

Constitution of the Aikido Club at North Carolina State University

Article 1 – Name

This club's official name is: Aikido Club at North Carolina State University.

Article 2 – Mission Statement

The Aikido Club at NCSU will provide instruction in the art of Aikido to various students and faculty of NC State University. Club members should grow personally as they learn the principles of non-resistance, respect, and discipline.

Article 3 – How the Club is to Function

Section I

The Aikido Club at NCSU will meet regularly to receive instruction from a high-ranking practitioner. These meetings can be referred to as classes or as practices, because instruction and practice will both take place.

Section II

The club is considered a branch of Raleigh Aikikai, our parent dojo located in downtown Raleigh. The club is not a separate dojo.

Section III

The instructor shall be chosen by our parent dojo, and shall receive no payment.

Section IV

One or more alternate instructors may be chosen by the dojo.

Section V

The club should practice in the gym, with a mat to pad the floor.

Section VI

The kamiza (picture of the founder of Aikido) will be set in front of the mat when the club practices.

Section VII

Members shall follow all the traditional protocol when on the mat, as dictated by the precedent set by our parent dojo, including bowing when entering and exiting the mat (bow from sitting).

Section VIII

If the no instructor is unable to attend, open practice will be held. No kamiza will be set up, no one will bow when entering the mat, and there will be only practice, no formal instruction.

Article 4 – Membership

Section I

Any person affiliated with North Carolina State University is welcome to become a member. Undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty are most commonly in attendance, but anyone who has an NCSU ID and can get into the gym may join.

Section II

Club members will be allowed to attend all practices, but are not encouraged to practice outside of the gym. Practicing outdoors with friends can be dangerous.

Section III

Members shall each pay dues of \$30 per semester. Dues are subject to change occasionally.

Section IV

Members who advance enough to test for a new rank will take the test at Raleigh Aikikai in front of a panel. They will then start paying affiliation dues to the United States Aikido Federation. The club usually pays for this and for the test.

Section V

The head of Raleigh Aikikai will determine when a member is ready to take a rank test.

Section VI

The instructor has the right to ask a member to leave the club if he or she is too violent, or is behaving inappropriately.

Article 5 – Officers

Section I

The club officer positions include President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Only the President and Treasurer are mandatory for club operation.

Section II

Officers will be selected by instructors and other officers, and asked if they would volunteer for the job.

Section III

The club officers will do their duties according to the Club Sports Handbook outline of duties.

Section IV

One of the officers will be in charge of making sure attendance is taken and the kamiza gets set up.

Section V

The club officers are in charge of setting up a monthly field trip to Raleigh Aikikai, where members will practice with higher-ranking practitioners and will meet the head of the dojo.

Section VI

Officers are in charge of recruiting more members.

Section VII

Officers serve for as long as they are effective, or until they graduate. Officers can be removed by consensus amongst other officers and the instructors.