

## **Articles: “International Hon-Do-Ryu Karate Organization”**

### **§ 1. Name, Chair and Financial Year**

**1. The organization goes by the name:**

**“International Hon-Do-Ryu Karate Organisation” (IHDR-KO)**

**2. The form of organization is the unincorporated association.**

**3. The chair of the organization is Haar.**

**4. The chair of the organization is supposed to be the president’s residence.**

**5. The financial year of the organization is the calendar year.**

### **§ 2. Purpose and Task**

**1. The purpose of the organization is the promotion of sport, especially of the Hon-Do-Ryu Karate. The articles purpose is carried out through continuous training, the performance of seminars and examinations.**

### **§ 3. Public Utility**

**1. The organization is following, exclusively and directly, non-profit purposes in terms of the chapter “tax-privileged purposes” of the general tax code, here § 52.**

**2. The organization is working selflessly; it does not follow commercial purposes in the first instance.**

**3. Means of the organization are only to be used for purposes according to the articles. Members do not receive benefits from the means of the organization.**

**4. Nobody is to be favored through expenses, which are alien to the purposes of the organization, or through disproportional high ones.**

#### **§ 4. Membership**

**1. The organization consists of the founder members, proper members (from the 5<sup>th</sup> Dan Hon-Do-Ryu Karate), special Members (up to the 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Hon-Do-Ryu-Karate) and honorary members. The founder members and proper members own the right to vote and suffrage. Special members and honorary members own neither the right to vote nor suffrage.**

**2. The application for membership has to be sent to the board of directors in written form. The executive board decides on the application. Are they declining the application, the applicant can enter an objection within four weeks after the written notification of decline, the next general meeting will terminally decide over the objection.**

**Being sent an IHDR-KO pass equals the explicit written approval to the acceptance of the executive board. Every individual member affirms its membership by signing its pass and therewith approves the IHDR-KO articles.**

**3. The membership expires on resignation, death, exclusion or annulment of the organization.**

**4. The notice of resignation has to be sent to the board of directors in written form. The resignation is allowed of the adherence of a four week cancellation period to the end of the particular calendar year.**

**5. A member can be expelled from the organization by the executive board:**

- Because of failing duties according to the articles or disobeying directions of the organizations elements**
- Because of a severe offence against the interest of the organization**
- Because of dishonorable actions**

**6. The discharge results from the decision of the board of directors who will give the concerned the opportunity of response in advance.**

**7. At leaving the organization every claim on the club funds as well as all the rest of the rights and duties from the membership expire.**

#### **§ 5. Contributions**

**1. The level of the life-time-fee is fixed by the general meeting.**

**2. The life-time-fee is due at entry.**

**3. Honorary members are freed from the obligation to contribute.**

## **§ 6. Elements Of The Organization**

The elements of the organization are:

- The general meeting
- The board of directors / chairmanship

## **§ 7. General Meeting**

1. The highest element of decision for every matter of the organization is the general meeting (founder- and proper members) except for the style-specific concerns which are reserved the chief-instructors decision.

2. The general meeting has to be held at least once a year and has to be called up in written form within a two weeks term with a notification of the anticipated order of the day. It is conducted by the chairman, if hindered by the vice chairman.

3. Propositions on supplements to the order of the day have to be conveyed in written form within one week before the meeting at the latest.

4. On request of at least one third of the members a general meeting has to be called up within a four weeks term. The agenda items to be covered have to be listed in the request.

5. The general meeting is having a quorum without regarding the number of the present members.

6. The decision will be made on the simple majority of the issued valid votes.

7. At equality of votes the request is rejected. A change in articles can only be decided on a two third majority of the present members who are entitled to vote.

8. Enfranchisement is not allowed.

9. A record has to be made of the composed decision by the recorder which has to be signed by himself and the chairman. The record has to contain place and time of the meeting as well as the results of the decisions and votes.

## **§ 8. Board Of Directors / Chairmanship**

1. The board of directors consists of 5 members:

- The chairman
- The vice chairman
- The speaker for public relation

- The treasurer
- The chief-instructor as assessor

2. The board of directors will be appointed during the founder meeting of the organization for a five year term.

3. The chairman and the vice chairman are the executive board in terms of § 26 of the BGB (Bundesgesetzbuch). They conduct the business dealings and only they are authorized to represent the organization.

4. The chief-instructor belongs to the chairmanship as an assessor. He will be appointed during the founder meeting of the organization for lifetime. The chief-instructor decides on the style specific issues of the organization.

5. The chief-instructor is in charge of appointing honorary members.

6. The executive board conducts the business dealings according to the decisions and guidelines of the general meeting. Therefore it will be invited by the chairman of the general meeting as the need arises.

7. The executive board represents the organization judicially and extrajudicial.

8. It will be decided internally that the vice chairman can only make use of the power of representation if the chairman is hindered.

9. Temporarily the executive board can decide on membership fees and dues and they can implement them until the definite approval of the general meeting.

10. The board of directors has a quorum if only two board members are at present. It can make decisions on a simple majority. An equality of votes is to be considered as rejection.

11. The treasurer administrates the organizations cash and he / she keeps an account of the expenses and the incomes. He / She settles payments for the organization at the board of directors' disposition. At the annual general meeting the treasurer has to give a report of accounts on the expenses, incomes and the status of the organizations cash.

### **§ 9. Name – Emblem – And Licensing Laws**

1. The original emblem of Hon-Do-Ryu, created by Georg Nicolau, is protected by law. The organization has the approval to use the original emblem so long Georg Nicolau remains chief-instructor. The usage demands the written approval of the chairman.

**Illegal usage of any kind will be punished!!!**

2. The licensing laws remain with the Hon-Do-Ryu founder and chief-instructor, Georg Nicolau.

### **§ 10. Liability**

1. No liability is assumed by the IHDR-KO for instructions, courses, seminars etc. In case of an accident the member is assuming del credere liability.

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### **§ 11. Cancellation Of The Organization**

1. The cancellation of the organization can only be decided during a general meeting which has to be called up for exactly that matter. Furthermore it needs the approval of three fourth of the present members.

2. At cancellation of the organization or by loss of its previous purpose the assets of the organization go to the “Deutsches Rotes Kreuz” which has to use the assets directly and exclusively for non-commercial and charitable purposes. The chairman and the vice chairman are mutual representing liquidators.

### **§ 12. Validity Of The Articles**

These articles were agreed and approved on the 01.06.2003  
*The board of directors*