

World Shorinji Kempo Organization
Statutes

Preamble

Doshin So, the founder of Shorinji Kempo, witnessed many instances of unashamed behavior of people under the extreme situation, namely war, when people lost their conscience as human beings. He strongly felt that the significant differences in the rule of law, military affairs and politics were made by the people participating in such affairs and greatly depended on their personality and way of thinking. Giving his thoughts words, he said, "The person, the person, the person! Everything depends on the quality of the person." Doshin So realized that if the course of human events depends entirely upon the actions of "the person" in society, then in order to establish the peace that we all long for, the only way is to nurture as many individuals as possible with a strong sense of mercy, courage and justice. Thus, he determined to nurture young people.

Doshin So founded Shorinji Kempo in 1947 in Japan as a method of asceticism to nurture people.

The fundamental principles of Shorinji Kempo is to build wholesome societies by nurturing as many people as possible who can act while wishing for other people's happiness in equal proportion to their own.

As for the organizations of Shorinji Kempo, its federations and branches have been established in various countries around the world, including within Japan, since its first branch abroad was established in Indonesia in 1966.

In 1972 it organized the International Shorinji Kempo Federation (ISKF) for the purpose of unifying those Shorinji Kempo organizations established in various countries around the world. Subsequently, the ISKF was incorporated into a new organization, the World Shorinji Kempo Organization (WSKO: hereinafter referred to as "the Organization") in 1974.

In May 1980, Yuuki So (Shorinji Kempo Shike, Doshin So II) assumed the office of President of the WSKO by acceding to the tradition of Shorinji Kempo from Doshin So, the founder of Shorinji Kempo, after he passed away.

The Organization's major premise is to righteously inherit and develop the fundamental principles of the crusade toward "realizing an ideal world by nurturing people" that started from the resolution of the founder Doshin So, namely, the Prosperity Crusade. The purpose of the Organization shall be to globally spread, impregnate and protect the teachings and arts of Shorinji Kempo and promote friendly relationships among those countries participating in the Organization without regard to race, religion or political preference, thereby contributing toward peace in the world.

Chapter I General Rules

[Name]

Article 1 The Organization shall be called World Shorinji Kempo Organization and shall be abbreviated as WSKO.

[Purpose]

- Article 2
1. As the only organization authorized by SHORINGE KEMPO UNITY, a general incorporated association holding intellectual property rights involving Shorinji Kempo founded by Doshin So, to promote Shorinji Kempo worldwide, the Organization has its purpose of protecting Shorinji Kempo and promoting goodwill and friendship among those countries participating in the Organization without regard to race, religion or political preference, thereby contributing to peace in the world.
 2. Without obtaining approval of the Organization, nobody shall be allowed to either establish a branch or set up a place for practicing Shorinji Kempo to teach Shorinji Kempo to other people. Nobody shall be allowed to make unauthorized use of the name of "Shorinji Kempo," the trademark (symbol mark or logo) that specifies the name, or anything that may be similar thereto, in any form, or to make unauthorized production of any publications or any still images or DVDs or films that describe the Shorinji Kempo teachings, arts or education system or express them.

[Symbol Mark and Logo]

Article 3 The Organization shall use a set of the symbol mark and logo of the Shorinji Kempo Group as shown below, providing that the use and applications of the symbol mark and logo shall be made in accordance with the guidelines as separately stated.



[Activities]

- Article 4 The Organization shall engage in the following activities in order to achieve the purpose set forth in the preceding Article.
- (1) Activities conducive to peace in the world;
 - (2) Providing comprehensive guidance for members of the Organization to promote Shorinji Kempo;
 - (3) Communicating and sharing the international operation policy and standards of conduct of the Organization to/with its members;
 - (4) Providing support for group members of the Organization to establish federations and to invigorate their activities;
 - (5) Organizing and operating the Shorinji Kempo World Taikai;
 - (6) Organizing and operating Shorinji Kempo International and Regional Study Sessions;
 - (7) Activities necessary for training local leaders of Shorinji Kempo and developing individual ordinary members of the Organization;
 - (8) Communicating information about Shorinji Kempo and providing teaching materials;
 - (9) Activities necessary for managing intellectual properties of Shorinji Kempo, for

increasing in quality and for developing a sense of trust in the Organization under Shorinji Kempo intellectual property licensing agreements, and incidental terms and conditions thereof;

(10) Other activities necessary to achieve the purpose set forth in the preceding Article.

