

Charter of the KAUST Aikido Pajamas Club

Article I: Name

1. This organization shall be known as the "Aikido Pajamas Club", which shall be referred to as the "Club" in this document.

Article II: Purpose

1. The objectives of the club are to:
 - a. Provide a place for people who want to practice the martial art aikido
 - b. Promote aikido to the KAUST community to increase the number of practitioners

Article III: Membership

Anyone who is a resident at KAUST or employed at KAUST is welcome to be a member of the club.

- There is a one-time membership initiation fee of 100 SAR.
- All members will be included in a whatsApp group.

Article IV: Dues

- 1- There will be a monthly charge of 200 SAR. This money will be used for equipment, group dinners, and car rentals for events outside of KAUST as well as other projects agreed to by the majority of Club members at the annual meeting.
- 2- The finances of the Club are to be managed in compliance with accounting standards approved by the Chief Financial Officer of KAUST, as well as those prescribed by the guidelines for Community Clubs through KAUST Community Life.
- 3- Annual financial statements must be presented to the Annual General meeting of the Club by the Treasurer.

Article V: Officers

1. The Club Board of Officers consists of the following:
 - a. President
 - b. Treasurer
2. Officers keep their positions unless someone else is nominated or the club vote with the majority against the present officer.

5. The duties of the Officers are as follows:

President

- Call regular and special meetings of the Board and Club as required to conduct the business of the Club
- Provide for the discharge of necessary duties due to the temporary absence of other Officers
- Ensure the Charter and the rules of the organization are enforced
- Liaise with KAUST management and Community Life for advertising and announcements from the club.
- Take feedback from the Treasurer and members and act accordingly.
- Have the right to expel members if the Code of Conduct is not followed.

Treasurer

- Give periodical reports to the president about finances
- Calculate the cost of each event

Article VI: Meetings

1. **Annual Club Meeting** An annual meeting will occur at a date decided. To change the venue and the time, the vote and acceptance of the majority should be taken.
2. A **Special General Meeting (SGM)** may be convened, in exceptional circumstances, to discuss urgent matters that may arise. A SGM may be called by the majority of members.

Craig T. Michell

Name: Craig Michell

Date: 24-May-2023 | 09:50 ABST

President

Peter Karagiannis

Name: Peter Karagiannis

Date: 24-May-2023 | 10:35 ABST

Treasurer

Hannah O'Callaghan

Name: Hannah M. O'Callaghan

Date: 24-May-2023 | 10:38 ABST

Community Life Representative

KAUST Aikido Pajamas Club

Aikido Pajamas was founded to bring together practitioners of aikido and those who want to learn. Aikido is a relatively soft martial art, which is why people of all ages and abilities are welcome to join. However, aikido requires persistent practice. Therefore, we ask members to attend regularly so that they can build on the basic movements to learn more complicated techniques.

ABOUT Aikido

Aikido is a Japanese martial art that focuses on using the opponent's strength and momentum to neutralize an attack. The goal is to stop the opponent without hurting them, and it is the responsibility of the practitioner to impose just enough power and no more to end the fight. The art emphasizes forming a connection with the opponent and teaches a practitioner to control the two bodies efficiently.

We learn how to leverage our bodies so that we can disarm people of any size. This is done without any punching or kicking, but there is a whole lot of rolling.

WHERE WE MEET

Currently, we have reserved two slots at the Harbor dojo: Mondays 19:00-20:30 and Fridays 9:00-10:30, but we are negotiating more time so that we can begin a children's class and a beginner's class.

Classes are already ongoing.

HOW TO JOIN?

If you would like more about the Club, please contact Peter Karagiannis at peter.karagiannis@kaust.edu.sa or Craig Michell at craig.Michell@kaust.edu.sa (Craig is friendlier).

MEMBERSHIP FEES

There will be a 100 SAR initiation fee and a 200 SAR monthly fee. The fees are mostly to keep people motivated to participate but also to support purchases for aikido equipment and travel to other dojos in the Middle East, charity efforts promoted by KAUST (such as during Ramadan) and other purposes agreed on at club meetings.

CLUB CHARTER

The Charter provides more information about how we run the Club.

GROUP OFFICERS

Craig Michell - President

Peter Karagiannis - Treasurer