



North American Kyokushinkai Karate Organization

Affiliate Dojo Rules & Regulations

North American Kyokushinkai Karate Organization - NAKKO

Honbu (Giordano Family Methuen Karate Association - GFMKA)

Article I) Name of Organization:

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Article II) Affiliations:

Each affiliated dojo/club of NAKKO, headed by a certified/appointed instructor by the Kancho of NAKKO is a direct representative of the NAKKO Honbu dojo - GFMKA. Our founder is Masutatsu Oyama, and the current Kancho/Executive Director is Larry F. Giordano (appointed branch chief in the USA by Sosai Masutatsu Oyama in 1976). We are under international jurisdiction for the forms, methods, and leadership of NAKKO.

Article III) Purpose and Objectives:

1. Provide a safe, professional environment for students to learn, practice and become familiar with a traditional martial art form.
2. Develop self-discipline and respect for oneself as well as others.
3. Promote martial arts as a tool for building self-confidence in an ever-changing society.
4. All current NAKKO policies, as outlined in the GFMKA Student handbook will be followed.

Article IV) Qualifications for Membership:

1. All potential members must submit an official letter of intent to Kancho Giordano outlining why said dojo would like to be affiliated with NAKKO.
2. Upon review and acceptance of said admission, the following requirements must be met in order to be affiliated in good standing with Honbu:
 - a. All NAKKO affiliate instructors (yudansha and mudansha) ***must*** complete the required government issued CORI/SORI forms.
 - i. ***Failure to do so will result in immediate suspension of said club/dojo.***
 - b. All NAKKO affiliates ***must*** wear the traditional Kyokushin dogi (white jacket, white pants, and blue kanji).
 - c. All NAKKO affiliates may wear their own dojo patch, but ***must*** wear a NAKKO patch along with said dojo patch.



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- d. All NAKKO dojo operators ***must*** post the following items in their dojo:
 - i. Images of Sosai Oyama and Kancho Giordano
 - ii. The karate creed – Must be read at the beginning of each class.
 - iii. The dojo oath – Must be read at the conclusion of each class.

- e. All NAKKO dojos must outline their affiliation to Kancho Giordano and NAKKO on their website/facebook page/etc. in the following way:
 - i. Describe the lineage of Kyokushin as it pertains to:
 - i. Sosai Oyama (International Karate Organization Kyokushinkaikan),
 - ii. Hanshi Don Buck (Sosai Oyama's School of the Tiger)
 - iii. Kancho Larry F. Giordano (NAKKO)
 - ii. Each NAKKO affiliate dojo must create a link from their dojo website/facebook page/etc. to connect to the NAKKO website/facebook page/etc.

- f. All NAKKO dojos should follow the specified protocol below during the bow in to class. Following Mokuso:
 - i. Sosai Ni Rei – Sosai Oyama will be bowed to always.
 - ii. Kancho/Hanshi Ni Rei – Kancho Giordano will be bowed to whether he is present at said class or not.
 - iii. Shihan(s) Ni Rei – If present.
 - iv. Sensei(s) Ni Rei – If present.
 - v. Sempai(s) Ni Rei – If present.
 - vi. Otagai Ni Rei – Brothers and sisters in karate will be bowed to always.

- g. All NAKKO dojo operators within New England must attend the following:
 - i. Black belt Training at Honbu (held at GFMKA on the last Tuesday of every month)
 - ii. Green/Brown belt promotions - held every 3-4 months
 - iii. Beach Training - held every June
 - iv. Summer Camp - if held
 - v. Black Belt Review - held every Fall season
 - i. ***Failure to attend this event will result in immediate retirement of said individual from the organization.***
 - vi. Methuen Classic Karate Tournament – Held every Fall season
 - vii. Any other special training session or event at the request of Kancho Giordano



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- h. International NAKKO dojo operators and NAKKO dojo operators outside of New England are required to contact Kancho Giordano and the executive board on a quarterly basis and attend at least one event (black belt review) per year unless otherwise negotiated and approved by Kancho Giordano.
- i. All dojo operators may promote their students to Hachi Kyu (blue belt) and Roku Kyu (Yellow belt) at their own dojo but ***must*** have their students tested at Honbu for Yon Kyu and above unless otherwise negotiated and approved by Kancho Giordano.

