



DOJO AFFILIATION POLICY

Decisions on affiliation and terms of affiliation rest with the Teaching Committee of Aiki Kai Australia. Requests for affiliation should be made through the local Area Representative. An affiliated dojo must

1. Have, as a core purpose, the facilitation of Aikido classes for Aiki Kai Australia members, following the syllabus and grading requirements of Aiki Kai Australia.
2. Support and promote the purposes, principles, and directions of Aiki Kai Australia.
3. Have the approval of, be registered by, support, and follow the directions of the local Area Representative.
4. Have a Chief Instructor appointed by the local Area Representative and support that Chief Instructor in their duties.
5. Ensure that all trainees are current financial members of Aiki Kai Australia.
6. Ensure that all instructors are approved by the Area Representative.
7. Ensure that training fees are collected, on behalf of the state or territory branch of Aiki Kai Australia.
8. Maintain student training records using a method approved by Aiki Kai Australia.
9. Ensure that affiliation remains solely with Aiki Kai Australia.

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Marie Petery
National Area Representative
29 October 2023

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Explanatory material

Special circumstances

The above requirements are essential for maintaining the values and heritage of Aiki Kai Australia and the quality of training and instruction in Aiki Kai Australia classes. In special circumstances, variations to these requirements may be allowed.

Requests for special terms for affiliation or membership may be made to the Teaching Committee through the Area Representative. Special terms might include mudansha (e.g. kyu grades) being allowed to teach in remote areas or under circumstances where no other instructor is available for a defined period of time.

Access to our Aikido classes is restricted to members of Aiki Kai Australia and Authorised visitors. Some dojos may have special administrative needs that necessitate affiliation with other organisations, e.g. University-based clubs affiliated with student unions. The above advice does not preclude such affiliations, but an affiliated dojo must refrain from seeking affiliation with any other Aikido organisation.

The purposes and benefits of affiliation

Aiki Kai Australia was established in 1965 by Seiichi Sugano Shihan. It is a school in the sense of the martial traditions of Japan. It maintains a distinct cultural heritage in its training and organisation.

Aiki Kai Australia has strong relationships with Aikido World Headquarters ('Hombu'), is a founding member of the International Aikido Federation, and enjoys good relations with many national Aikido organisations around the world.

An affiliated dojo receives the support of Aiki Kai Australia and dojo members have the opportunity to:

- Participate in training that is recognised and recorded by Aiki Kai Australia, which may count toward gradings recognised by Aiki Kai Australia and Hombu.
- Train at affiliated dojos in every Australian State and Territory.
- Train with appointed, qualified, experienced instructors, recognised and supported by their seniors.
- Learn from an integrated syllabus of techniques and principles.
- Train together with commitment to a particular national direction within the broader stream of Aikido, a direction originally established by Sugano Shihan.
- Attend state, territory, and national level training events.
- Train at Hombu dojo, Tokyo and at international events organised by Hombu and the IAF.

It is expected that an affiliated dojo will join and support the direction of Aiki Kai Australia, through the state or territory branch, and to receive support in return.