

Australian Naginata

Federation

By-Laws

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 Any references to the 'Treasurer include a reference to any person appointed by the Treasurer to act as their delegate.

1.2 'President' means the President of the Australian Naginata Federation (ANF') as elected in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

1.3 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Australian Naginata Federation ('ANF') as elected in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

1.4 The 'Technical Committee' shall be elected at the ANF Annual General Meeting and shall consist of the ANF President and a minimum of one and a maximum of 3 suitably qualified (preferably of at least 3rd (san) dan level) members. The ANF Technical Committee is to oversee, guide and advise the ANF membership regarding Naginata technical issues including, but not limited to: gradings, competitions ('shiai' and 'engi'), seminars, national team, and other such related technical matters.

2. FINANCES AND MEMBERSHIP

2.1 All senior, junior and social members of the ANF must pay a yearly membership fee to the Treasurer by 1 July each financial year. Yearly memberships will expire on 30 June in the following year.

2.2 The Treasurer will pay from ANF funds the International Naginata Federation ("INF") yearly membership fee each year by the date specified by the INF.

2.3 The ANF Committee must approve all other expenditure.

2.4 The ANF committee will determine membership fees at the AGM each year in accordance with the [Fees Schedule].

2.5 Practitioners of an INF recognised federation are eligible for Associate Membership. Associate Membership fees are determined by the ANF committee as per the [Fees Schedule] and entitles the Associate Member to attend in-person training and events hosted by the ANF as a member. Associate Membership ends at the close of the financial year.

3. RULES FOR NAGINATA GRADINGS

3.1 KYU GRADINGS

3.1.1 Kyu gradings will begin at Roku kyu (6th kyu) for adults and jukyu (10th kyu) for children. The highest Kyu grade will be ikkyu (1st kyu). Kyu gradings may be awarded upon successful completion of the grading examination.

3.1.2 The ANF and State Associations may conduct gradings for Kyu grades.

3.1.3 Individual State clubs may conduct Kyu gradings only if they are conducted under the rules of the State Association and are open to all State members to participate. Each State shall recognize Kyu gradings awarded by other State Associations.

3.1.4 Applications for Kyu grades shall be examined in accordance with the rules stated in the attached schedule 1.

3.1.5 Except as otherwise stated herein, the examiners for Kyu gradings must be of Sandan (3rd dan) or above. A minimum of 1 (in which case an assistant instructor may assist the examiner) and a maximum of 3 examiners must examine the grading. The result of the grading shall be judged by majority decision.

3.2 DAN GRADINGS

3.2.1 Dan gradings will begin at 1st Dan. The highest Dan grade will be Godan (5th Dan). Dan gradings are awarded by the AJNF (All Japan Naginata Federation) upon successful completion of a grading examination.

3.2.2 Dan gradings may be conducted by the ANF at the National Championships and at such times and places as determined by the ANF. Only gradings held in accordance with this provision will be recognised by the INF.

3.2.3 The ANF may authorise State Associations to conduct gradings. Such gradings must not be held more than once per year unless prior approval has been obtained from the ANF Committee.

3.2.4 State Associations may conduct Dan gradings only if they are conducted in accordance with the rules of the ANF and are open to all members to participate. Each State shall recognise Dan gradings awarded by other State Associations.

3.2.5 The standard rules for Naginata Dan gradings are based on the Provisional Standard Rules plus additional rules as determined by the ANF. The rules are described in Schedule 1.

3.2.6 The qualifications and number of examiners for a Dan grading are based upon the provisional Standard Rules for Grading of the INF (which refer to the AJNF grading rules) are described in Schedule 2. The result of the gradings shall be determined by a majority decision.

3.3 GENERAL

3.3.1 The ANF Technical Committee is to oversee, guide and advise the ANF membership regarding Naginata technical issues including gradings.

3.3.2 All ANF/State gradings to be open to all ANF members with as much advance notice as reasonably possible be given to all State ANF associations via the ANF Secretary.

