

SAUK club registration fee

I would like to give some of the background to the necessity to introduce a club registration fee to all clubs in SAUK. All the points below were discussed at length and voted for at rijikai meetings and our AGMs.

We need to raise funds to be able to administer the association and to run our annual events. These include SAUK club event, British Open and the SAUK individual event, a mid year seminar and dan grade examination and an end of year seminar and dan grade examination.

The only way currently we can raise funds for SAUK is the dan grade examination fees. This is wholly insufficient to cover all our costs.

It is a principle of SAUK that no individual can join the association, only clubs. Therefore, it is not possible for the association to charge an individual a registration fee. But the amount we charge our clubs should reflect the size of the club.

Consequently it has been decided to determine the registration fee for each club annually by the number of their returning members. All members get their licences through the BAB. Our BAB registrar will be able to see how many of your members have renewed their licence in the following year and charge you accordingly.

This means that a new club will pay no fee in the first year. Also no club will pay for a member who does not stay for more than a year. In other words, all clubs will only be charged based on the number of their regular members.

It was decided that we would charge £10.00 per returning member per annum. This fee will be paid in March each year, along with the BAB venue liability fee.

As we continue to grow in clubs and membership, our coffers will also grow. The idea is that eventually SAUK will be able to easily cover its running costs and use the extra funds to continue to promote and develop shodokan aikido in the UK.

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