[Location]

Article 5 The Headquarters (*Hombu*) of the Organization is located at the address of 3-1 Hondori, Tadotsu-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa-ken, Japan.

Chapter II Officers

[Duties of Officers]

Article 6 The Organization shall have the following officers to promote a variety of activities as set forth in preceding article hereunder. The officers shall have their offices become effective from their appointment after being elected in accordance with the provisions described in the Organization. Officers shall perform their duties with such awareness and responsibility that they are exemplary leaders of the Organization and be involved in managing the Organization with discernment and good faith.

1. President of the WSKO:

The position of the President of the Organization shall be served by the founding family member (*Shike*) of Shorinji Kempo . The President shall be the supreme leader of the Organization and assume the duty of appointing and dismissing the officers and other duties. If an important issue or an urgent matter occurs with respect to operations of the Organization, the President may take necessary action to solve the issue/matter upon consultation with directors.

2. Members of the Board of Directors:

Directors shall comprise the Board of Directors to decide and execute the content of activities of the Organization. The directors shall assist the President in performing his/her duties. The number of directors shall not be more than seven (7) and the matter concerning the election of directors shall be defined separately.

3. Secretary-General

The Secretary-General shall assume his/her office at the headquarters of the Organization on a full-time basis and manage all administrative affairs involving the Organization. One (1) Secretary-General of the WSKO Secretariat shall be nominated by the President.

4. Councilors

The councilors shall report to the President upon his/her request for their advice. The councilors shall assist and/or work with the President in performing his/her duties. The number of councilors shall be not more than ten (10) and the matter concerning the election of councilors shall be defined separately.

5. Auditors

Auditors shall be responsible for examining the Organization's accounts and its financial administration to ensure that they are operated in an appropriate manner. Two auditors shall be appointed by the President of the Organization.

6. Election of Directors and all of other Officers shall be approved by the President.

[Term of Office]

Article 7 1. The term of office of the officers shall be four (4) years from the day of appointment to the day before expiration and reelection to the same position is allowed. The term of the office of an

officer who assumes his/her office to fill a vacancy shall be the remaining period of the term of the office of his/her predecessor.

2. An officer, even if his/her term of office has expired, shall continue to perform his/her duties until his/her successor takes over his/her post.
3. In the event that any unavoidable reason makes it impossible for an incumbent officer to perform his/her duties for a period of three months or more, a person acting for or succeeding to the officer shall be selected at the President's direction as needed.

[Remuneration, etc.]

Article 8 Officers may not receive any remuneration not specified by the Organization in performance services for the Organization.

[Disqualification]

Article 9 A person to whom either one of the events applies shall not be qualified for being a Director:

- (1) A person who is not a member of the Organization;
- (2) A person who breaches one of the provisions of the Organization's Statutes, Bylaws or any rules or regulations;
- (3) A person who has committed a material breach of laws or regulations in the country where he/she currently resides or in a county where he/she resided in the past;

[Delegation]

Article 10 The President of the Organization or the Secretary-General may appoint a person to act for performing his/her duties by delegating his/her inherent authority to the person in writing.

[Special Committee]

- Article 11
1. The Organization shall have the right to establish a Special Committee as well as its Committee Members.
 2. A Special Committee shall be established by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.
 3. Special Committee Members shall be appointed or dismissed by the President.

[Secretariat]

- Article 12
1. The Organization shall establish the Secretariat to process the clerical work of the Organization.
 2. The Secretariat of the Organization shall be located at 3-1 Hondori, Tadotsu-cho, Nakatado-gun., Kagawa-ken. Japan.
 3. The head of the Secretariat shall be the Secretary-General and other necessary personnel shall be appointed for the Secretariat. The personnel of the Secretariat shall be appointed and dismissed by the Secretary-General.
 4. The Secretariat shall communicate and provide a variety of information that can facilitate the execution of activities of the Organization.
 5. The Secretary-General shall define the necessary matters regarding the organization and operation of the Secretariat separately.

