

# **British Judo Association**

## **Nottingham Judo (British Judo Association)**

### **Constitution**

Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Broxtowe, City of Nottingham, Gedling, Newark and Sherwood, Rushcliffe.

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## **Name**

The name shall be Nottingham Judo (British Judo Association) and will be referred to as Nottingham Judo throughout this document.

## **Objects**

The objects of Nottingham Judo shall be:

- a) To support member clubs and individual members of the British Judo Association within the districts designated as Nottinghamshire.
- b) To observe the constitution of Nottingham Judo and implement the memorandum and articles of association of the British Judo Association.

## **Nottinghamshire Districts**

The county of Nottinghamshire includes the districts of Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Broxtowe, City of Nottingham, Gedling, Newark and Sherwood, and Rushcliffe.

## **Membership**

Club membership of Nottingham Judo shall be open to judo clubs within the districts designated as Nottinghamshire. (This includes but is not limited to members of the BJA, BJC, BJC(MAC) and AJA) Individual membership of Nottingham Judo shall be open to all players who live within the districts designated as Nottinghamshire or train regularly at a registered Nottinghamshire club. (This includes but is not limited to members of the BJA, BJC and AJA)

All membership is subject to the approval of Nottingham Judo, and accepted registration with the National Governing Body.

No fee shall be payable for membership of Nottingham Judo.

## **Annual General Meeting**

The committee shall convene a general meeting of member clubs in April / May of each year, or thereabouts. The meeting will be used to present business reports on the various activities within Nottingham Judo, at least three weeks' notice of this meeting, accompanied by the agenda, to be given to member clubs of Nottingham Judo.

The quorum for all general meetings shall be one third of the number of clubs in Nottinghamshire currently registered with the British Judo Association.

## **Extraordinary General Meeting**

The committee or member clubs of Nottingham Judo may require the secretary to convene an extraordinary general meeting of member clubs of Nottingham Judo, at a mutually agreed venue. The secretary giving the member clubs two weeks' notice, accompanied by a statement of the proposed business. The cost of such meeting called by member clubs shall be borne by the said clubs. Member clubs desiring such a meeting shall give the secretary seven weeks notice of their intention.

In the event that an extraordinary general meeting is called, all proposed points must have one named club proposer represented by an authorised licensed individual member and two named club

seconders, represented by two authorised licensed individual members confirming with. Proposers and seconders to be present at the convened E.G.M.

### **Committee**

- a) The committee shall consist of a chairperson, secretary, treasurer and up to eight other members. Five members shall form a quorum.
- b) The committee members of Nottingham Judo shall serve for the term of three years. The committee of Nottingham Judo shall be elected from persons nominated and seconded by member clubs (fully paid up subscription), this nomination, duly proposed and seconded by two member clubs of the county, together with the nominees written acceptance must be in the hands of the secretary of Nottingham Judo six weeks prior to the annual general meeting.

Candidates are to be presented to the member clubs four weeks prior to the annual general meeting. Member clubs will have the opportunity to vote for their preferred committee members at the annual general meeting.

Members (individual) who are nominated, as potential committee members will have a minimum period of three years continuous full paid active membership immediately prior to nomination.

- c) The committee shall conduct the business of Nottingham Judo in accordance with this constitution and with the constitution of the British Judo Association.
- d) The committee shall have the power to co-opt persons to fill committee vacancies.
- e) All officers shall hold current individual licences of the British Judo Association.
- f) Each year at the time of the annual general meeting, after serving three continuous years committee members shall stand for re-election. Member clubs to be informed by the secretary a minimum of eight weeks prior to the annual general meeting of the positions standing down or re-standing.
- g) That any committee member must have a 75% attendance at committee meetings, otherwise they will not be eligible to stand for committee the following year.

### **Selection of Chairperson**

- a) The candidate standing for this position should be selected from any BJA member representing a member club of Nottingham Judo.
- b) He or she must have been a British Judo Association Licence holder for a minimum of three years continuously and have been a British Judo Association registered Nottinghamshire club member for a minimum of two years.
- c) The term of office should be for a period of three years.
- d) Candidates standing for election should put their names forward a minimum of six weeks prior to the annual general meeting or other duly notified election, there is to be no limitations as to how many applicants may apply for this position. The candidate's names to be forwarded to Nottinghamshire clubs four weeks prior to the annual general meeting for voting on.
- e) All votes should be received by the secretary at the latest one day before the annual general meeting.

