

RULES OF THE AUSTRALIAN KENDO RENMEI INCORPORATED

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1. NAME

The name of the association is the Australian Kendo Renmei Incorporated.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Renmei are to:

- (a) promote interest in Kendo, Iaido and Jodo within Australia, and
- (b) educate, train and coach Affiliate Members in Kendo, Iaido and Jodo and promote good fellowship among them, and
- (c) arrange Australia-wide Kendo, Iaido and Jodo Championships and interstate competitions and seminars, and
- (d) support the aims, objects and interests and co-ordinate and support the activities of the Affiliated Bodies and
- (e) represent Australian Kendo, Iaido and Jodo exponents in their dealings with the Australian Government and overseas and international Kendo, Iaido and Jodo bodies, including the International Kendo Federation, and
- (f) do everything which may advance the objects of the Renmei or the interests of the Renmei, the Affiliated Bodies, Affiliate Members or Australian Kendo, Iaido and Jodo exponents.
- (g) The assets and income of the Renmei shall be applied solely in the furtherance of the above-mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Renmei except as a bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Renmei.

3. MEMBER AND LIMITED LIABILITY

- 3.1 None of the National Officers, the Public Officer, the members of the National Council, the Affiliated Bodies and the Affiliate Members are liable to contribute towards the payment of debts and liabilities, of the Renmei or, the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the Renmei.
- 3.2 The members of the Renmei are the members for the time being of the National Council.
- 3.3 The members of the National Council may only be disciplined or removed from their positions in accordance with rules 5.4(a), 7.6(a) and 8.10(a).

4. AFFILIATED BODIES

- 4.1 The National Council may by Special Resolution grant affiliation to the Renmei to any incorporated or unincorporated association or club which:
 - (a) represents the exponents of one (1) or more of Kendo, Iaido and Jodo of an Australian State or Territory or a region of Australia, and
 - (b) agrees to be bound by these rules, as varied from time to time in accordance with rule 10.4.

- 4.2 An Affiliated Body ceases to be affiliated to the Renmei upon:
- (a) the National Council revoking the Affiliated Body's affiliation by Special Resolution, or
 - (b) a resolution approving the Affiliated Body's disaffiliation from the Renmei being passed by a general meeting of the Affiliated Body where:
 - (i) the resolution is passed by a majority not less than 75% of the Ordinary Affiliate Members of the Affiliated Body present and voting, and
 - (ii) at least 21 days' notice of the intention to propose the resolution has been given to the Ordinary Affiliated Members of the Affiliated Body in the manner required by the Affiliated Body's rules or constitution.
- 4.3 The National Council must, from time to time, set the affiliation fees to be paid each Membership Year by the Affiliated Body in relation to each Ordinary Affiliate Member and each Junior Affiliate Member of that Affiliated Body.
- 4.4 Each Affiliated Body must, within one (1) month of receiving annual membership fee from an Affiliate member, pay to the Renmei the affiliation fees for that Affiliate Member set under rule 4.3. An Affiliated Body need not pay any affiliation fees in relation to an Affiliate Member where:
- (a) that Affiliate Member is also an Affiliate Member of another Affiliate Body, and
 - (b) this other Affiliate Body has paid to the Renmei affiliation fees for that Membership Year in relation that Affiliate Member.
- 4.5 The membership year for each Affiliated Body must coincide with the Renmei's Membership Year.
- 4.6 The secretary of the Renmei must maintain a register of the Affiliate Members in relation to which the Affiliated Bodies have paid affiliation fees showing their names, addresses (if available) and dates of birth and the dates on which the relevant Affiliated Bodies pay affiliation fees in relation to them and making provision for recording the dates on which they cease to be Affiliate Members.
- 4.7 The New South Wales Kendo Association Incorporated, the Victorian Kendo Renmei Incorporated, the West Australian Kendo Renmei Incorporated, the Queensland Kendo Renmei Incorporated, the Australian Capital Territory Kendo Renmei Incorporated, the South Australian Kendo Association, the Tasmania Sando Renmei and the Northern Territory Kendo Association are deemed to have been granted affiliation to the Renmei.

