

NCR Technical Committee
Proposal for Establishing the Purpose and Structure of the Committee
November 2011;

Purpose

Develop, manage and evolve the Traditional Karate North Central Regional (NCR) technical curriculum.

Function

- Conduct technical research and development of Traditional Karate.
- Conduct and manage sanctioned rank examinations.
- Oversee NCR regional tournaments and seminars.
- Educate and train instructors and students on the aspects and enhancements of traditional karate principles, techniques and strategies.
- Manage matters concerning the technical aspects of Traditional Karate in the North Central Region.
- Present a written report to the NCR Board of Governors at its Annual Meeting.
- The entire committee meets at least once a year to plan for the upcoming year. Smaller, and less formal meetings will also take place throughout the year.

Committee

- Chair: Sensei Robert Fusaro will chair the Technical Committee until such time as he wishes to step down or retire. This must be approved by the NCR Board of Governors.
- Vice-Chair: Two-year term elected by the Senior and Junior Council, maximum of two consecutive terms. The Vice-Chair will work with the Chair on the day to day activities of the Technical Committee.
- If it becomes necessary to elect a new chair, this will be in conjunction with NCR officer elections, unless a special election is necessary.
- Membership is open to NCR members only. AAKF membership is required. Dan ranks must be registered with the ITKF.

- Senior Council Member: Yondan or above required, each member has two votes in official decision making; no term limits.
- Junior Council Member: Nidan or Sandan, each member has one vote official in decision making; no term limits
- New members must submit a written application to the chair by November 30th of each calendar year.
- Decision for acceptance or rejection will be made by the Committee no later than December 15th of each calendar year. The Chair will decide which applicants will be brought before the committee.
- Chair will put to vote all new membership; 51% approval of the Technical Committee is required for admission.
- Existing members must submit a written notice by November 30th of each calendar year for membership renewal or volunteer termination.
- The Technical Committee will be limited to 15 total members per year (Senior and Junior members combined). We may vote each year to change the number of total members.
- Existing members will automatically have a place on the committee, if they desire to continue for another year.
- If there are more applicants than openings, the most qualified applicants will be accepted first. For equally qualified applicants, the one who submitted their application first will be picked.

Role of Acting Chair

- The Vice-Chair will assist the Chair as necessary in any or all of the following duties.
- Takes the leadership of the NCR Technical Committee ensuring its effectiveness and setting its agenda.
- Ensures that NCR Officers and Technical Committee members receive accurate, timely and clear communication.
- Receive and handle all incoming requests for committee membership, and volunteer termination and forced termination notices.

- Evaluate committee members and their performance.
- Manage all research projects and related presentations to the NCR Council and/or other pertinent organizations.
- Succession planning to ensure the spirit and principles of traditional karate continues through future NCR leaders.

Membership and Participation Requirements

- Senior Council Member: Yondan or above required.
- Junior Council Member: Nidan or Sandan.
- All members must have more than 10 years training experience.
- All committee members must either be an instructor at a AAKF registered club, or have participated in at least one AAKF National Tournament within the last 5 years (either as a competitor or have taken the judging seminar)
- Each member must participate in the planning or teaching of at least one NCR sanctioned event per year.
- Must attend at least one regional seminar or camp.
- Must attend the annual planning meeting, unless a valid excuse is accepted by the Chair.
- Each member must participate in at least four of the monthly training sessions. See the section “Monthly Training Sessions” below for exact requirements.
- Each member will participate in online discussions and voting. Unanswered email could be cause for dismissal.

Procedure for Membership Termination

- Volunteer termination can be made by written message (see above).
- Forced termination can be applied to members who fails to comply with committee requirements and/or any other related activities that

undermine or jeopardize the status of NCR and/or Technical Committee.

- Any NCR member can motion to the committee chair for termination of another member.
- The motion will be put to vote to the committee members.
- 2/3rd majority vote for termination is required for forced termination to be officially valid.
- The decision can be contested by the terminated member with a written notice requesting a grievance hearing to the chair; by which a chair will set up time for the hearing.
- Grievance Hearing must be attended by the Chair, at least two Senior Council Members and at least one Junior Council Member.

Monthly Training Sessions

Sessions will be held in a different location each month (or most months). The location and instructors, as well as the general topic, for the next month's session will be determined at the end of each session.

Sessions will not meet in December and June.

Classes are 90 minutes.

Sessions are open to Technical Committee members only, unless invited as a special guest.

The first 45 minutes will be conducted by a Senior Committee member. This will help us become familiar with the teaching styles and approaches used by senior instructors.

The second 45 minutes will be conducted by a Junior Committee member. This will allow the less experience instructors to get feedback from senior members.

Sensei Fusaro will oversee the sessions, and offer comments, if he desires. If Sensei is unable to attend, the most senior member will present him with a report on the session.

Sensei Fusaro will instruct during one session each quarter. In this case, a senior committee member will conduct the second half of the session.

A brief meeting will be held after the training session to discuss the upcoming NCR events.

2011 NCR Technical Committee Members

- Chair: Robert Fusaro
- Senior Council Members: Joel Ertl, Al Kotula, Michael Fusaro, Art Wong
- Junior Council Members: