

# Constitution for Reading West AIWAKAI

## 1. Name of the Club

The name of the club shall be **Reading West AIWAKAI**.

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## 2. Objectives

The objectives of the club are to:

- Promote traditional Japanese karate as a physical and mental discipline.
  - Encourage participation in karate irrespective of ability, age, or background.
  - Foster a sense of community through regular training and events.
  - Support the personal development of members through martial arts training.
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## 3. Membership

- **Eligibility:** Membership is open to anyone aged **6 years or older**.
  - **Application:** Individuals wishing to become members must complete a membership application.
  - **Rights:** Members have the right to participate in all club activities, vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), and receive club communications.
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## 4. Membership Fees

- Fees shall be set by the management committee and reviewed on a term by term basis.
  - Fees shall be payable at the beginning of a term, and non-payment may result in suspension of training privileges.
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## 5. Management Committee

- The club shall be managed by a committee consisting of **at least three and no more than five** members.
- Committee members shall be elected at the AGM and serve for a term of **one year**.

- The committee is responsible for the administration of the club, including setting the training schedule, managing finances, and organizing events.
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## 6. Meetings

- **Annual General Meeting (AGM):** An AGM shall be held once per year to:
    - Review the club's activities and finances.
    - Elect committee members.
    - Discuss proposals from members.
  - **Extraordinary Meetings:** An extraordinary meeting may be called at the discretion of the committee or on the written request of **at least five** members.
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## 7. Code of Conduct

- Members are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship, respect their instructors and fellow members, and adhere to the rules of safe training and conduct.
  - Disciplinary actions, including warnings or expulsion, may be taken against members who violate this code.
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## 8. Financial Management

- The club's finances shall be managed by the treasurer, who will maintain accurate records of all income and expenses.
  - Accounts will be audited annually, and a financial report will be presented during the AGM.
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## 9. Amendments to the Constitution

- This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the AGM or an extraordinary meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at least **14 days** in advance.
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## **10. Dissolution**

- In the event of dissolution, any assets remaining after the payment of debts shall be transferred to a sports charity or organization decided upon by the remaining members.
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## **11. Adoption of the Constitution**

This constitution shall be adopted upon the approval of a majority of the founding members of Reading West AIWAKAI.

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This constitution aims to provide structure and governance for club operations while promoting the core principles of traditional Japanese karate.