



British Judo Council Lancashire Area Constitution 19th May 2002.

Name & Object.

- 1) The Name of the Area is, **”The Lancashire Area “** of the BJC.
- 2) The Primary object of the Area shall be to foster and develop the study and spirit of Judo in accordance with BJC policy (Kodokan Judo & Kyu Shin Do Philosophy) and to afford facilities to that end.

Executive

- 3) The Executive Officers of the Area shall comprise of the following **elected** members.
Area Representative/Chairman, Assistant Area Representative/Secretary and Treasurer.
(See clause 42 BJC BYE-LAWS)

Area Committee.

- 4) Shall comprise of the Executive Officers and one or more other member (subject to a maximum of eight inclusive of the Executive) as duly elected.
All members of the Area Committee shall retire each year but shall be eligible for re-election if nominated.

Elections.

- 5) Area Representative /Chairman, Assistant Area Representative /Secretary, shall be by nomination by any member of the Area. Nominations shall be forwarded to the Chairman (Area Representative) in writing two calendar months before the date of the annual general meeting of the Area, together with the written consent of the members so nominated. All nominations shall be circulated to the Member Clubs of the Area, fourteen clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Area (see 14). Such nominations shall be seconded at the A.G.M.
- 6) Treasurer & other Members of the Area Committee shall be by nomination by a member from the floor of the Annual General Meeting of the Area. All nominations shall be duly seconded by a member of the Area in attendance. If no nomination for the post of Treasurer is received then the Area Committee have the authority to appoint a Treasurer. Such an appointment would not entail any voting rights.
- 7) All members of the Area Executive and Area Committee shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the Area members present at the Annual General Meeting.
- 8) Area Committee shall have the authority to co-opt members for a specific purpose. Such co-opted members have no voting rights associated with the elected Area Committee.
- 9) Four members of the Area Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 10) The services of all Officials of the Area shall be honorary.

Members of the Area.

- 11) A person shall be a Member of the Area provided that he/she:
- i) Holds a current Licence of the British Judo Council.
 - ii) Is of the age of 16 years or over.
 - iii) Has at least six months membership with the British Judo Council and resides (generally) within the boundaries of the Area.
 - iv) Is not a member of any other Area.

FINANCIAL YEAR.

- 12) The Financial Year of the Area shall be the 1st of January to the 31st of December.

GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE AREA. (GM)

- i. Only members of the Area have the right to vote at an AGM of the Area. Subject to clause 43, BJC BYE-LAWS.
 - ii. Attendees must produce a current BJC licence.
 - iii. A register must be taken and appended to the minutes of the meeting.
 - iv. Members of the Area may if they wish, propose a vote of confidence or otherwise in the Technical Office of the Area.
- 13) The **Annual General Meeting** of the Area shall be held in the month of March or at such time as close to March as deemed convenient by the Area Committee. Notice of the meeting shall be notified to the members clubs of the Area three calendar months prior to the date of the intended meeting. Such notice will give solely the date of the meeting and inform that nominations and business to be discussed must be advised in writing to the Area Committee. (See Clause 5).
- 14) The full agenda of the Annual General Meeting, including nominations for Area Representative/Chairman Assistant Area Representative/Secretary and accounts shall be communicated by notice to all member clubs fourteen clear days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 15) The Treasurer will submit accounts of the Area to the meeting for approval
- 16) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting will be circulated to the member clubs of the Area within 30 days of the meeting.

EGM

- 17) The Area Committee may convene an EGM at their discretion. They shall give a minimum of seven days and maximum of twenty days notice of any such meeting.
- 18) 20 members of the Area, who shall advise the Area Committee by means of a document signed, by the 20 members, may convene an EGM of the Area.

MEMBERS CLUBS OF THE AREA.

- 20) Shall be those clubs generally located within the boundaries of the Area that elect to pay the required affiliation fee to the Area. Member clubs will receive Area circulars & notices free.
- 21) The affiliation fee shall be such sum as may be decided, from time to time, by the Area Committee in meeting and shall be paid annually dating from the 1st of January.

TECHNICAL DIRECTION.

- 22) In accordance with BJC policy, the Technical Administration of the Area shall be under the direction and authority of the Area Technical Officer appointed by the President of the British Judo Council. (The appointee is generally the Senior Grade of the Area but this is not necessarily so).

GENERAL MANAGEMENT

- 23) The Area Committee shall carry out the General Management of the affairs of the Area.
- 24) The Area Committee shall be the Disciplinary Committee of the Area.

FINANCES OF THE AREA.

- 25) The Finance Committee shall be the Treasurer and members of the Area Committee.
- 26) A Bank or Building Society account shall be held in the name of the Area
- 27) Cheques drawn on the Area account must bear two agreed signatures and not be family members.
- 28) In the event of dissolution of the Area, BJC Ltd must be advised of the disposal of all Area assets including remaining monies, which can be:
 - i. Distributed evenly to the residual Member Clubs of the Area.
 - ii. Be donated to an agreed Charity.
 - iii. Be gifted to BJC Ltd.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROPOSAL TO THE A.G.M. OF THE AREA.

- 29) Shall be notified to the Secretary Assistant Area Representative two calendar months prior to the date of the AGM and shall be circulated by notice to the Member Clubs of the Area fourteen clear days prior to the Annual General Meeting. (See clause 14).
- 30) Resolutions for amendments to the Area Constitution must be carried by 75% of the eligible voting members present.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

- 31) Shall be a minimum of three per year and shall be open to representatives of all member clubs of the Area should they wish to attend. Only elected Members of the Area Committee have the authority or right to vote on any issue.