



## GRIFFIN AIKIDO CLUB BALZERS

### BY LAWS

### ARTICLES

#### I. NAME

Art. 1.1 Name	Under the name "GRIFFIN AIKIDO CLUB BALZERS," hereinafter referred to as "the club," "the dojo," "the G.A.C." or "the GAC."
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#### II. PURPOSE

Art. 2.1 Purpose	<p>The primary purpose/mission of the Griffin Aikido Club Balzers is to practice and teach the art of Aikido and related practices in the Birankai Style through regular classes, seminars and special events to all age groups.</p> <p>The secondary purpose/mission of Griffin Aikido Club Balzers is to promote the values of respect, self-discipline, awareness, empathy and camaraderie within the Aikido dojo's local community and within the international Aikido community.</p> <p>The association is politically and denominationally neutral.</p>
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#### III. CODE-OF-CONDUCT

Art. 3.1 Code-of-Conduct	<p>All members are required to agree to and abide by the Club's Code-of-Conduct.</p> <p>Any reported violations will be reviewed by the Board of Directors to determine the consequences up to and including exclusion from the club.</p>
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#### IV. MEMBERSHIP

Art. 4.1 Members	<p>The association is composed of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Active members (adults)</li> <li>b) Active members (youths)</li> <li>c) Active members of other dojos</li> <li>d) Volunteer members</li> <li>e) Prospective members</li> </ul>
Art. 4.2 Active members (adults)	Any natural person of legal age is eligible to join. Persons who are incapable of judgement, underage or incapacitated, require the consent of their legal representative.
Art. 4.3 Active members (youths)	Any natural person under legal age is entitled to join. Persons who are incapacitated or incapacitated and capable of judgement require the consent of their legal representative. A young person is defined as an adolescent under the age of 18 years old.
Art. 4.4 Active members of other dojos	Any natural person of legal age is entitled to join. Persons who are incapable of judgement or incapacitated require the consent of their legal representative. Members who are already registered as active members of another dojo can be admitted to this category.
Art. 4.5 Volunteer Members	The General Assembly may, at the request of the Board, elect natural persons who have rendered outstanding services to the Association as honorary members. Honorary members do not have to pay membership fees.

Art. 4.6 Prospective Members	Any natural person who qualifies for membership with a one (1) month commitment to participate in classes or who are attending training sessions on a per-class basis.
Art. 4.7 Admission	<p>The minimum age for admission to child classes is 5 years old, and the minimum age for admission to adult classes is 13 years old.</p> <p>Members outside of these age groups may submit a request for an exemption to participate in a particular class for consideration to the board.</p> <p>The board decides on applications for admission and requests for exemption.</p> <p>If the Board rejects a request for entry, this decision may be referred to the General Meeting.</p>
Art. 4.8 Resignation	<p>Withdrawal from the association is possible at any time.</p> <p>The resignation must be in writing.</p> <p>In case of resignation during the association year, the membership fee for the whole association year is owed.</p> <p>The resignation is always valid at the end of the month following the receipt of the resignation.</p>
Art. 4.9 Exclusion	<p>Members who do not comply with the provisions of the statutes or resolutions, or who harm the Association or Aikido in general by their behavior, may be expelled from the Association by the Board of Directors, stating the reasons.</p> <p>Prior to the exclusion decision, the Board shall hear the member personally or give him/her the opportunity to make a written statement on the accusations made.</p> <p>The expelled member may appeal the decision to the President for the attention of the General Meeting within 30 days of the decision being announced. The President shall make the final decision as to whether the exclusion decision of the Executive Board shall have a suspensive effect.</p>
Art 4.10 Rights of the members	<p>Active members are entitled to participate in approved training classes and general meetings with voting rights.</p> <p>Volunteer members are entitled to attend general meetings with voting rights.</p> <p>Prospective members are entitled to attend general meetings without voting rights.</p>
Art 4.11 Duties of members	<p>All members are obliged to safeguard the interests of the Association and to comply with the statutes, regulations and orders of the governing bodies.</p> <p>Members shall pay their membership fee annually.</p> <p>Volunteer members are exempt from the annual dues.</p> <p>Perspective members shall pay for their participation in classes with a monthly fee.</p>
<b>V. FUNDING / LIABILITY</b>	
Art 5.1 Financing	<p>The association is funded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proceeds from events,</li> <li>- sponsoring,</li> <li>- subsidies,</li> <li>- donations, and</li> <li>- membership fees.</li> </ul>
Art 5.2 Liability	<p>For the liabilities of the association, only its assets are liable.</p> <p>The general meeting decides annually on the amount of the membership fees.</p> <p>Each member is personally responsible for insurance coverage.</p> <p>This means that the association is not liable for accidents or injuries that occur during regular or</p>

