

Bye-laws of the A.E.J.F. Midland Region

1. Bye-Laws

- i.* The executive committee have the power to make bye-laws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the region provided the same are not inconsistent with the national bye-laws of the All England Judo Federation or, inconsistent with the National or Regional constitution.
- ii.* The executive committee have the power to make, alter, suspend or rescind bye-laws so long as this is consistent with 1.*i.*
- iii.* Notice of any new, altered, suspended or rescinded bye-laws will be given to members and published before the next general meeting for full ratification.
- iv.* New, altered, suspended or rescinded bye-laws can only be ratified at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extra-Ordinary Meeting which has been called solely for the purpose of the ratification of new, altered, suspended or rescinded bye-laws.
- v.* The ratification of any new, altered, suspended or rescinded bye-laws will require a majority of at least two thirds of the members present voting in favour of the ratification.

2. Membership

2.1 Individual

Any person holding a current All England Judo Federation license will be considered a member of the Region unless barred from membership for reasons in line with the region's constitution.

2.2 Club

A member club will be any club with senior members who hold a current All England Judo Federation license.

3. Executive Committee

The executive committee will be elected, in line with the region's constitution, from and by the members.

4. Meetings

4.1 Meetings will be held to comply with the regions constitution.

4.2 Voting

Where a vote is called for the following will apply-

- i.* In the case of an Executive Committee Meeting each member will be allowed one vote.
- ii.* In order that a proposal be carried at any Executive Committee Meeting there must be a clear majority of 1 vote in favour.
- iii.* In the case of an Executive Committee Meeting where the vote is tied the Chairperson will have the casting vote.
- iv.* In the case of an Open Region meeting each member club may appoint one person who holds an All England Judo Federation license to vote on any proposals. This is in addition to any executive committee member who are members of the said club.
- v.* In order that a proposal be carried at any Open Region meeting there must be a clear majority of 1 vote in favour.
- vi.* In the case of an Open Region meeting where the vote is tied the Chairperson will have the casting vote.
- vii.* In the case of an Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary General meeting any member of the region, who holds a current license in the All England Judo Federation, will be entitled to one vote on any proposal.
- viii.* In order that a proposal be carried at an Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary Meeting there must be a clear majority of 1 vote in favour. This does not apply to the

ratification of new, altered, suspended or rescinded bye-laws where a majority of at least two thirds of the members present at the meeting will be required.

- ix. In the case of any Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting where the vote is tied the Chairperson will have the casting vote.
- x. Votes by proxy can only be accepted when submitted in writing in a sealed envelope.
- xi. Proxy votes can only be applied to the proposal for which they are intended. Such proposals having been put forward in line with **4.3.i**.

4.3 Proposals

- i.* Any proposal put forward for consideration must be made in writing to the secretary in sufficient time that such proposals may be communicated to the members who are eligible to participate in the meeting at which it will be considered.
- ii.* Should a proposal be put forward during any meeting the exact wording of any proposal must be agreed upon and recorded in writing before any vote may take place.

5. Gradings

5.1 Guidelines

All gradings will be conducted to meet with All England Judo Federation guidelines.

5.2 Eligibility for Grading

Only judoka who are members of the All England Judo Federation may be graded

5.3 In club gradings

The grading of judoka up to and including 1st kyu may be carried out in club.

5.4 Dan Gradings

The grading of players from first Dan to fifth Dan can only be conducted at a Regional or National Dan Grading

5.5 Appointment of a Grading Panel

In the case of a Dan Grading the executive committee will appoint a grading panel.

5.6 Panel Make-up

- i.* The panel will consist of three Dan Grades at least one of which will be at least one grade higher than the grade to be awarded.
- ii.* Where possible the panel should consist of Dan Grades from three different clubs.

5.7 Cost of Gradings

- i.* The charge to be levied on members for in club gradings will be decided by the executive committee.
- ii.* The charge to be levied on members for Dan Gradings will be set so as to meet national guidelines.
- iii.* A percentage of the charges for in club gradings will be transferred to the area. This percentage to be decided by the executive committee.

6. These bye-laws are binding upon every member of the Midland Region of the All England Judo Federation.