Article V) Executive Board Officers: The following officers will be elected by Kancho Giordano:

President - The President will work with the executive board (appointed by Kancho Giordano) to plan all programs and activities. He or she will also be responsible for his or her subordinates, the promotion of the organization and all its activities. Yudansha qualifying for President will hold the rank of Shihan.

Vice-President - The Vice-President will assist the president and advisor and substitute for the president in his or her absence. Yudansha qualifying for Vice-President will hold the rank of Shihan.

Secretary - The Secretary will keep a record of all meetings and activities, including any photographs. Yudansha of any rank qualify for Secretary.

Treasurer – If applicable the Treasurer will collect membership dues, deposit dues in the main office, test/promotion fees and keep a record of these or any other transaction involving the organization. All fees/dues will be negotiated with Kancho Giordano upon acceptance into NAKKO. Yudansha of any rank qualify for Secretary.

Advisor(s) - The Advisor brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the executive board and provides NAKKO administrative representation for meetings and long term projects. The Advisor may act as head instructor for the meetings. Yudansha qualifying for Advisor will hold the rank of Shihan.

Parliamentary Procedures: Revision of the Dojo Rules & Regulations and/or the addition of amendments will be voted by a majority of current NAKKO executive board members only. The President will vote only in the event of a tie vote.



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Article VI) Organization Kancho and Chief Instructor:

Kancho Larry F. Giordano will remain our Master for as long as we use the Kyokushinkai name or symbols. He holds all copyright and trademark privileges in the state of Massachusetts. The executive board and affiliates wish to have Kancho Giordano as our leader for as long as he decides to instruct us, or until he designates a replacement.

Article VII) Meetings:

Black Belt meetings will be held once per month throughout the year. Executive board meetings will be held quarterly and at the Advisor(s)'s discretion. Other meetings may be held by a high ranking black belt at their discretion with the permission of Kancho Giordano or said Advisor(s).

Article VIII) Quorum:

A simple majority of votes from all members who hold the rank of black belt is all that is needed to pass motions. Kancho and the Advisor(s) have veto authority in voting matters.

Article IX) Amendments:

BY-LAWS

- I. Age requirements for Yudansha
 - a. Students testing for jr. Shodan shall be no younger than 12 years of age.
 - b. Students testing for Shodan shall be no younger than 18 years of age.
 - i. In some cases, at the discretion of Kancho and the executive board, students younger than the above stated ages may be invited to test for Shodan.
- II. Rank advancement requirements for Yudansha
**Above and beyond the requirements for Shodan, the following must be met in order to advance in rank within NAKKO:*
 - a. *Promotion to Nidan (2nd degree black belt - Sempai):*
 - i. *Minimum of 2 Years as Shodan*
 1. *Master Saifa Kata*
 2. *Master Tensho Kata*



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- b. *Promotion to Sandan (3rd degree black belt – Sensei):*
 - ii. *Minimum of 3 Years as Nidan*
 - 1. *Master Seienchin Kata*
 - 2. *Master Geksai Sho Kata*
- c. *Promotion to Yondan (4th degree black belt – Sensei):*
 - iii. *Minimum of 4 Years as Sandan*
 - 1. *Master Garyu Kata*
 - 2. *Master Kanku Dai Kata*
- d. *Promotion to Godan (5th degree black belt – Shihan):*
 - iii. *Minimum of 5 Years as Yondan*
 - 1. *Master Seipai Kata*
 - 2. *Master Sushi-ho Kata*
- e. *Promotion from Rokudan (6th degree black belt – Shihan) through Hachidan (8th degree black belt – Hanshi):*
 - iv. *Granted based on longevity of training and contributions to the art.*
***All higher level promotions will be awarded at the discretion of the Kancho.*