	ordinary or extraordinary training sessions.
<b>VI. ORGANIZATION</b>	
Art. 6.1 Association Year	The association year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.
Art. 6.2 Bodies of the Association	The association bodies are: a) The General Meeting, b) The Board of Directors, c) The Commissions, and d) The Auditors.
Art. 6.3 Annual General Meeting	The Annual General Meeting shall be held annually within the months of September or October.  The General Meeting shall be responsible for the following business:  Welcome Approval of the minutes of the last General Meeting Approval of the annual report of the President Approval of the annual financial statement after taking note of the cash and audit report Granting of discharge to the Board of Directors Budget Passing of resolutions on membership fees Passing of resolutions on amendments to the statutes Changes and elections Annual program Wishes, motions and general matters.
Art. 6.4 Extraordinary General Meeting.	An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held if requested by the Board or in writing by 1/5 of the club members. The latter request must be complied with within 45 days.
Art. 6.5 Convening of the General Meeting	The members shall be invited in writing by the Board of Directors at least 30 days before the meeting, stating the agenda.
Art. 6.6 Motions	Proposals according to Art. 6.3 of these Statutes must be submitted in writing to the President at least 20 days before the meeting. The President shall immediately inform all members of any motions of major importance.
Art. 6.7 Voting and election rights	All Active and Volunteer members over the age of 14 are entitled to vote and to be elected. Proxies are not permitted.
Art. 6.8 Required majority	In the case of votes, the majority of the votes cast shall be decisive; in the case of elections, the absolute majority shall be decisive in the first round of voting (=at least half + 1 vote of the valid votes), and in the second round of voting, if necessary, the relative majority shall be decisive (=the person with the highest percentage of votes shall be elected). The dissolution of the Association requires a 2/3 majority of the members participating in the vote.
Art. 6.9 Conduct of the proceedings	The General Meeting shall be chaired by the President or, in his absence, by his deputy. Business of considerable importance that is not on the agenda may only be put to the vote at a subsequent General Meeting. The chairman of the meeting shall vote and co-vote. In the event of a tie, he shall also cast the deciding vote. In the event of a tie in elections, the decision shall be made by drawing lots. One third of those present and entitled to vote may demand secret ballots and elections.

<p>Art. 6.10 The Board of Directors</p>	<p>The Board of Directors consists of:</p> <p>President Vice President Treasurer Secretary Membership Manager</p> <p>Of these positions only the President and Treasurer are required, remaining positions to be filled as needed. The term for each position is two (2) years and the members are exempt from membership dues during their service.</p> <p>The board of directors is elected at the annual general meeting. Requests for resignation must be submitted in writing to the Board at least 90 days before the end of the Association's year and must be justified.</p>
<p>Art. 6.11 Tasks</p>	<p>The Board shall manage the Association and shall have all powers not expressly vested in another body. In particular, it shall ensure compliance with the By Laws and the implementation of the resolutions. It shall ensure that the available funds are used economically and sparingly. The board is responsible for planning, which is to ensure the successful continuation of the association.</p>
<p>Art. 6.12 Representation of the Association</p>	<p>The Board of Directors represents the Association vis-à-vis third parties. The association commits itself to third parties in transactions with considerable consequences by collective signature of two board members. Exceptions regarding bank and postal check transactions are reserved.</p>
<p>Art. 6.13 Adoption of resolutions</p>	<p>The board has a quorum if at least two (2) of its members are present. Any member may request oral proceedings. The president or vice-president shall vote and co-vote. He shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie.</p>
<p>Art. 6.14 Commissions</p>	<p>The General Meeting and the Board of Directors shall appoint the necessary commissions and define their tasks in a list of duties. Each commission must include a member of the board.</p>
<p>Art. 6.15 Auditors</p>	<p>The General Meeting shall elect two auditors. They shall be responsible for the entire audit of the Association's accounts and bookkeeping. They shall report annually on the occasion of the ordinary general meeting.</p>
<p><b>VII.</b> <b>DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION</b></p>	
<p>Art. 7.1 Dissolution of the Association</p>	<p>The dissolution of the Association may only be decided by a two-thirds majority at an Extraordinary General Meeting called specifically for this purpose. At the General Meeting which resolves the dissolution, it shall be determined how the assets of the Association shall be used.</p>

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These Articles of Association were adopted at the General Meeting on 24 MAY 2021.

President  
Sara Crawford

  
Signature

Treasurer  
Monika Dörig

  
Signature