5. NATIONAL COUNCIL

- 5.1 The governing body of the Renmei is a council called the National Council.
- 5.2 The National Council consists of:
- (a) the National Officers, and
 - (b) the Chairman of the Kendo Board, and
 - (c) the Chairman of the Iaido Board, and
 - (d) the Chairman of the Jodo Board, and
 - (e) a delegate of each Affiliated Body.
- 5.3 Each Affiliated Body may determine the method by which it chooses its delegate to the National Council, but may only appoint an Ordinary Affiliate Member as its delegate. For all purposes connected with these rules, but subject to rule 5.4, the delegate of an Affiliated Body to the National Council is the Ordinary Affiliated Member named as having been appointed the delegate in the most recent written notification of appointment from the President of that Affiliated Body received by the Secretary of the Renmei.
- 5.4 A person ceases to be the delegate of an Affiliated Body to the National Council upon:
- (a) the Secretary of the Renmei receiving written notification from the President of that Affiliated Body that the person has been removed or replaced as the delegate, or
 - (b) the person ceasing to be an Ordinary Affiliated Member, or
 - (c) the person resigning in writing received by the Secretary.
- 5.5 The Secretary of the Renmei must maintain a register of the members of the National Council showing their names and addresses and the dates on which they became members of the National Council and making provision for recording the dates on which they cease to be members.
- 5.6 The Chairman of the Kendo Board, the Chairman of the Iaido board, and the Chairman of the Jodo Board, or their delegate may exercise one (1) vote at meetings of the National Council.

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- 5.7 The number of votes, which may be exercised by the delegate of an Affiliated Body at meetings of the National Council, is determined by the number of Affiliate Members in relation to which that Affiliated Body has paid affiliation fees to the Renmei for the current Membership Year.

For any meeting of the National Council that is held, the number of votes which may be exercised by a delegate of the Affiliated Body is determined by the number of Affiliated Members in relation to whom that Affiliated Body has paid affiliation fees to the Renmei thirty (30) days before the said meeting.

The number of votes which may be exercised by the delegate of an Affiliated Body at meetings of the National Council is calculated in accordance with the following:

- (a) affiliation fees paid in relation to between 1 and 20 Affiliate Members – 1 vote,
 - (b) affiliation fees paid in relation to between 21 and 50 Affiliate Members – 2 votes,
 - (c) affiliation fees paid in relation to between 51 and 100 Affiliate Members – 3 votes,
 - (d) affiliation fees paid in relation to between 101 or more Affiliate Members – 4 votes.
- 5.8 If affiliation is granted to an association or club which was not previously an Associated Body then, until the following 1 January, the delegate of that Affiliated Body may exercise one (1) vote at meetings of the National Council.
- 5.9 Subject to rule 5.11, a person attending a meeting of the National Council in two or more capacities may only exercise the votes attaching to one of those capacities.
- 5.10 Subject to rule 5.11, a National Officer may only exercise a vote at a meeting of the National Council if he or she is also the Chairman of the Kendo Board, the Chairman of the laido Board, the Chairman of the Jodo Board or the delegate of an Affiliated Body.
- 5.11 The person chairing a meeting of the National Council for the time being may exercise a casting vote in addition to any deliberative vote he or she is entitled to cast.
- 5.12 Members of the National Council may only exercise votes in person at meetings of the National Council.
- 5.13 Use of technology at general meetings
- (a) A general meeting may be held at two or more venues using any technology approved by National Council that gives each member of National Council a reasonable opportunity to participate.
 - (b) A member of National Council who participates in a general meeting using that technology is taken to be present at the meeting and if the member votes at the meeting, is taken to have voted in person.
- 5.14 The President may convene a meeting of the National Council at any time, but the President must:

- (a) if requested to do so by the Kendo Board, the Iaido Board or the Jodo Board, convene a meeting of the National Council to be held no more than two (2) months after he or she receives the request, and
- (b) convene an Annual General Meeting of the National Council to be held in conjunction with the National Council Conference which is held within six (6) months of the end of the financial year of the Renmei.

5.15 If the President fails to convene a meeting of the National Council which he or she is required to convene, the meeting may be convened by any of the Vice-President, the Chairman of the Kendo Board, the Chairman of the Iaido Board, or the Chairman of the Jodo Board.

5.16 Notice of a meeting of the National Council is deemed to be duly given if, at least 49 days before the date set for the meeting, the Secretary, or the person convening the meeting, sends notice of the meeting by email, facsimile or ordinary prepaid post to the president of the Affiliated Bodies, each National Officer, the Chairman of the Kendo Board, the Chairman of the Iaido Board and the Chairman of the Jodo Board. If the person sending the notice convening the meeting is aware that the Secretary of the Renmei has received written notice of an intention to propose a resolution as a Special Resolution, the person sending the notice convening the meeting must include in that notice the text of the proposed resolution and a statement that notice has been received of an intention to propose the resolution as a Special Resolution.

