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Association of Martial Artists World Wide
(A for profit LLC)
About us:

We are a diverse group of people with differing levels of skills, talents, and knowledge. We have come together to form an association that has no style boundaries, promotes all fighting arts, and encourages the fellowship among martial artist. The founder is Soke/Master Jonathan A. French, creator and developer of the Joshiki Self-Defense system.

AMAWW is a nationally and internationally recognized association. We provide standardized rank accreditation and promotion guidelines that are universally applied to all martial artists regardless of their training style, methods, or philosophies.

We are committed to ensuring integrity and maintaining the highest standard of all martial artists worldwide.

Name:

The name of the association shall be the “Association of Martial Artists World Wide” but may be referred to as “AMAWW” or “the Association”.

Mission Statement:

Our Mission at AMAWW is to unify all martial artists from around the world with a strong foundation of mutual respect for all styles. Our motto is “One body, One goal, Many martial arts”; it is our mission to neither promote nor exclude any style, but to assemble a world-wide body of practitioners to forge a comradeship of martial artist.

Our Purpose

1. The purpose of the AMAWW is to provide quality martial arts leadership, instruction, purpose, and camaraderie within a body of diverse martial artist with distinctive skills, expertise, knowledge, and perspective. The association encourages membership from all styles and levels of martial artist. 2. To protect and promote martial arts knowledge by leading a diverse membership. 3. To be a resource in the areas of martial arts, self-defense, fitness instruction, healthy living, nutrition, and other related topics of interest to martial artist.

Board Members

All board members and CEO shall have attained the age of 18 before being elected. Practice of at least one year of any martial arts is required, or some other business related skill that is desired to further the mission of the Association.

Removal of an Officer

If a board member violates the principles/ethics of the association, the CEO will call a special meeting after consultation with the offending member, and bring the matter to a decision. Majority vote will carry the decision.
Ethical guidelines
The Code offers a set of values, principles, and standards to guide decision making and conduct when ethical issues arise. It does not provide a set of rules that prescribe how the CEO and board members should act in all situations. Specific applications of the Code must take into account the context in which it is being considered and the possibility of conflicts among the Code’s values, principles, and standards. At times ethical decisions can be a process, and use of the code to define, direct, and decide what we should do is its purpose. The CEO and the board members of AMAWW will commit to the highest level of integrity, both professionally and personally. No level of immoral behavior will be tolerated. Any board member convicted of a crime will be banned from the board and teaching with the possibility of having their rank taken away through this Association. Any board member accused of a crime will be put on probation from the board and teaching until either convicted or found not guilty.

Personal integrity and ethical living
No form of sexual deviance is allowed. All unlawful “sexual activity” as defined by the State Law is forbidden. No type of indecency, or unwanted behavior of sexual advances, remarks, jokes are tolerated. AMAWW also prohibits the use of pornography in any type; print, video, etc. by their board members.
All dishonesty in the form of lying, cheating, and stealing whether punishable by State law or not, is prohibited. Martial arts teach us to live above reproach, and people must be able to trust what we say and do.
Kindness, compassion, and the good of mankind shall compel the CEO and board members. Desiring to promote all martial arts, and encouraging the autonomy of each school.

Conflict of Interest
AMAWW’s founder and board members will not put themselves in a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest may occur when a party member makes decisions that benefit themselves or their personal lives. The founder currently is the only one that benefits financially from the association, but will make decisions that affect the promotion of the association without compromising any ethical standards. The founder has sole authority in determining the use of monies for AMAWW (also see section VIII).

Confidentiality
Certain personal information is collected for registration and will be kept confidential by the CEO and board members. No information will be sold or posted anywhere public. Any picture or name used for Business Charter for Association of Martial Arts World Wide. The AMAWW’s website or promotional materials will be authorized by the person(s) before distribution. All stakeholders’ information shall be maintained with strict confidentiality.

Board member selection
All board members shall adhere to AMAWW’s code of ethics and policies and procedures. Board member selection is based on the associations’ belief that the individual; without regard to race, religion, sex, or ethnic background; but on the sole basis of their skill, technical understanding of martial arts, fitness level, character, personal integrity, and/or ability to teach, meets AMAWW’s criteria for board members.

Membership
Board members will be automatic life members of the AMAWW unless convicted of illegal behavior or decided, for whatever reason by the founder, Master Jonathan A. French, to be dismissed from membership. It is highly encouraged that board members with schools enroll their students into the association to show support of the AMAWW. Fees and benefits will be maintained and updated on the Association’s website.
10 Duties of AMAWW Board Members

1. Serving as a trusted adviser to the CEO as he develops and implements martial art ideas for the future of AMAWW.

2. Regularly measuring the association’s performance and effectiveness for possible future changes in AMAWW.

3. Voting on business decisions and coming up with new ideas to vote on for the future of this Association.

4. Assisting the CEO in identifying and recruiting other Board Members.

5. Partnering with the CEO and other board members to ensure that board resolutions are implemented.

6. Acting as an ambassador for the association by promoting, speaking highly about the AMAWW, its board members, and its CEO.

7. Be diligent to provide feedback and/or resolution for questions the CEO or other board members may have at any given time.

8. Assist and/or conduct martial arts seminars or other functions the AMAWW may have in the future.

9. Must have a sincere desire to help the Association of Martial Artists World Wide succeed as a business.

10. Maintain consistent training in the martial art of choice.

Financial accountability

All monies collected in any form, credit, pay pal, cash, check, or any other means, will be accounted for. All monies will be recorded in the AMAWW’s general ledger. All expenditures up to $500 needed for the operation of the association is at the sole discretion of the founder, any expenditure over $500 shall be determined and brought before the board members for approval. All monies collected will be reported to a certified tax preparation agency and all proper taxes should be paid.