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## TTC REGULATIONS

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### **For the attention of all members.**

In order to clarify the role of Aiki Kai Australia instructors and senior dan holders the Sugano Foundation Trustees have asked the TTC to publish clear regulations based on them.

**Any queries should be directed to Marie Petery, National Area Representative.**

Marie Petery  
National Area Representative  
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# TTC Regulations

## Teaching and grading

Qualification to teach is very different from authority to teach.

1. Instructors should understand that shidosha qualifications are awarded to them under Aiki Kai Australia (AKA)'s international accreditation from Hombu.
2. Also, while specific dan rankings are a pre-requisite to the various levels of instructor qualification they are not, in themselves, an authority to teach and do carry with them an expectation of behaviour and respect for our traditions, hierarchy and principles, including Sugano Sensei's Moral Code.
3. Our instructors and members should not teach outside our organisation without prior, express authority from the Technical and Teaching Committee (TTC) or National Area Representative (NAR) to do so. The only exception is if, when travelling, if an Aiki Kai instructor be invited to teach a class in part or whole when a guest at a regular class of another organisation recognised by Hombu, or at an Aiki Kai Australia dojo they may visit. This is an historically accepted practice which the TTC allows on the understanding that our organisation accepts no liability for any class or teaching outside of Aiki Kai Australia not specifically authorised. When uncertain, please contact the NAR for information and the NAR may give appropriate permission.
4. Finally, no matter what rank an instructor or member may have, they may not officiate at gradings for other organisations in this country or without the prior express consent of the TTC and Foundation if outside Australia. Activities outside Australia are covered by conventions established by Hombu and guidelines laid down by Sugano Sensei. Therefore, officiating at such gradings without express permission from the TTC may be regarded as a fundamental act of disrespect towards Aiki Kai Australia, its traditions, and hierarchy and, depending on the circumstances, may subject the member to disciplinary proceedings. We have a very long tradition of working with Aikido World Headquarters so that instructors should please understand and respect the need for such regulations.

**06 June, 2024**