5.17 If:

- (a) the Secretary receives written notice of an intention to propose a resolution as a Special Resolution at least 35 days before the date set for a meeting of the National Council, and
- (b) the text of the proposed resolution was not included in the notice convening the meeting, the Secretary must, at least 21 days before the date set for the meeting, send by email, facsimile or ordinary prepaid post to the president of each of the Affiliated Bodies, each National Officer, the Chairman of the Kendo Board, the Chairman of the Iaido Board and the Chairman of the Jodo Board a notice which includes the text of the proposed resolution and a statement that the notice which includes the text of the proposed resolution and a statement that notice has been received of an intention to propose the resolution as Special Resolution.

5.18 The quorum for a meeting of the National Council is the number of voting members which is the smallest whole number greater than two (2) and half the number of Affiliated Bodies.

5.19 The President or, in his absence, the Vice-President may chair a meeting of the National Council.

6. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

6.1 The management and control of the Renmei is vested in an executive committee called the National Executive and consisting of the four (4) National Officers. The National Executive must not act contrary to a resolution of the National Council and the National Council may override a decision of the National Executive.

6.2 Providing reasonable notice has been given to the other National Officer, three (3) National Officers constitute a quorum for a meeting of the National Executive.

7. NATIONAL OFFICERS

7.1 The principle executive officers of the Renmei are:

- (a) the President, and
- (b) the Vice-President, and
- (c) the Secretary, and
- (d) the Treasurer.

7.2 Only Ordinary Affiliate Members are eligible for election as a National Officer and for appointment to act in the position of a National Officer.

7.3 (a) The positions of the National Officers must be filled by elections conducted at the Annual General Meetings held during 1997 and at every third year thereafter.

(b) Nominations of the candidates for election as National Officers of the Renmei:

- (i) must be made in writing, signed by two Ordinary Affiliate Members of the Renmei and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate, and
- (ii) must be delivered to the Secretary of the Renmei not less than 30 days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting.

(c) If only one nomination is received for a position, the person so nominated is deemed to be elected to that position. If no nominations are received for a position, nominations will be received for that position at the Annual General Meeting.

7.4 A casual vacancy for the position of a National Officer must be filled:

- (a) by an election at the next meeting of the National Council, or
- (b) by a postal ballot of the members of the National Council in which each member is entitled to cast the same number of votes he or she could exercise at a meeting of the National Council, if no meeting of the National Council is held, or the National Executive determines that a meeting of the National Council is unlikely to be held within two (2) months of the vacancy arising.

7.5 Subject to rule 7.6, the National Officers (including National Officers elected to fill casual vacancies) continue in office until completion of the next elections for their positions held in accordance with rule 7.3.

7.6 A National Officer ceases to hold office upon:

- (a) removal by a Special Resolution, or
- (b) ceasing to be an Ordinary Affiliate Member, or
- (c) resigning in writing received by the Secretary or, in the case of the Secretary, by the President.

- 7.7 If a casual vacancy arises in the position of a National Officer, other than that of the President, the remaining National Officers may appoint a person to act in that position until the vacancy is filled in accordance with rule 7.4. A person appointed under this rule (7.7) to act in the position of a National Officer has, until the vacancy is filled in accordance with rule 7.4, the powers and responsibilities of that National Officer.

- 7.8 If a casual vacancy arises in the position of President then, until it is filled in accordance with rule 7.4, the Vice-President:
- (a) must act in the position of President, and
 - (b) has the powers and responsibilities of the President.
- 7.9 The President is primarily responsible for coordinating and supervising the management and organisation of the Renmei's affairs and activities. The President must present to each Annual General Meeting of the National Council a report on the activities during the previous year.
- 7.10 The Vice-President must:
- (a) assist the President, and
 - (b) assume the responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President.
- 7.11 The Secretary must:
- (a) assist the President, and
 - (b) maintain the registers referred to in rules 4.6 and 5.5, and
 - (c) maintain a register of the Kendo, Iaido and Jodo grades awarded by the Renmei and the Affiliated Bodies, and
 - (d) keep the Common Seal, documents and securities of the Renmei, and
 - (e) keep a file of the correspondence of the Renmei, and
 - (f) keep minutes of all business conducted at meetings of the National Council and the National Executive, and
 - (g) keep all other non-financial records in relation to the activities of the Renmei.
- 7.12 The Treasurer must:
- (a) receive and pay into one of the accounts referred to in rule 9.1, all moneys belonging to the Renmei, and
 - (b) make all payments for the Renmei, and
 - (c) keep sufficient financial records as to allow easy assessment of the Renmei's financial position, and
 - (d) keep other office bearers apprised of the financial position of the Renmei, and
 - (e) present to each Annual General Meeting of the National Council financial statements which comply with the requirements of the Act and any other applicable legislation.

