

**SEI KOSHO SHOREI KAI
INTERNATIONAL**

BYLAWS OF SEI KOSHO SHOREI KAI INTERNATIONAL

Article 1–Name

The name of this organization shall be Sei Kosho Shorei Kai International

Article 2– Purpose

The purposes of this organization are:

- 1) To promote the teachings of the late James Mitose worldwide.
- 2) To organize these teachings by defining particular areas of study.
- 3) To regulate curriculum development and implementation.
- 4) To preserve the spirit of Master Mitose’s teachings with as much original form and content as possible, but at the same time allowing for natural growth and adaptation.
- 5) To encourage the pursuit of a liberal education necessitating a broad study of traditional Japanese martial, healing, and cultural arts.
- 6) To regulate promotion and certification.
- 7) To serve as an organized source of adjunctive training for members of all martial arts organizations and systems.

Article 3– School Sanction

Schools meeting the following requirements will be given sanction and privileges under the terms under the terms of the association:

Section 1. The head of the school or club shall

- A. be a certified Yudansha in Kosho Ryu Kempo as evaluated by the President.
- B. A Yudansha in another art form and attempting to transfer his school to a Kosho school.
- C. agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the organization.
- D. Have the curriculum and standards of the school approved by the President.
- E. Host Hanshi for a seminar at their school. (Minimum 1 seminar a year)
- F. Must register all Kosho Ryu student within their school and submit dues each calendar year

Section 2. Initiation, Fees and Dues

- A. Initiation fees shall be included with each application.

- B. Annual dues shall be payable to the treasurer on the membership anniversary date each year.

Article 4- Membership

Section 1. Types of membership shall consist of active, associate, honorary and life memberships.

- A. Active membership requires that the member be a student in good standing of an S.K.S.K.I. sanctioned or affiliate school.
- B. Associate membership requires that the member has related training in martial, restorative or cultural arts.
- C. Honorary memberships may be conferred upon an individual and is chosen by the executive board for such honor. Such a member is entitled to the same privileges as an active member.
- D. Life membership is offered to those members who donate \$150.00 to the organization.

Section 2. Initiation Fees and Due.

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Article 5 - The Executive Board

Section 1. The executive board shall consist of the appointed officers and committee heads.

Section 2. The executive board shall handle the regular business of the organization.

Section3. Meetings. Regular meetings of the executive board will be held as required by the President.

Article 6 - Officers

There shall be the following officers:

- A. President
- B. Vice President/Dean of Academics
- C. Secretary and Treasurer

Article 7 – Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall

- A. preside at all meetings of the executive board and general meetings of the organization, and at any special meetings.
- B. appoint the officers and division heads.
- C. make interim appointments as needed with the approval of the executive board.
- D. oversee the development of curriculum in all areas.
- E. sign all diplomas and certificates.
- F. sign all membership cards.
- G. appoint a committee to investigate any charges brought against a member.
- H. call a special meeting when it is necessary.

Section 2. The Vice President/Dean of Academics shall

- A. perform the duties of an absent President and perform such duties as are assigned by the President.
- B. take charge of program planning, including holding planning sessions and delegating responsibilities to committee heads as approved by the President.
- C. Supervise curriculum development in sanctioned schools as directed by the President.
- D. provide a variety of ideas to further the organization's purpose.
- E. motivate members to participate in the objectives of the organization and to make financial contributions.
- F. serve as an advisor to the President in all matters pertaining to the organization.

Section 3. The Secretary/Treasurer shall

- A. record the minutes of all proceedings of the board and membership meetings and, with the President, shall sign all contracts for the organization.
- B. handle the correspondence of the organization.
- C. have charge of all the funds of the organization.
- D. Make annual financial reports.
- E. Handle all disbursements.
- F. Keep record of all certification.
- G. Send notice and agenda of all meetings to all board members.
- H. Keep all organizational records.

Article 8- Discipline

- Section 1. Charges of professional dishonesty, working against the principles and purpose of the organization and/or injuring the professional standing of a member may be filed by a member of the executive board, the head of a division, or the head of a school.
- Section 2. The accused member shall be notified and have the privilege of being present at a special or regular meeting of the executive board at which the charges will be considered.
- Section 3. The executive board will administer the disciplinary measures.