3.3.3 The content and procedures for ANF/State gradings shall be as specified in the ANF By-Laws and as may, from time to time, be determined by the ANF Technical Committee.

3.3.4 ANF members graded 'shodan' and above are eligible to organise and hold Naginata gradings, but not act as a judge at that grading unless as provided in the ANF By-Laws.

3.3.5 Should there, at an ANF affiliated grading, not be present the required number/rank of judges as specified the ANF By-Laws then the authorised organiser(s) of that grading shall, subject to prior finalising of relevant arrangements, provide a video of the grading participants demonstrating the required Naginata techniques relevant to their grade (i.e. 'Video Grading') to the relevant ANF member who holds the rank of fourth 'dan' or above ('Video Grading Judge') for the purpose of that Video Grading Judge making judgment as to the 'kyu' grade level that a grading participant may be awarded. Video gradings are only acceptable up to, and including, 2 kyu, and are to be used only when necessary. Participants must be ANF members residing in Australia.

3.3.6 A Video Grading Judge panel shall consist of a minimum of one judge and a maximum of three. A majority decision is required.

3.3.7 The Video Grading should be recorded so that it captures the demonstrated techniques of the grading participant to a level that would enable the ANF Video Judge to accurately assess the grading participant's Naginata skill level. In addition to organising and providing the video, the grading organiser(s) shall forward to the ANF video Grading Judge a profile outlining that participant's Naginata experience.

3.3.8 The ANF Video Grading Judge(s) decision shall generally be recognised as being final. The aforesaid notwithstanding, any related genuine dispute shall be adjudicated by the ANF Technical Committee and ultimately by the ANF President as deemed necessary.

3.3.9 The results of the Video Grading shall be forwarded by way of written communication to the grading organiser(s), the ANF Secretary and the ANF President. Fees are payable as per the ANF By-Laws. The ANF Secretary shall forward the relevant grading certificates to the grading participant's club representative as required.

3.3.10 Except as otherwise stated herein the procedure and content of Video Gradings shall be as determined by the ANF Technical Committee.

3.3.11 Only financial members of the INF may apply to take part in a grading. Membership fees will not be accepted at the ANF hosted events for participation in the grading unless permission has been received from the relevant INF-affiliated federation. Applications for kyu and dan grades must be sent to the ANF committee.

3.3.12 The applicant who wishes to attempt a grading must have the endorsement of her or his instructor or club President. The applicant must have paid the grading application fee referred to in Schedule 3 prior to attempting the grading. The State or National Association responsible for conducting the grading will retain the grading application fee.

3.3.13 The applicant who has passed a Kyu or Dan grading must pay a registration fee on the day of the grading in accordance with the fees referred to in Schedule 3. The Treasurer will collect the registration fee. The result of the grading will be registered with the ANF upon payment of this fee. An applicant who successfully completes a Dan grading must also pay the Treasurer the fees referred to in Schedule 4 for the result to be registered in Japan with the INF.

3.3.14 The Secretary must maintain a record of all the gradings conducted by the ANF.

3.3.15 ANF members may undergo international gradings only if they have received written approval from the ANF Committee and they have presented a copy of their previous grading record. The ANF will inform the International Examining body of their approval for the member to participate in the grading.

4. CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.1 A National Championship organized by the ANF Committee may be held at a time and place to be determined by the Committee. Dan gradings may be conducted in conjunction with the National Championships.

4.2 The National Championships may comprise a Shia competition, an Engi competition and a goodwill competition.

4.3 State Championships may be organised and conducted by individual states.

4.4 State Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules for Shimpan as determined by the INF. The ANF may determine any additional rules as required for the National Championships.

4.5 All participants (other than participants in a goodwill competition) must be financial members of the INF. Events may be restricted, where appropriate, to only financial members of the ANF.

5. PROCEDURES

5.1 Changes to by-laws may only be made at an AGM or SGM. Any by-law change must receive at least 75% of the vote of those in attendance (or proxy where allowed) in order to be effected.