Chapter III Membership

[Membership]

Article 13 The Organization consists of group members and individual members defined as follows:

- (1) Group Members:
 - a A regular group member shall mean a federation in each country, with its establishment permitted by the Secretary-General based on the resolution of the Board of Directors.

- b An associate group member shall mean a branch in each country, with its establishment by the Secretary-General.
- (2) Individual Members :
 - a An ordinary member shall mean an individual who shall belong to Item (1) a or (1) b above and whose admission to the Organization for the purpose of practicing Shorinji Kempo is permitted by the Organization.
 - b A special member is an individual who shall support operations of the Organization and whose special membership is recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the Secretary-General.
 - c An honorary member is an individual who shall understand the objectives of the Organization and whose honorary membership is recommended by the Board of Directors and permitted by the Secretary-General.

[Membership Registration]

Article 14 A member who shall join the Organization must complete the registration procedures provided by the Organization.

[Regular Group Member]

- Article 15
1. A regular group member shall manage and promote a variety of activities involving Shorinji Kempo within the country where it is based, and proactively participate in activities of the Organization.
 2. A regular group member shall be required to perform obligations separately specified by the Organization.
 3. A regular group member shall have rights separately specified by the Organization.
 4. If a regular group member wishes to register its federation as a juridical person or a corporation in the said country, it must submit the governing laws of the said country and the statutes of the federation which it is to register in the said country to the Board of Directors of the Organization for approval and then the Secretary-General's approval beforehand.

[Establishment of a regular group member]

- Article 16
1. In principle, a regular group member shall be established by the unanimous consent of associate group members in the country where it is based and it shall be required to complete all the necessary procedures to take, as designated by the Organization, for such establishment.
 2. The representative of a regular group member of the Organization shall be an active individual member of the Organization and be recommended by the federation. The representative so elected shall be required to be approved by the President of the Organization.
 3. All the associate group members in the country where the regular group member is established must join the said regular group member.

[Dissolution of a regular group member]

Article 17 If a regular group member should intend to be dissolved, it must first send a prior notice to the Secretary-General of the Organization. The regular group member shall work with the Secretary-General to take every possible means to avoid the dissolution. And if the regular group member, even after such efforts, still has confirmed its firm intention to be dissolved, then it shall report in writing to the Board of the Organization. Once the final decision is made to dissolve it, the regular group member shall liquidate all of its legal and business liabilities and dispose of the remaining assets in a fair manner in accordance with the statutes of the federation already established.

[Associate group member]

- Article 18
1. An associate group member shall manage and then promote a variety of activities involving Shorinji Kempo within the country where it is based, and proactively participate in activities of the Organization.
 2. An associate group member shall be required to perform obligations separately specified by the Organization.
 3. An associate group member shall have rights separately prescribed by the Organization.
 4. If an associate group member wishes to register its federation as a juridical person or a corporation in the said country, it must submit the governing laws of the said country and the statutes of the federation which it is to register in the said country to the Board of Directors of the Organization for approval and then the Secretary-General's approval beforehand.

[Establishment of an associate group member]

- Article 19 A person who wishes to establish an associate group member of the Organization, the person must complete all the necessary procedures to take, as designated by the Organization, for such establishment.

[Dissolution of an associate group member]

- Article 20 If an associate group member should intend to be dissolved, it must first send a prior notice to the regular group member if it belongs to or the Secretary-General of the Organization if it has no regular group member to belong to. The associate group member shall work with the regular group member or the Secretary-General to take every possible means to avoid the dissolution. If the associate group member, even after such efforts, still has confirmed its firm intention to be dissolved, then it shall report in writing to the regular group member if it belongs to or the Secretary-General if has no regular group member to belong to. Once the final decision is made to dissolve it, the associate group member shall liquidate all of its legal and business liabilities and dispose of the remaining assets in a fair manner in accordance with the statutes of the federation already established.

[Ordinary member]

- Article 21
1. An ordinary member of the Organization shall be an individual who belongs to either the regular group member or the associate group member, or the both members located in his/her home country, to practice Shorinji Kempo and who shall actively participate in activities of the Organization.
 2. An ordinary member shall be required to perform obligations separately prescribed by the Organization.
 3. An ordinary member shall have rights separately prescribed by the Organization.