8. KENDO BOARD, IAIDO BOARD AND JODO BOARD

- 8.1 The Kendo Board, the Iaido Board and the Jodo Board of the Renmei are committees each of which consists of:
- (a) a Chairman, and
 - (b) a Deputy Chairman, and
 - (c) a Secretary, and
 - (d) the National Director of Kendo Coaching, in the case of the Kendo Board, and
 - (e) the National Director of Iaido Coaching, in the case of the Iaido Board, and
 - (f) the National Director of Jodo Coaching, in the case of the Jodo Board, and
 - (g) two other members.
- 8.2 The positions on the Kendo Board (other than that of the National Director of Kendo Coaching) must be filled by elections conducted at the meetings held in accordance with rule 8.1 during 1997 and every third year after. All Ordinary Affiliate Members who are members of an Affiliated Body representing Kendo exponents are eligible for election to these positions.
- 8.3 The Kendo Board may appoint an Ordinary Affiliate Member or another person the National Director of Kendo Coaching. Such an appointment terminates at the end of the Board's term or when another person is appointed National Director of Kendo Coaching. The National Director of Kendo Coaching is a non-voting member of the Kendo Board.
- 8.4 The positions on the Iaido Board (other than that of the National Director of Iaido Coaching) must be filled by elections conducted at the meetings held in accordance with rule 8.20 during 1997 and every third year after. All Ordinary Affiliate Members who are members of an Affiliated Body representing Iaido exponents are eligible for election to these positions.
- 8.5 The Iaido Board may appoint an Ordinary Affiliate Member or another person the National Director of Iaido Coaching. Such an appointment terminates at the end of the Board's term or when another person is appointed National Director of Iaido Coaching. The National Director of Iaido Coaching is a non-voting member of the Iaido Board.
- 8.6 The positions on the Jodo Board (other than that of the National Director of Jodo Coaching) must be filled by elections conducted at the meetings held in accordance with rule 8.23 during 1997 and every third year after. All Ordinary Affiliate Members who are members of an Affiliated Body representing Jodo exponents are eligible for election to these positions.
- 8.7 The Jodo Board may appoint an Ordinary Affiliate Member or another person the National Director of Jodo Coaching. Such an appointment terminates at the end of the Board's term or when another person is appointed National Director of Jodo Coaching. The National Director of Jodo Coaching is a non-voting member of the Jodo Board.

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- 8.8 A casual vacancy for an elected position to the Kendo Board, the laido Board or the Jodo Board must be filled:
- (a) by an election at the next meeting of the relevant Board, or
 - (b) by a postal ballot of the members of the relevant Board in which each member is entitled to cast a single vote if no meeting of the relevant Board is held within two (2) months of the vacancy arising.
- 8.9 Subject to rule 8.10, the elected members of the Kendo Board, the laido Board and the Jodo Board continue in office until the next elections for their positions held in accordance with rules 8.2, 8.4 or 8.6.
- 8.10 An elected member of the Kendo Board, laido Board and the Jodo Board ceases to hold office upon:
- (a) removal by a Special Resolution, or
 - (b) in the case of a member of the Kendo Board, ceasing to be an Ordinary Affiliate member of an Affiliated Body which represents Kendo exponents, or
 - (c) in the case of a member of the laido Board, ceasing to be an Ordinary Affiliate member of an Affiliated Body which represents laido exponents, or
 - (d) in the case of a member of the laido Board, ceasing to be an Ordinary Affiliate member of an Affiliated Body which represents laido exponents, or
 - (e) resignation in writing to the Secretary of the Renmei.
- 8.11 Provided reasonable notice of the meeting is given to other members of the Kendo Board, the laido Board or the Jodo Board, as appropriate, three (3) elected members constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Kendo Board, the laido Board or the Jodo Board.
- 8.12 The Kendo Board is responsible for:
- (a) Kendo technical matters, and
 - (b) organising and running the annual Australian Kendo Championships, and
 - (c) organising Interstate Kendo Competitions and Seminars, and
 - (d) determining the rules under which the Australian Kendo Championships and other interstate Kendo Competitions organised by the Renmei will be conducted, and
 - (e) assist and liaise with the Affiliated Bodies, when requested, in the control, supervision and conduct of all Kendo gradings conducted by Affiliated Bodies on behalf of the Renmei, and
 - (f) where appropriate, conducting Kendo gradings itself, and
 - (g) advising the National Executive and the National Council on all Kendo-related questions referred to it, and
 - (h) all other matters delegated to it by the National Executive or the National Council.

