

# Jikan Budokai International Association

## 慈館武道会国際連盟

### Regulations for Study Groups

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#### Background

The headquarters (hombu) of Jikan Budokai International Association (JBI) is Jikan Dojo of London, England. A study group is a type of a **branch under the headquarters**. The purpose of a study group (also called a *practice group*) is to facilitate the practice of martial arts by a group of individuals who do not have regular access to a suitably qualified instructor. This is often down to geographical limitations, so the study group is usually a form of distance-learning. Additional roles in the study group such as president, secretary and treasurer are optional eg. in the case of a university society. A study group may also exist **inside a full branch** in the temporary absence of fully qualified teacher. Each study group will have an appointed leader.

Most branches of JBI will have an initial status of "study group" for one or more of the arts practiced in Jikan Dojo. As a general guide, study group leaders are usually appointed as branch managers/instructors after achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> dan or 3<sup>rd</sup> dan ranks and having held the position of study group leader for at least 3 years.

Study groups will be given training by a fully-qualified instructor on **how to practice**, including dojo etiquette, warm ups and using the training curriculum. Study group members can attend Jikan Budokai's members-only seminars at the special rates for direct students. In some circumstances the study group leaders may be eligible for **training scholarships**. Study groups will receive invitations to training camps around the world with JBI and our parent organisations. Study group members may also be registered as direct students of our parent organisations in Japan, usually depending on rank. Study group members are given access to various learning resources including the online members portal, however they'll need to visit the headquarters or authorised branches and JBI seminars when they can, for guidance and assessments.

Naturally a study group leader is expected to pursue certification as a fully-qualified instructor in Japanese martial arts. A **JBI Self-Defence Instructor certification** is usually quicker to achieve through intensive training. It gives the leader a good basis to start teaching. To also achieve certification as an instructor of Japanese karate, jujutsu or swordsmanship (iai & kenjutsu) you will need a lot more time and will need to be highly motivated, patience and passionate. In time you will be assessed for rank and when you achieve shodan rank (1<sup>st</sup> degree black belt) you can complete instructor training and earn the title of 'sensei'. When you achieve nidan (2<sup>nd</sup> degree black belt) your group's status can change from 'study group' to a full 'member club' and branch of Jikan Budokai International Association and our parent organisations. At that stage regulations for member clubs will apply.

#### Rules

1. Terms and conditions are subject to change and it is your responsibility to keep up-to-date on the latest regulations.
2. The appointed study group leader and study group members must register **individually and directly** to Jikan Budokai International. Study group leaders and members are classed as direct students of JBI's headquarters, Jikan Dojo.
3. You must not proclaim to be an instructor of any martial art taught at JBI without certification and authorisation by the kancho (president) of JBI.
4. **You must not attempt to teach children without instructor certification**, and JBI authorisation after the relevant background checks. A DBS is also required in the UK.

5. Study group leaders will pursue the curriculum in *its entirety* and will follow the rules of Jikan Budokai International and our parent organisations.
6. Unless some exemption is made, you **may not** use the following terms in public/publications or any form of advertising;  
"Kanoukan", "Shibukawa Ichi Ryu", "Oishi Shinkage Ryu", "Musō Shinden Eishin Ryu", "Seiken Shudo Kai", "Ogasahara-ha Shito Ryu".  
You may however use the terms mentioned above in **private correspondence**.
7. For publications and advertising, you may use the following generic terms or parts thereof;  
"Koryu jujutsu", "Koryu bujutsu", "Koryu kenjutsu", "Koryu iaijutsu", "iai heiho", "Jikan Budokai", "Jikan Dojo Goshin Jutsu".
8. The Jikan Budokai study group leader must enter an agreement with Jikan Budokai kancho about his/her **commitment to a specified frequency of training**. This agreement will include participation in seminars or training camps.
9. As a study group you **may not publicly demonstrate the techniques** of the art you are learning within JBI. You can however participate in demonstrations arranged by the headquarters or full branches of JBI, if you are invited to do so.
10. As a student of Jikan Dojo there is rarely any need for you to contact the headquarters (hombu) of our parent organisations. Queries regarding the hombu of our parent karate and koryu bujutsu organisations must be directed to the secretary or kancho of JBI. Contacting the hombu of our parent organisations without the expressed permission of the kancho of Jikan Budokai International may result in immediate expulsion from the organisation and its parent organisations as it circumvents a standard etiquette that is expected.
11. You must have expressed permission from the kancho of Jikan Budokai International in order to practice any other martial art, either personally or in your dojo. This is because the principles and practices of other martial arts may be in contradiction to those of the arts practiced in JBI and may hinder the progress of the student. JBI is quite flexible about this but will in certain circumstances be strongly against members affiliating with certain other groups. **Membership in other koryu bujutsu groups is not allowed.**
12. If your dojo is already practising another martial art that is not taught under Jikan Budokai International then that practice or group must be treated as a **separate entity** entirely, in name and in publications. For example, you cannot say that Jikan Budokai Cambridge is teaching tae kwondo as that art is not taught by the kancho of Jikan Budokai International.
13. These rules are subject to change and expansion. Just because certain terms and conditions may not be written, it doesn't mean that they may not be applicable. Common sense and discretion are advised. If there is any uncertainty about any practices, affiliations and other matters that may be not be in harmony with the affiliations, policies and ethics of Jikan Budokai International, you must consult with the secretary or the kancho for clarification.
14. You must inform JBI in writing of any changes to the information you provide on initial application.
15. You must not ever disclose any of the organisation's internal knowledge or documentation deemed to be 'private', 'secret' or 'restricted'. Some examples of this include curriculums, disciplinary proceedings and training methods etc. You must not distribute any copyrighted material without expressed permission. Violation may lead to expulsion or even legal action.