MARTIAL POSITION DESCRIPTIONS AND JOB DUTIES

Soshi

- Shall remain as James Mitose until the death of Bruce Juchnik, Hanshi.

Hanshi

- Only one living.
- Shall remain as Bruce Juchnik.
- When Bruce Juchnik dies, He will become Shoshi.

Kyoshi, Renshi, Chutoko Shihan, and Sei Shihan

- These positions are above any rank.
- Appointed by Hanshi.
- Appointment may be removed by Hanshi at any time.
- Positions may be taken away if those holding the positions are not serving the Kai on behalf of the Hanshi to create harmony and cohesiveness among the Kai.
- In the position is taken away, marital rank may be maintained, however, those removed from these positions may work within the Kai but will no longer be considered active in the administration of the Kai.
- Reevaluation of Shotoko Shihan, Chutoko Shihan, Sei Shihan, Renshi and Kyoshi will take place once a year.
- Reevaluation will be done through written tests or attendance of different clinics that pertain to learning on behalf of the Kosho Ryu System.
- Positions are that of work, not martial, and therefore Kyoshi, Renshi, Chutoko Shihans and Sei Shihans will be know to their students as "Sensei".
- Mandatory attendance of one clinic, designated by Hanshi.
- Must host Hanshi for at least one clinic or seminar each year.

Shotoko Shihan

- Appointments determined by the Hanshi.
- Must be skilled in martial, cultural and restorative arts.
- Is a position of Coach, which basically represents one who teaches teachers and who also reaches out beyond his own sphere of influence or school and brings in other groups.
- Basic ambassador for the Kai.

- Rank requirement: Shodan
- Works to support overall organization, moreover over specific job tasks.
- Takes direction from Hanshi in regards to tasks needed and will vary based on area of expertise and skill set.
- Must maintain their own knowledge of Kosho by attending local Kosho events, can serve as an instructor at events, attends Gathering each year and either West-Coast or East Coast in-house seminars. Must attend at least one non-Kosho seminar.
 - This will be a two day event and represent Kosho.
 - Business management seminars (AMAPA, ATAMA, and tournaments) do not qualify.

Chutoko Shihan:

Should have been a Shotoko Shihan for a minimum of 3 years.

Must make contact with at least 10 different groups, organizations, clubs or systems in the course of a year.

- A log must be kept, maintained and submitted to Hanshi on a monthly basis via email. (hanshijuchnik@att.net). It should contain the person you contacted, how you contacted them, where you contacted them and the plan for future contact to develop a relationship in the arts.
- Must be deliberate.
- Contacts and follow up can be done alone or in connection with another Shihan, Renshi, or Hanshi.
- Social media, upcoming training events, in person or phone calls are all valid forms of follow-up.

Sei Shihan

- At minimum one year as a Chutoko Shihan.
- Looked at as a leader in the organization.
- Complete tasks that all previous levels complete and serve as an assistant and guide to lower level Shihans and those with potential to be a future leader in the organization.
- Helps Chutoko Shihans in attendance and follow-up with new contacts and working to break into different geographical areas and art styles.

Renshi

- Must meet all other requirements.
- Must be a sought after teacher in more art styles than just Kosho.
- A good communicator regarding Kosho specifically as well as the customs, practices, terminology and history of other art styles.
- Conducts themselves in the highest standard while representing the organizations before, during and after the official seminar day, class or event.
- No condescension or arrogance towards other groups displayed.

Kyoshi

- Must meet all other requirements for lower positions.
- Must be familiar with Kai bylaws and assist in the compliance for the organization.
- Kyoshi must serve as a resource and assistant to Renshi's and Shihan's and coach them in their efforts to build the organization.
- Kyoshi will facilitate Renshi's and Shihans with their tasks and guidance.
- Will coordinate schools coming into the kai, beginning clubs in their current schools or beginning weekly classes or hosting seminars.