



## **CONSTITUTION of the ALL STYLES MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION**

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### Name:

The Association will be called: ALL STYLES MARTIAL ARTS ASSOCIATION referred to as ASMAA, incorporating the Self Defence Federation (SDF)

### Aim:

- ASMAA will provide membership for individuals and clubs of all styles and systems of Martial Arts, without prejudice or bias.
  - To provide Tuition, Grading's, Seminars, Insurance and the mandatory legal requirements necessary.
  - To promote the association and ASMAA's own Martial Arts systems via its objectives.
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### Objectives:

ASMAA will fulfil the aims by:

- Providing a range of services and facilities for all members. (See Appendices)
  - Raise funds and receive contributions where appropriate to finance the association.
  - Publicise and promote ASMAA and its own Systems.
  - Provide the appropriate Insurance for members, Instructors and clubs.
  - Organise meetings, training courses/seminars and events.
  - Ensure all Clubs and individual members are aware of ASMAA Policies.
  - Take any action that is lawful which would help it to fulfil its aims.
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### Membership:

1. Membership of The All-Styles Martial Arts Association shall be open to anyone who is interested in joining the Association and willing to abide by the rules of the group. ASMAA will not discriminate from membership on the basic of race, creed, religion, colour, age, sexual orientation, disability, marital status or national origin. However for insurance purposes ASMAA can only accept membership for those aged between 5-80 years.
2. ASMAA has the power to refuse/terminate or suspend membership to any individual or club where it is considered such membership is detrimental to the aims, objectives and activities of the association. Any member has the right to appeal as stated in ASMAA 's complaints procedure policy.
3. Any member or club may terminate their membership at any given time by providing written notice to that effect.

4. Plagiarism: If ASMAA believes the purpose of membership for an individual or club is for the plagiarism of ASMAA's own styles, membership can be rejected or revoked.

5. Executive Input and freedom to practice: It is a corner stone of the association that all members have the freedom to teach and develop. With exception to any required and necessary documentation (see section (7) below), every Club may receive as little or as much input from the Association as they desire. (see also Management, section "c")

6. Applicant Verifying: All Applicants will be subject to certain methods of verification of their grades and qualifications. Unsatisfactory results may lead to their application/s being declined and at the discretion of the Executive their fees returned in full. To protect the reputation of the Association, records will be kept of these applicants and any subsequent decisions.

7. Compliance Documentation: All clubs must supply ASMAA with a list of instructors/assistant instructors and proof of each instructor's Indemnity Insurance, DBS (CRB) check and relevant certification with respect to teaching/coaching, grade accreditation, Working with Children compliance and First Aid qualifications.

8. First Aid: All clubs will have a minimum of 1(one) up to date, qualified person in first aid present at any gathering of said club for the purpose of training/practice, or more as appropriate risk assessment deems sufficient. Under competitive circumstances, the provision of first aid personnel will be commensurate with such risk assessments as properly carried out by an experienced person. Clubs heads and hosting [competition] clubs are liable for the provision and confirmation of adequate first aid cover. ASMAA directors will not be held responsible for this.

9. ASMAA general membership insurance for individuals is 3<sup>rd</sup> party one to one cover. Further details available by request.

10. ASMAA Instructor insurance is available at three levels of cover: £2 million, £5 million or £10 million. Unless proof of an existing policy is shown, the level of cover required must be specified by the Instructor when joining. Instructors will then be referred to ASMAA's preferred supplier for such cover however ASMAA does not guarantee said cover will be offered. Such decisions are entirely in the hands of the insurer and ASMAA will not try to influence their process in any way what-so-ever.

10. Insurance Rejection: Failure to be excepted by any insurer and/or the declining of continued cover for the purpose of Martial Arts delivery, must be notified to ASMAA immediately.

11. Insurance exclusions: Insurance does not cover Cage Fighting or Live (sharp, edged) weapons. If you require this you must inform the association head. In any event always refer to and stay within the confines and conditions of your accepted policy.

12. Application Time Scale: Once ASMAA has received and reviewed an application, all individuals and/or clubs will have a maximum of six(6) weeks to provide any such information as outlined above unless otherwise provided. This is deemed sufficient time to agree and/or organise and action any requirements as needed. Failure to provide requested proofs and/or information may result in disqualification to membership and actions outlined in section (6) above.

13. Grading: All Instructors must be at least instructor grade/Black Belt/black sash or equivalent to grade their own students in their practiced [recognised] style. Instructors may only grade to one level below their own belt standard i.e to grade a 1<sup>st</sup> Dan black belt you must be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan in the same style. Requests for grades senior to 5<sup>th</sup> Dan are to be made directly to the Executive board in writing only.