[Forfeiture of Membership]

- Article 22
1. The members of the Organization shall forfeit their membership for the following reasons.
 - (1) Regular group member and associate group member:
 - a Dissolution
 - b Removal
 - (2) If the regular group member which an associate group member belongs to has lost its membership by falling into either Item (1) a or (1) b, the associate group member may be engaged in activities as an associate group member which shall directly belong to the Organization;
 - (3) The Organization shall give aid to individual ordinary members if their group member has lost its membership by falling into either Items (1) a or (1) b, where appropriate .
 2. The individual members of the Organization shall forfeit their membership for the following reasons:

- a When a member has passed away.
 - b When a member leaves the Organization
 - c When a member is removed from the roll of membership of the Organization
3. If individual members lose their group member and wish to continue activities at the Organization, then they may request the Secretary-General to take action to give aid to them.
 4. Once a member has lost the membership, all the positions and qualifications that the member held shall be invalidated.
 5. The remaining assets from the dissolution of a group member, if any, shall be transferred to the Organization, providing that no liabilities shall be taken care of by the Organization, providing that if there is any legal restriction on such transfer of the assets of the group member that is determined to be dissolved, the Board of Directors shall be authorized to determine the method considering the prevailing laws or regulations in the country concerned.

[Withdrawal from Membership]

Article 23 An individual member desiring to withdraw from the Organization shall submit a notice of withdrawal stating the reason and obtain the approval of the Secretary-General.

[Establishment of Regional Association]

Article 24 Regular group members can establish a cooperating organization consisting of group members from neighboring countries. Bylaws on the establishment and operations of such organization are stipulated separately.

[Confidentiality]

Article 25 Any member of the Organization shall neither disclose or divulge any confidential information about the Organization about which the member may have gained knowledge in his/her capacity, to any third person and shall keep such confidential information confidential even after he/she has lost his/her membership of the Organization.

Chapter IV Education system

[Execution and Operations]

Article 26 The Organization shall use the education system of Shorinji Kempo to educate its individual members.

[Instructors]

Article 27 The organization may provide instructors who are responsible for instructing and educating its members under the direct supervision.

[Branch Master]

- Article 28
1. The Organization shall allow a “branch” to be established as an activity unit to promote Shorinji Kempo in a country and appoint a “branch master” as the head of its unit.
 2. A branch master shall take his/her sole responsibility for the performance of obligations and rights by the branch he/she manages.
 3. A branch and its branch master shall be as a part of the Organization and the federation if it exists in its home country, to receive advice and instructions from the Organization and the federation, or otherwise shall be a part of the Organization if there is no federation in its home country, to receive advice and instructions from the Organization.

[Curriculum]

- Article 29
1. The Organization shall provide the unique curricula designed to serve the purpose of Shorinji

Kempo for its individual members.

2. The curricula provided by the Organization shall be intrinsic by containing technical and theoretical studies in its own culture.
3. The Organization shall issue its unique teaching materials that are necessary for its individual members to complete their curricula and that help them become proficient in what they have learnt.

[Acquisition of Qualification]

- Article 30
1. The individual members of the Organization may take examinations to know their own levels of proficiency in the completion of the curricula provided by the Organization and of progress level of character building.
 2. The Organization shall install a qualification investigation committee as a body to supervise to see if a grading examination is conducted in the proper manner and the President of the Organization shall appoint the head and members of the committee.
 3. A grading examination shall be committed by the President of the Organization to be conducted and examined by a qualified examiner.
 4. Examinees qualified for a grading examination shall only be limited to individual ordinary members who have completed the curricula provided by the Organization in the appropriate way and who are permitted by those designated by the Organization to take the examination.

Chapter V Board of Directors

[Position]

Article 31 The Board of Directors shall be the supreme resolutionary organ of the Organization.

[Makeup and Duties]

Article 32 The Board of Directors shall consist of the President of the Organization and Directors.

[Duties]

- Article 33 The Board of Directors shall perform the following duties:
- a. Develop and execute plans to operate the Organization and review results of the execution of the plans
 - b. Execute and renovate projects of the Organization
 - c. Manage all financial affairs of the Organization
 - d. Perform other duties necessary to move Items a, b, and c above forward.

