



JAPAN KARATE FEDERATION
GOJUKAI
AUSTRALIA

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with limited liability of members)

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JKFGA Technical Committee Charter

Background

The objects of JKF Gojukai Australia (JKFGA) defined in its Articles of Association (Articles) include:

- to represent JKF Gojukai (Japan) and to further the objects of [JKF Gojukai (Japan)] in Australia;
- to ensure that a high standard of Goju Ryu Karate is maintained in Australia; and
- to provide a channel for liaison between Members and [JKF Gojukai (Japan)].

To support these objectives the JKFGA Committee has decided to form a subcommittee in accordance with rule 18.1 of the Articles. This subcommittee shall be the 'JKFGA Technical Committee' (Technical Committee).

This charter details the JKFGA Committee's directions to the Technical Committee as required under rule 18.2 of the Articles.

Role of the Technical Committee

The Technical Committee shall perform the following roles:

- management and improvement of the local JKF Gojukai grading process in Australia under the direction of the Technical Committee Chair;
- developing the standard of refereeing at JKF Gojukai Australia Championships through mentoring, conduct of workshops, and other development activities, as agreed with the JKFGA Executive Committee; and
- improving the organisation and competition standards at JKFGA tournaments through training of tournament officials, mentoring of coaches and competitors, and other development activities, as agreed with the JKFGA Committee.

Formation of the Technical Committee

JKFGA Committee Oversight and Review

The structure, role, membership and ongoing requirement for the Technical Committee shall be reviewed from time to time, but at least annually, by the JKFGA Committee. Any requirements for changing the priorities or winding up the Technical Committee emerging from these reviews shall be communicated to the Technical Committee Chair for implementation by the JKFGA President.

Structure of the Technical Committee

The Technical Committee shall consist of a Chair (Kyoshi rank or higher) and members to be of (Renshi rank or higher).

The members of the Technical Committee shall be selected by the Chair and endorsed by the Heads of JKFGA Styles sponsored and recognised by JKF Goju Kai (Japan), currently Gojuryu Karate do Seishikan (John Hart Shihan), Gojuryu Karate do Seiwakai (Glenn Stephenson Shihan) and Gojuryu Karate do Shingokan (Geoff Rohde Shihan).

Working groups may be formed at the discretion of the Technical Committee chair to address specific actions within the Technical Committee's role. Membership of the working groups shall be endorsed by the JKFGA Committee.

Chair of the Technical Committee

The Chair of the Technical Committee shall be appointed by the JKFGA Committee at the JKFGA Committee's discretion.

The Chair shall hold the status of JKF Goku Kai Kyoshi and must be acceptable to JKF Goju Kai (Japan).

The Chair of the Technical Committee will also serve as the Chief Examiner for Australia and the primary contact with JKF Goju Kai (Japan) on matters of technical standards and style within JKFGA.

The Chair of the Technical Committee is the only authorised point of contact between the Technical Committee and the JKFGA Committee in agreeing actions to be taken under the Authority of JKFGA.

The inaugural Technical Committee Chair shall be John Hart Shihan. He holds the rank of Kyoshi and has support of JKF Gojukai (Japan) with Chairing the 2021 Grading in March.