14. Eclectic Styles - Grading In order to maintain plausibility, eclectic (own) styles will maintain a 2 (two) grade separation, i.e. Any instructor wishing to grade any student 1<sup>st</sup> Degree black belt must therefore be a minimum 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan.

15. Membership: can be applied for in the following ways:

At any registered ASMAA club or via [www.allstylesmartialartsassociation.co.uk](http://www.allstylesmartialartsassociation.co.uk) and filling out a membership form.

Membership will remain valid for 12 months.

16. Expired membership: can be backdated for a period of 1 month only. After this point it will be deemed defunct. Any such membership holder may subsequently apply again but only in the same fashion as a New member and with the same fees.

17. Membership Free Training Period: It is the responsibility of all ASMAA Clubs Heads / Chief Instructors for ensuring all members are Registered with ASMAA within a period not greater than four training sessions from and including that students first training session. This is appropriate to ensure they are effectively covered by insurance. ASMAA will not be held responsible for members training without insurance due to their club head/chief instructor not registering membership. Club heads and instructors should be aware that any liability may fall upon them to settle in the event of an accident or other issue.

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Management:

- (a) The All-Styles Martial Arts Association shall be managed by at least three (3) directors and not more than five (5) elected at the associations Annual General Meeting (AGM), Directors must be at least 18 years old.
- (b) Mr David Turton until either his retirement or death shall be the Head of the association. The association Head is to be solely responsible for all final decisions made by the Association.
- (c) The Directors of ASMAA will not interfere with the running of any Club unless the club in question is suspected of 'wrong-doings'.
- (d) The director(s) and association head will meet at least once a year to hold an AGM. Other meetings will be arranged throughout the year as deemed necessary.
- (e) Voting at any meeting shall be by a show of hands on a majority basis. If there is a tied vote then the association head shall have the casting majority.
- (f) All directors shall be given at least 14 days notice of a meeting where it is deemed an urgent meeting, if all directors can not make an urgent meeting the association head (or most senior director in his absence) and one other director must be present and agree on the course of action. Any such action will be reviewed as soon as practicably possible jointly by all of the directors.
- (g) Power to set up area representatives and area parties as deemed necessary that shall be accountable to the directors.
- (h) Should the head of the association be incapacitated or generally not be in a position to make effective daily decisions for the association then the most senior director available (or other such nominate by the association head when practicable) should take charge on his behalf until such notice.

Association Finance and Payments:

- (a) Any monies obtained by the association (after taxation) shall be used for the furtherance of the association.
- (b) Any bank accounts opened shall be in the name of the association.
- (c) Any cheque or monies issued shall be by any two of the three authorised persons.
- (d) All Director positions are strictly on a voluntary basis upon acceptance. No director will receive payment in view of their position.
- (e) The sole responsibility for taxation of the association rests with the association head Mr David Turton.

Alteration of the constitution:

- (a) Proposals for amendments to this constitution must be delivered to the association head in writing. The association head in conjunction with all directors shall then decide on the date of a forum meeting to discuss such proposals.
- (b) Any changes to this constitution must be agreed by a majority vote, in the case of a tied vote the association head has the casting majority.

Dissolution

The association may be wound up at any time by the association head. Any assets shall be returned to their providers, if they require it, or shall be passed to another group with similar aims.

Signed:

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(Head ASMAA)

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(Director)

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(Director)

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## APPENDICES

### 1. Formal Policies

- 1.1 First Aid Policy
- 1.2 Health and Safety Policy
- 1.3 Child Protection Policy
- 1.4 Equal Opportunities Policy
- 1.5 Media/Photographic Policy
- 1.6 Insurance for Clubs and Individuals
- 1.7 Instructors Indemnity Insurance
- 1.8 CRB/DBS Checks

### 2. Additional Policies

- 2.1 Qualified First Aid Courses
- 2.2 Club Certification Mark (CCM)
- 2.3 Coaching Awards
- 2.4 Other Awards and Certifications

### 3. Other Information:

- 3.1 Seminars throughout the year in various systems and subjects
- 3.2 Training and instruction and grading in various Martial Arts
- 3.3 The Self Defence Federation (SDF)
- 3.4 Further advice and guidance from some of the highest ranked martial artists in the UK.

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7<sup>th</sup> Dan

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*Head of Association*

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2<sup>nd</sup> Dan

**Signature Three/rank**  
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