

# Northern Ireland – International Taekwon-Do Federation



## CONSTITUTION

### DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution and Rules the following words and phrases shall have the meaning here set alongside them:-

"The Tenets of Taekwon-Do"	The received Tenets of Taekwon-Do being briefly, Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self Control and Indomitable Spirit.
"NI-ITF"	Northern Ireland - International Taekwon-Do Federation
"I T F"	The International Taekwon-Do Federation.
"The Rules of I T F"	The Constitution Rules, Regulations and By-Laws of ITF for the time being from time to time in force.
"The Encyclopaedia"	This refers to the 15 volume and the Condensed version of the books of Taekwon-Do written by the Founder General Choi Hong Hi
"Instructor/s"	Refers to either Sabum / Boo Sabum for purpose of this document

## OBJECTIVES

The Federation is formed:-

- I. To become the National Governing Body for the International Taekwon-Do Federation in Northern Ireland.
- II. To become the central communication, administrative and liaison body for the International Taekwon-Do Federation in Northern Ireland.
- III. To promote in Northern Ireland the Korean National Art of self-defence known as Taekwon-Do and to promote observance of the Tenets of Taekwon-Do.
- IV. To supervise the instruction provided by affiliated organisations, schools and clubs in Northern Ireland. To ensure compliance with international standards of instruction and grading as stipulated by the I.T.F.
- V. To ensure compliance by affiliated organisations, schools and members in Northern Ireland with the Rules of I.T.F. Upon pain of which, such affiliated organisations, schools or members being suspended or expelled from affiliation with or membership of the NI-ITF and thereby losing recognition by I.T.F.
- VI. To organise and select competitive members from within Northern Ireland to represent Northern Ireland as the official team/s at international events.
- VII. To comply in all respects with the Rules of I.T.F. and to become an affiliated member organisation of I.T.F.

## MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership of the NI-ITF shall be submitted to the President in writing.

### **Qualification for Membership:**

- a) Membership is available to Taekwon-Do Schools and Organisations based in Northern Ireland.
- b) Instructors must be residents of Northern Ireland.
- c) Instructors must be ITF Certified Black Belts.
- d) Provisional Membership will apply until a Full Membership criterion is met.
- e) NI-ITF Annual membership / registration fee fully paid

To obtain full membership the following prerequisites must be complied with:

### **1. Membership**

- a) Schools ideally should have a minimum of 30 active members.
- b) Instructors must be fully paid up holders of an ITF main gym plaque.
- c) Instructors must have full professional indemnity Insurance
- d) Instructors must have CRB police check certificate
- e) Instructors must attend the first available ITF International Course available in Northern Ireland after joining.
- f) Instructors must ensure all black belts become ITF certificated.
- g) Be prepared to have all qualifications and membership details independently verified.

### **2. General**

- a) All applicants must complete and return an NI-ITF Membership Application Form.
- b) Provisional members may appoint one representative with a voting right to attend council meetings.
- c) Full members may appoint two representatives with full voting rights to attend NI-ITF council meetings.
- d) Full support must be shown for NI-ITF events by their members at all times.

## ADMINISTRATION

- a) A general meeting shall take place annually.
- b) The NI-ITF council will meet once annually.
- c) The cost of meetings will be met and shared equally by all member organisations.
- d) Voting on the NI-ITF will be by simple majority of members present and entitled to vote.
- e) Meetings of the NI-ITF will have minutes taken and the minutes kept and properly preserved by a nominated person.
- f) The minutes will be circulated to all member organisations.
- g) General communication will be via e-mail.
- h) Communication through any other media other than e-mail may be requested by a member, the cost for that communication must be met by requesting member.
- i) Items for discussion or inclusion at a meeting should be circulated with any pre-reading material at a reasonable amount of time prior to the meeting.
- j) Electronic mail, regular mail and telephone can be used to make decisions on any topic where deemed necessary. All registered members will be included.
- k) It is the responsibility of members to keep their contact information up to date with the council secretariat.

## DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

Any contravention of the aforementioned Rules & Regulations will be subject to a Disciplinary Hearing by the Council.

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