpose without Official License or express written permission of Honbu, Japan.

**14. Amendments of the Bylaws:**

1. Amendment of the Bylaws of the Organization may only be undertaken by the Board of Directors at a general or emergency meeting in person or on line video conference. Any decisions to amend shall be possible only when two third of the Board of Directors is present to form a quorum.