8.13 The Iaido Board is responsible for:

- (a) Iaido technical matters, and
- (b) organising and running the annual Australian Iaido Championships, and
- (c) organising Interstate Iaido Competitions and Seminars, and
- (d) determining the rules under which the Australian Iaido Championships and other interstate Iaido Competitions organised by the Renmei will be conducted, and
- (e) assist and liaise with the Affiliated Bodies, when requested, in the control, supervision and conduct of all Iaido gradings conducted by Affiliated Bodies on behalf of the Renmei, and
- (f) where appropriate, conducting Iaido gradings itself, and
- (g) advising the National Executive and the National Council on all Iaido-related questions referred to it, and
- (h) all other matters delegated to it by the National Executive or the National Council.

8.14 The Jodo Board is responsible for:

- (a) Jodo technical matters, and
- (b) organising and running the annual Australian Jodo Championships, and
- (c) organising Interstate Jodo Competitions and Seminars, and
- (d) determining the rules under which the Australian Jodo Championships and other interstate Jodo Competitions organised by the Renmei will be conducted, and
- (e) assist and liaise with the Affiliated Bodies, when requested, in the control, supervision and conduct of all Iaido gradings conducted by Affiliated Bodies on behalf of the Renmei, and
- (f) where appropriate, conducting Jodo gradings itself, and
- (g) advising the National Executive and the National Council on all Jodo-related questions referred to it, and
- (h) all other matters delegated to it by the National Executive or the National Council.

8.15 The Kendo Board, the Iaido Board, the Jodo Board and their members must pass to the Treasurer of the Renmei all moneys they receive on behalf of the Renmei or in the course of discharging the responsibilities of the Kendo Board, the Iaido Board or the Jodo Board.

8.16 The Kendo Board, the Iaido Board, the Jodo Board may only have the authority to incur expenses and liabilities and undertake obligations on behalf of the Renmei to the extent expressly authorised by the National Executive or the National Council.

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- 8.17 During each calendar year the Kendo Board must convene a meeting open to all Ordinary Affiliate Members who are current members of the Renmei and are registered with the Renmei for Kendo.

If possible, this meeting must be held in conjunction with the Annual Kendo Championships and notice of this meeting is deemed to be duly given if it is in the published program for the championships or published widely to Ordinary Affiliate Members attending the championships as observers or participants.

- 8.18 The President of the Renmei must convene the meeting referred to in rule 8.17 for 1992 and each year in which the Kendo Board fails to convene a meeting in accordance with rule 8.17.

- 8.19 The Chairman of the Kendo Board must present to each meeting convened in accordance with rule 8.17 and each Annual General Meeting of the National Council a report on the activities of the Kendo Board during the year preceding the relevant meeting.

- 8.20 During each calendar year the laido Board must convene a meeting open to all Ordinary Affiliate Members who are current members of the Renmei and registered with the Renmei for laido.

If possible, this meeting must be held in conjunction with the Annual laido Championships and notice of this meeting is deemed to be duly given if it is included in the published program for the championships or published to Ordinary Affiliate Members attending the championships as observers or participants.

- 8.21 The President of the Renmei must convene the meeting referred to in rule 8.20 for 1992 and each year in which the laido Board fails to convene a meeting in accordance with rule 8.20.

- 8.22 The Chairman of the laido Board must present to each meeting convened in accordance with rule 8.20 and each Annual General Meeting of the National Council a report on the activities of the laido Board during the year preceding the relevant meeting.

- 8.23 During each calendar year the Jodo Board must convene a meeting open to all Ordinary Affiliate Members who are current members of the Renmei and registered with the Renmei for Jodo.

