

The Constitution of American Jiu-Jitsu Club at MIT

Article I : Purpose

The purpose of the American Jiu-Jitsu Club at MIT is to practice and develop the Japanese art of Jiu-Jitsu, where physical strength is not a factor. Specifically, the club shall practice American Jiu-Jitsu System of Self-Defense.

Article II : Membership

1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member of this organization. One is considered a member of this organization in any given academic term if he or she has attained of the rank of yellow belt or attended at least five classes in the current term.
2. One is considered an active member of this organization in any given academic term if he or she has attained of the rank of yellow belt and attended classes regularly during the current term.
3. One is considered a voting member of this organization if he or she is an active member and has achieved the rank of orange belt.
4. The membership of this organization will at all times contain at least 5 MIT students and be more than half MIT students.
5. This organization will not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT's Nondiscrimination Statement.
6. If this organization charges any monetary dues, there will be exceptions made for students that cannot afford these dues.
7. Rank is defined by the American Jiu-Jitsu Federation and is attained by members with sufficient experience at the discretion of the head instructor. Belt level refers to a group of people of a particular rank.

Article III : Officers

1. This organization shall have four offices, with at least two officers:
 1. President
 1. The president will preside over all meetings.
 2. The president is responsible for determining when the meetings are and publicizing this to the organization.
 3. The president must be an MIT student.

4. The president cannot simultaneously hold the position of treasurer.
2. Treasurer
 1. The treasurer shall be responsible for the group finances of the organization. Group finances are dealings with the money allocated by the ASA or any other organization to this organization as a whole.
 2. The treasurer is required to sign all checks/vouchers of the organization.
 3. The treasurer must be an MIT student.
 4. The treasurer cannot simultaneously hold the position of president.
3. Head Instructor
 1. The head instructor shall be the official representative of the organization to any other organization and to MIT.
 2. The head instructor shall be responsible for instructing the members in the art of American Jiu-Jitsu.
 3. The head instructor is required to authorize all checks/vouchers and expenditures of the organization.
 4. The head instructor alone shall be responsible for all decisions concerning the curriculum, activities, rank, American Jiu-Jitsu Federation matters, finances of the organization other than group finances and class schedule.
4. Recruitment Chairman
 1. The recruitment chairman shall be responsible for the recruiting activities of the organization.
 2. The recruitment chairman shall be responsible for advertising and publicizing the organization and its activities to the MIT community and the public.
2. All officers of this organization must be members of the MIT community.
3. Elections:
 1. Elections of all officers shall occur in the first week of April of each year. Additionally, elections of the head instructor shall occur every time an active member attains or exceeds the rank of the current head instructor.
 2. Any active member of this organization who has attained the fourth highest belt level in the organization is eligible to run for president or treasurer.
 3. Any active member of this organization is eligible to run for recruitment chairman.

4. In order to run, an eligible member must be nominated by another active member for the specific position.
 5. The highest ranking active member who is a certified instructor and has a significant interest shall be the head instructor of the organization. In the case of multiple members meeting the above criteria, one shall be elected among these members by these members. The member thus elected shall become the head instructor of the organization. The members not elected in this process shall form the advisory committee. All decisions left to the discretion of the head instructor must be made with advice and consent of this advisory committee.
 6. Quorum for elections is one half of the active membership.
 7. Any member eligible to run is elected if he or she wins a majority of the active members, unless otherwise provided.
 8. If more than two people are running and no one wins a majority, then the person with the fewest votes is dropped from the ballot and votes are recast, unless otherwise provided.
 9. The term of office runs from the start of the Fall term until the end of the Summer term. Additionally, the term of the head instructor shall end when an active member attains or exceeds the rank of the current head instructor.
4. Removal: Officers may be removed by a two thirds vote of the active members, as long as the continuity of the organization and its ties to the American Jiu-Jitsu Federation will not be affected by the removal. Officers shall also be removed by loss of membership in the organization or eligibility for office.

Article IV : Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held at least once a year.
2. Meetings shall be presided over by the president, unless he or she is absent, and in that case the head instructor shall preside.
3. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of all voting members present at the meeting, except on the matters left to the discretion of the head instructor.
4. Quorum for a meeting shall be one half of the voting members of the organization.

Article V : Amendments

1. Amendments shall be presented by any officer of the organization.
2. Amendments shall be passed by a three quarters vote of the active members present.
3. Quorum for amending this constitution shall be three quarters of active members and all officers of the organization.

Article VI : ASA God Clause

The American Jiu-Jitsu Club at MIT agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities, and its executive board. This constitution, amendments to it, and the by-laws of this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to insure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.