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Initial Criteria for an Applicant MEMBERSHIPS

Rule 6 – Items 23 - 26

23. The following basic pre-requisites are required for an application for membership to be considered:

- a) The Applicant must acknowledge and undertake that, if admitted to membership of the Association, it will abide by and act in accordance with these Rules and such other bylaws, rules or regulations, including the Code of Ethics, as promulgated or published by the Association from time to time.
- b) The Australian Head of Style and/or State Head of Style (as the case may be) must hold a 3rd Dan Grade in a karate style duly recognised by the Association.
- c) All internal branch instructors of the Applicant must hold a Dan Grade level qualification.
- d) The Applicant must, upon demand by the Secretary, produce all grading certificates from a recognised Karate body for all head instructors;
- e) If the grading certificate(s) supplied are deemed to be insufficient proof, the head instructor and all assistant instructors must be assessed by the AIG as to their level of proficiency in
 - Karate Basics;
 - Karate Techniques;
 - Kata;
 - Kumiteto the appropriate level stated by the applicant before the Application will be proceeded with. The AIG's majority decision will be final in relation to this paragraph.

24. In the absence of the above pre-requisites, no application for membership need be considered by the Association.

25. In conducting its inspection, the AIG shall give heed to these Rules and also to the following matters:

- a) The Applicant should have the potential to be able to provide the standard of instruction necessary to enable its individual members to compete at State and National level.
- b) The Applicant must have its own standards and criteria (e.g. grading and
- c) To enable its individual members to advance to the best of the students' abilities in the Association's competition.

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- d) To enable its individual members to advance to the best of the students' abilities in the Association's competition.
- e) In order to be eligible to be able to complete in tournaments organised by or conducted by the Association, at least one individual member of the Applicant must gain an Association Judge's Accreditation of any level. This is to ensure that the Applicant is then aware of safety standards of Association competitions when it becomes a member of the Association.
- f) The Applicant must comply with any other matter as deemed necessary by the Committee or the AIG.
- g) The applying Organisation is to provide a sample class for assessment and such sample class should consist of and be representative of the whole spectrum of student levels, ranging for beginner to advanced in men and women, boys and girls and not primarily of one particular group of grades or persons unless just cause can be shown.
- h) The AIG shall enquire into and report upon the following matters:
 - Venue safety and amenities.
 - Instructors' qualities, teaching style and methods.
 - Discipline.
 - Respect.
 - Attitude.
 - Training, curriculum, standards, methods and techniques covering men, women and children.
 - Safety factors.
 - Etiquette and dress.
 - Ethics and conduct.
 - Organisation's criteria for learning, grading and development.
 - Any other associated factors, including knowledge of awareness of such Federal, State and local laws that may have an application in relation to or impact upon the practice and enjoyment of karate.

26. Notwithstanding anything else contained within these Rules, no Applicant shall be approved either for inspection by an AIG or admission to membership as the case may be, where:

- a) The Rules of the Applicant are insufficient to provide for proper management and control, in respect of the provision of instruction and safety of its individual members.
- b) The provision of instruction in Karate is likely to be for unlawful purpose or prejudicial to public peace, welfare or good order in the Commonwealth of Australia.
- c) The application for membership does not comply with the provisions of any Rules, regulations or by-laws of the Applicant Association made there under.
- d) It would be contrary to public interest for the Applicant to become a member.
- e) Either the AIG or the Association are satisfied that the Applicant applying for membership has been cancelled; or

If it can be seen that the Applicant is part of an organisation or connected to an organisation by State, National or International affiliation to an existing member, unless the application is expressly for admission to Associate Membership.

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