- f) All voting papers will be opened at the meeting, on the day of and prior to the commencement of the annual general meeting.
- g) The current chairperson after their three year's term of office may stand for re-election.
- h) If a chairperson relinquishes their position before the finish of their three year term of office is completed then the vice chairperson will assume the position of chairperson until such time that the selection of candidates can be made from Nottinghamshire and presented to the member clubs for voting on in accordance to item (d)

### **Non Committee Officers**

The Committee shall have the power to appoint any other officers whose service may be needed from time to time in pursuance of the objects of Nottingham Judo.

### **Financial Year**

The financial year of Nottingham Judo shall be from the 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Voting and Representation**

- a) All general meetings shall be open to Individual senior members of Nottingham Judo and who hold a current Licence of the British Judo Association.
- b) Only individuals (who qualify as in (a) who have written permission to act as representatives of member clubs shall have the right to register votes, on behalf of the members of the club which they represent.
- c) Member clubs represented will have one vote per item only
- d) No proxy votes allowed
- e) In the event of votes being evenly cast then the chairperson shall have the casting vote.

### **Events within Nottinghamshire**

Nottingham Judo will endeavour to organise Nottinghamshire based training sessions, events and courses throughout each year, open to all Nottingham Judo members who hold a current British Judo licence. From time to time, events will be held that will be open to other areas of the British Judo Association. An event manager will be responsible for all Nottingham Judo events. He / She will be aided by an event committee. Member clubs wishing to run their own events are asked to notify the Nottingham Judo secretary in advance of any event to ensure that clashes in the calendar are avoided.

### **Coach/Volunteer Education within Nottinghamshire**

Nottingham Judo will endeavour to organise a minimum of one Coach Revalidation event and one Volunteer (Referee / Officiating) course per year for members over the age of 16.

Similar events will be organised when available for junior players.

Nottingham Judo will fund the cost of refereeing / officiating courses for any member willing to use their qualifications to help Nottingham Judo run events.

Nottingham Judo will aim to source funding for any coach wanting to undertake UKCC Level 3 training, as long as that person intends to use this training to support the county as a whole.

### **Events and Coach/Volunteer Education outside of Nottinghamshire**

Nottingham Judo will endeavour to organise travel and accommodation where necessary for any Nottingham Judo members to any event that is deemed to be beneficial to the development of Judo for Nottingham Judo members. Nottingham Judo will also consider subsidising the cost attending these events to ensure that members are not excluded due to financial constraints.

### **Athlete Funding**

Nottingham Judo will when funds allow consider applications from Nottingham Judo members and clubs to support developments and their selected pathway within the sport of Judo.

### **Termination of membership**

The committee of Nottingham Judo shall be empowered to recommend the termination of the membership of any member club or individual, the continuation of whose membership is considered to be prejudicial to the interests of this association and of Judo. Such a member shall have the right to appeal to a general meeting or member clubs, three weeks' notice of such an appeal being given by the secretary of the County, in writing to all member clubs. Any member desiring such a meeting shall give the secretary one weeks' notice of their intention. Non payment of subscriptions and other dues, shall, after due notice from the Nottingham Judo committee be deemed to mean termination of membership unless the member club can produce satisfactory explanations to the committee within one month.

### **Amendments to constitution**

Any amendments to the constitution of Nottingham Judo must be duly proposed and seconded by two member clubs of Nottingham Judo, or by the Nottingham Judo committee and be approved by a two-thirds majority of the member clubs present at an annual general meeting or extraordinary general meeting of clubs. Notice of such an amendment must reach the Nottingham Judo secretary at least twenty-eight days before the general meeting: three weeks' notice of such an amendment to the given in writing to all member clubs.

### **Matters not covered by the constitution**

The Nottingham Judo committee is empowered to decide upon Nottingham Judo matters not covered by the constitution.

### **Bye Laws**

In order to facilitate the execution of its duties, the Nottingham Judo committee shall be empowered to make, amend or repeal byelaws. Any change made in this way, to byelaws shall be submitted to the first ensuing general meeting.

## **Dissolution**

If upon dissolution of Nottingham Judo there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the member clubs, but shall be given or transferred to such other Institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of this area as may be determined by the member clubs at or before the time of dissolution, and subject to any such determination, such property shall be given or transferred to such charitable Institutions having as their objects the promotion of amateur sport as may be determined by a judge of the High Court of Justice, having jurisdiction in regard to charitable funds, and in so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then to some charitable object.

Officers Signatures:

Date:

Date:

Chairperson

Secretary