[Chairperson]

Article 34 The person who shall chair the Board of Directors shall be the Secretary-General.

[Convocation of the Board of Directors]

Article 35 Any and all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be convened by the President, where appropriate.

[Quorum and Resolution]

- Article 36
1. The quorum for the Board of Directors shall be constituted by the majority of Directors and the agenda items shall be resolved by a majority vote of Directors present when such a quorum is present.
 2. A Director may use a written statement of proxy approved by the Board of Directors to delegate the exercise of his/her vote to another Director at the Board of Directors' Meeting.
 3. In case that voting on an item is equally divided, the Secretary-General shall have the deciding vote after consulting with the President of the Organization.

Article 37 In the event that the Board of Directors Meeting cannot be held but that the President requires a resolution to be adopted by the Board of Directors, the President may resolve the matter by having the directors execute their voting rights in writing.

Chapter VI General Meeting

[Status]

Article 38 The General Meeting shall be the occasion of communication, expression of opinions and adoption of resolutions among the President of the Organization, the Board of Directors and each member and between members and shall facilitate the operation of the Organization, and shall assist and support the President of the Organization in the performance of his/her duties.

[Makeup]

Article 39

1. The General Meeting shall consist of the President of the Organization, the Secretary-General, Directors, and Representatives elected by respective countries (one person per country).
2. The term of office of a Representative shall be four (4) years from the day of appointment to the day before expiration and a Representative may be reelected. The term of office of a fill-in Representative appointed to fill a vacancy shall be the remaining term of office of his/her predecessor.

[Duties]

Article 40

1. At General Meetings, a representative shall have the right to express his/her views on courses of action, operational plans and statements of accounts during those four (4) years.
2. A resolution at the General Meeting shall be adopted by a majority of votes cast by representatives with voting rights present at the meeting.

[Convocation]

Article 41

1. A regular General Meeting shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the Organization once every four (4) years.
2. The Secretary-General may convene an extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with a request of representatives of each country or opinions of the Board of Directors.
3. If a regular General Meeting or an extraordinary General Meeting cannot be held, opinions may be asked or a resolution may be adopted in writing.

[Chairperson]

Article 42 The Secretary-General shall act as Chairperson of the General Meeting. However, he/she may appoint the Chairperson of the said General Meeting from among the members of the General Meeting when he/she deems it necessary.

Chapter VII Official Language

[Official Language]

Article 43

1. The official languages of the Organization shall be Japanese and English
2. In case of difference in interpretation of Japanese and English, the Japanese version shall prevail.
3. The Organization may define an associate official language necessary for promoting the execution of activities of the Organization smoothly.

Chapter VIII Applicable Law, etc.

[Applicable Law, etc.]

- Article 44
1. These Statutes, Bylaws, Regulations of the Organization and a variety of instructions issued by the Organization shall be governed by the laws of Japan.
 2. Any doubt, dispute or other issue arising between the Organization and its members out of these Statutes, Bylaws, regulations or other rules, and/or a variety of instructions issued by the Organization shall be amicably resolved by the parties concerned, providing that if amicable resolution is deemed as impossible, the parties shall hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Tokyo District Court in Japan for the first trial.

Chapter IX Accounting and Finance

[Fiscal Year]

- Article 45 The fiscal year of the Organization shall be from April 1 of each year to March 31 of the following year.

[Income]

- Article 46 Income of the Organization shall be as follows:
- (1) WSKO annual membership fee and other fees
 - (2) Group member registration fees and registration renewal fees
 - (3) Business activity income
 - (4) Subsidies and donations
 - (5) Others

[Rule on Fees]

- Article 47 Fees payable to the Organization, as set forth in the preceding article hereunder, shall be determined by the Board of Directors after considering opinions of councilors and the General Meeting.

Chapter X Revision of Statutes and Dissolution

[Revision of Statutes]

- Article 48 Any revision of these Statutes shall be subject to opinions invited at the General Meeting and the approval of not less than two-thirds of the incumbent directors at the meeting of the Board of Directors. Then, the approved resolution shall be submitted to the Secretary-General, who shall recommend it to the President of the Organization for approval.