If possible, this meeting must be held in conjunction with the Annual Jodo Championships and notice of this meeting is deemed to be duly given if it is included in the published program for the championships or published to Ordinary Affiliate Members attending the championships as observers or participants.

- 8.24 The President of the Renmei must convene the meeting referred to in rule 8.23 for 1992 and each year in which the Jodo Board fails to convene a meeting in accordance with rule 8.23.

- 8.25 The Chairman of the Jodo Board must present to each meeting convened in accordance with rule 8.23 and each Annual General Meeting of the National Council a report on the activities of the Jodo Board during the year preceding the relevant meeting.

- 8.26 A person entitled to attend a meeting convened on accordance with rule 8.17, rule 8.20 or rule 8.23, may attend and vote in person or by proxy. He or she may only appoint another person entitled to attend the meeting as his or her proxy and the appointment must be in a form approved by the National Executive.

9. FINANCE

- 9.1 The National executive must establish accounts in the name of the Renmei with one (1) or more banks or financial institutions. The National Officers must pay into these accounts all moneys they receive on behalf of the Renmei.
- 9.2 The National Executive must instruct all banks and financial institutions with which the Renmei maintains accounts that no withdrawals against any one of these accounts may be honoured unless it is signed, electronically or otherwise, by at least two of the National Officers.
- 9.3 The funds of the Renmei may be derived from affiliation fees paid by Affiliation Bodies, donations, grants, the sale of goods and other such sources as are approved by the National Council.
- 9.4 The Renmei must acquire and maintain insurance cover as required by the Act together with any other insurance cover which is required by law or determined to be necessary by the National Council.
- 9.5 The National Council may by Special Resolution at any time determine, in accordance with section 53 of the Act, how any surplus is to be distributed in the event that the Renmei is wound up. Funds that remain after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes which is not carried on for profit or gain of its individual members.

10. MISCELLANEOUS

- 10.1 The National Executive must appoint an Ordinary Affiliate Member to be the Public Officer of the Renmei in accordance with the Act. The National Executive may, but need not, appoint a National Officer or a member of the National Council to be the Public Officer. The Public Officer must do everything required by the Act.
- 10.2 The Secretary of the Renmei must keep the Common Seal of the Renmei in his or her custody and this Common Seal may only be affixed to a document with the approval of the National Executive and in the presence of at least two National Officers who must sign adjacent to the Seal mark.
- 10.3 Upon receiving a request from a member of the National Council, the National executive must make the books and records of the Renmei available for inspection free of charge at a reasonably convenient time and place.
- 10.4 The name, objects or rules of the Renmei may be amended by Special Resolution.

11. INTERPRETATION

11.1 In these rules:

“**Act**” means the Associations Incorporation Act, 1984 (NSW).

“**Affiliated Body**” means an incorporated or unincorporated association or club which is currently affiliated to the Renmei pursuant to rule 4.

“**Affiliated Member**” means an Ordinary Affiliated Member or a Junior Affiliate Member.

“**Iaido Board**” means the committee of that name established by rule 8.

“**Jodo Board**” means the committee of that name established by rule 8.

“**Junior Affiliate Member**” means a financial member of an Affiliated Body who is younger than eighteen (18) years of age or whose eighteenth (18th) birthday occurs on or after the first day of the current Membership Year and for whom an Affiliated Body has paid affiliation fees for the Renmei and such fees have been received by the Renmei.

“**Kendo Board**” means the committee of that name established by rule 8.

“**Membership Year**” means the period of 1 year starting on 1 July of one year and finishing on 30 June of the following year.

“**National Council**” means the council established by rule 5.

“**National Executive**” means the executive committee established by rule 6.

“**National Officers**” means the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Renmei.

“**Ordinary Affiliate Member**” means a financial member of an Affiliated Body who is not a Junior Affiliate Member and for whom an Affiliated Body has paid affiliation fees to the Renmei and such fees have been received by the Renmei.

“**Renmei**” means the association incorporated under the Act under the name “Australian Kendo Renmei Incorporated”.

“**Special Resolution**” means a resolution of the National Council passed with a majority of not less than 75% of the votes cast where at least 21 days’ notice of an intention to propose the resolution as a Special Resolution was given in accordance with rule 5.16.

11.2 A reference in these rules to a National Officer includes a reference to a person acting in the position of that National Officer pursuant to rule 7.7 or rule 7.8.

11.3 In these rules the singular includes the plural and vice versa.