

THE RULES OF THE BUJINKAN DOJO

1. Our purpose is to live a healthy life, without harming society, by culturing the mutual relationships of Nature and Mankind through the martial ways.
2. All members must have a membership card for the year, issued by Hombu Dojo. There are two types of membership card: **General membership card** and **Shidoshi-Kai membership card**.
 - a. The General membership card applies to members of the Bujinkan Dojo, whether ungraded, Kyu-graded or Dan-graded.
 - b. The Shidoshi-Kai membership card is issued to those who have Fifth Dan and above (called Shidoshi), and to those graded from 1st Dan to 4th Dan (Shidoshi Ho). Members who teach must have a membership card. Those who are not Shidoshi-Kai members are not licensed as teachers and cannot give grades and ranks to students.
3. Members must pay an Annual membership fee of **¥2,000** to Hombu Dojo, in return they will be sent the membership card.
4. The Annual Shidoshi-Kai membership card costs **¥15,000** and has to be paid until the end of January every year.
5. Membership must be renewed every year.
6. Principles of the Shidoshi-Kai:
 - a. Members of the Shidoshi-Kai, graded Fifth Dan and above, can ask to Hombu Dojo for licenses up to Fourth Dan and award these to their students. The diplomas costs are as follows:
 - Kyu grades (Ninth Kyu to First Kyu) **¥3,000** each.
 - First Dan **¥10,000**.
 - Second Dan **¥20,000**.
 - Third Dan **¥30,000**.
 - Fourth Dan **¥40,000**.
 - b. Shidoshi-Ho (from 1st Dan to 4th Dan) can give grades to students up to one grade below themselves. For example, a 1st Dan may award from 9th Kyu up to 1st Kyu, and 2nd Dan may award up to 1st Dan, etc.
7. Only Soke can promote 5th Dan grades and higher, and he evaluates them on the bases of their techniques, character and integrity.
8. Shidoshi and Shidoshi-Ho certificates cost **¥10,000** each.
9. Licenses for 5th Dan and above cost **¥30,000** each.
10. Training emblems cost **¥1,500** for Kyu, **¥2,000** for Shidoshi-Ho, and **¥3,000** for Shidoshi. The stars cost **¥150** each.

11. Lapel pins cost **¥1,500** for Kyu, **¥2,000** for Shidoshi-Ho, and **¥3,000** for Shidoshi.
12. All money must be sent in cash in Japanese Yen. Other currencies or forms of payment are not acceptable.
13. Members will be informed of Soke's activities, such as new Hombu videos and other publications.
14. Only membership cards and licenses issued by Bujinkan Hombu Dojo will be recognized as valid. Those who offend against this principle will be expelled from the Bujinkan Dojo.
 - a. Furthermore, those who break the law (criminals) and those who are mentally abnormal may not become members.
15. The "Bujin" symbol is copyright. If planning to use it you must contact Hombu Dojo for permission.
16. Members must follow Bufu-Ikkan (the martial ways as a principle every day of your life) for the sake of protecting natural justice and happiness through the martial ways, without turning to personal profits and desires.
17. Bujinkan members are responsible for their Dojo and need to contact Hombu Dojo in that purpose; additionally have to build up a community of members.
18. Communication with Hombu Dojo must be in Japanese language. This is to help all business run smoothly, now that Bujinkan has become international. In addition, it is because much of the true nature of the martial ways cannot be expressed except in Japanese.

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