[Dissolution]

- Article 49 The Organization shall be dissolved subject to opinions heard at the General Meeting and subsequent deliberation of the Council, followed by the unanimous approval of all the Directors present at the Board of Directors' Meeting, and subsequently the approved resolution shall be submitted to the Secretary-General, who shall recommend it to the President of the Organization for approval.

[The remaining assets]

- Article 50 The disposal of any assets which remain from the dissolution of the Organization shall be transferred to other organizations associated with Shorinji Kempo subject to the decision made by

the Board of Directors.

Chapter XI Disciplinary Measures

[Rules on Punitive Measures]

Article 51 In the event group members or individual ordinary members fail to comply with the Statutes, Bylaws, or other rules or regulations and/or a variety of instructions issued by the Organization, and/or a variety of signed covenants with the Organization, their membership rights shall be suspended. Unless any improvement is made in such breach despite repeated reminders/guidance given by the Organization, Article 52 shall apply.

[Punitive Measures]

Article 52 1. If any of the following Items (1), (2) or (3) is applicable to any member of the Organization, the Secretary-General may appoint a person, who is a Director of the Organization or in the position of leader, and may instruct the person to conduct necessary investigation about the matter or to necessary guidance to the member.

- (1) When a member breaches any of the Statutes, Bylaws, or other rules or regulations, or a variety of instructions issued by the Organization;
- (2) When a member's sayings and doings are deemed as violating the objective and creed of the Organization and/or as detrimental to the achievement of the objectives of the Organization.
- (3) When a member is subject to criminal punishment due to a breach of laws and ordinances of the relevant country or to a supplementary suit filed against the member, and is deemed as such that his/her continued position or membership with the Organization may bring dishonor upon the Organization.

2. After taking the action as set forth in Paragraph 1 of this article, the Board of Directors of the Organization shall notify the relevant member to cease his/her activities temporarily upon approval of the President of the Organization and shall provide him/her with an opportunity to defend himself/herself by designating a period of no more than 30 days after that notification.

3. The Secretary-General may take necessary actions against the relevant member, such as disciplinary confinement, dismissal from his/her position, removal of his/her name from the membership roll, or dissolution (of a group member) based on the resolution of the Board of Directors.

4. The Secretary-General may also submit his/her recommendation to the President about how to treat such a member, including the demotion or forfeiture of his/her status in the Shorinji Kempo qualification system after being examined by the Board of Directors.

[Enforcement of Punitive Measures]

Article 53 1. The provisions for punitive treatments as described under the Article hereof above shall be implemented subject to the resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Organization, providing that the dismissal of any member from his/her position and the removal of any member from the membership roll shall require two-thirds or more of votes for such a treatment cast by members of the Board of Directors.

2. Demotion, disqualification or any other severe treatment in the Shorinji Kempo qualification system due to any measure taken under the Article above shall be decided on by the President after being examined by the Board of Directors.

Chapter XII Bylaws and Regulations

[Bylaws and Regulations]

Article 54 The bylaws necessary for implementation of these statutes shall be decided by the Secretary-General through the resolution of the Board of Directors. Provisions necessary for implementation of each Bylaw shall be provided separately by the Secretary-General.

[Committee Rules]

Article 55 The rules necessary for a Special Committee or its members, as set forth in Article 11 hereunder, to get engaged in activities, shall be defined separately by the Secretary-General.

[Abstracts]

Article 56 A variety of abstracts necessary for promoting the activities of the Organization shall be defined separately upon consultation between the Secretary-General and the Secretariat of the Organization.

[Communication]

Article 57 Any and all information about the Statutes, Bylaws, regulations, rules or abstracts issued by the Organization shall be communicated by the Secretariat of the Organization, whether they may be newly established, revised or abolished, providing that means of communicating such information shall not be limited to mail by post.

Additional Clause

These revised Statutes shall take effect from April 1, 2014.

These revised Statutes shall take effect from July 23, 2010.

These revised Statutes shall take effect from July 24, 2009.

These revised Statutes shall take effect from July 1, 2003.

These revised Statutes shall take effect from April 1, 2002.

These revised Statutes shall take effect from July 1, 1998.

These Statutes shall take effect from April 1, 1990.