



AGM OF THE BRITISH JUDO COUNCIL
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
SUNDAY 6th JULY 2025 AT 2PM

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies.
- 2) Nominations of tellers.
- 3) Minutes of AGM 2024.
- 4) Matters Arising.
- 5) President's Report.
- 6) Chairman's Report
- 7) Minutes & Area Reports
Received from, Notts, Newcastle, S Wales, Cumbria & Borders, Herts & Beds, Leicester & N Hants, Lancashire, N London, Midlands , & Cornwall.
- 8) Sub-Committee Reports.
- 9) Finance Report. Review of membership fees at the discretion of the AGM. Acceptance of Accounts (Acceptance of continuance of the Accountant).
- 10) Resolutions.
The following resolutions for amendments to the BJC memorandum and Articles of association were proposed; **Please find on attached appendix**
- 11) Recommendations to the Technical Committee.
None
- 12) Nominations for HQC

R Cleevely	Herts & Beds	S Moyle	Notts
R Hudson	S. Wales	B Richmond	City, East & S London
R Harris	Leics & N Hants	M Haines	Leics & N Hants
N Harrison	Midlands	T Farrington	Midlands
L Craig	Bucks	L Cleevely	Bucks
- 13) Election of Treasurer.

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The following are proposed by the HQC as Amendments to the BJC Memorandum and articles of association and brought to the BJC AGM 2025 as a resolution

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

- 3 (a) to promote, propagate, encourage, apply and provide instruction and facilities for the practice of judo and any other martial art (Budo) throughout the united kingdom.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

1. INTERPRETATION

“Member” means a fully paid up licence holder (not an honorary member) aged 18 years or over.

“the seal” means the common seal of the Company - **DELETE**

Expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photocopy, and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, **whether electronic or otherwise.**

4. The subscribers to the Memorandum of Association and such other persons as the Headquarters Committee shall admit to membership.
6. (a) If any member who stands for election for the HQC or is selected for a technical role within the BJC is a member of any other judo organisation or holds a position of responsibility within any other judo organisation (Including a club belonging to another judo organisation, he must give details of such membership or other involvement at the time of nomination (if for election) or at the time of being offered any technical appointment.
- 6 (b) It shall be a disciplinary offence to fail to make such disclosure as required in paragraph 6(a) above
11. An Annual General Meeting and a meeting called for the passing of a special resolution shall be called by at least twenty-eight days' notice in writing and a meeting of the Company other than an Annual General Meeting or a meeting for the passing of a special resolution shall be called by at least twenty-one days, notice in writing **including by electronic means.** The notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the

day for which it is given, and shall specify the place, the day and the hour of meeting and, in case of special business, the general nature of that business and shall be given, in the manner hereinafter mentioned or in such other manner, if any, as may be prescribed by the Company in general meeting, to such persons as are, under the Articles of the Company, entitled to receive such notices from the Company.

36. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, **or electronic means of transfer** all receipts for moneys paid to the Company, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Company shall from time to time by resolution determine.

39. Delete following paragraph:

It shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting of the Headquarters Committee to any member of the Headquarters Committee for the time being absent from the United Kingdom.

48. There shall be a Technical Committee of the Company, selected and chaired by the President **or his/ her nominee**.

52. In the event of the incapacity or demise of the President, the Technical Committee may meet of their own volition. They shall be empowered to take such necessary decisions to ensure the technical continuity of the BJC which cannot wait until the recovery of the President or the election of a new President. In such event the Technical Committee will be chaired by the senior grade present at the meeting, **who is willing to take that office**. Each member will have a vote on decisions. The quorum will be 50% of the current membership of the Committee and each member shall have one vote.

54. Selection of President

In the event of the death, incapacity or retirement of the President of that BJC at that time, the process for selecting his replacement shall be as follows:

a) **The selection of the President Elect shall be made at a meeting (either in person, online or hybrid) of those BJC members who have;**

1) Held continuous BJC membership for not less than 10 years at the date of the meeting.

2) Have held the grade of 6th Dan or above for at least 6 months prior to the date of

the meeting.

3) Choose to attend the meeting.

- b) No person other than the members described in (a) above shall be permitted to attend this meeting, save the Secretary of the BJC who shall be permitted to attend in a non-voting capacity.
- c) The meeting will be chaired by the Vice-President or, if this is not possible (or the Vice-President refuses to preside) by a Deputy Vice-President. If this is not possible, the meeting shall be chaired by the most senior grade who is a current member of the Technical Committee.
- d) A voting attendee at the meeting may propose any other senior BJC member who fulfils the requirements set out in 54(e) below to be President Elect.
- e) The conditions referred to at (d) above are:
 - 1) Has held continuous senior BJC membership for at least 10 years;
 - 2) Does not hold membership of another Judo organisation (or an office in any organisation or club belonging to another Judo organisation) and has not done so for at least 5 years prior to nomination.
 - 3) Has no disciplinary findings against him during the previous 10 years.
 - 4) Is a current Vice-President, Deputy Vice-President or 6th Dan or above of the BJC.
- f) Any proposal (as described in (d) above) must be seconded by another attendee at the meeting before it may be considered by the full meeting.
- g) The Chair of the meeting will invite proposals for candidates to be President-Elect. Once all properly nominations have been made the Chair will put the candidates to the vote. Each attendee shall be permitted one vote.
- h) The votes shall be made in writing and in secret. Ballot papers will be collected and counted by the Secretary. Any candidate who secures 2/3 or more of the votes cast shall be declared Elected as President Elect.
- i) Should no candidate reach the required majority then any candidate who secured fewer than 10% of the votes cast shall be eliminated and a second ballot held.
- j) If at the end of the second ballot, there is still no clear 2/3 majority, then any candidate with fewer than 1/3 of the total votes will be eliminated.
- k) There will then be a third ballot. The candidate who secures a simple majority (more than 50%) will be chosen as the President-Elect.

55. Following this process, the HQC shall organise an EGM. Prior to this meeting the HQC shall vote whether to ratify or not ratify the candidate. In order to ratify the candidate 2/3 of those eligible to vote must approve the ratification.

The result of that vote must be set out in the notice inviting eligible members to

the EGM.

There will be an EGM of the BJC at which the nominated President Elect will be put before the membership for their ratification. If the Candidate receives more than 50% of the votes at this EGM he shall be elected as President for a term of 8 years.

If the candidate receives fewer than the required 50% he shall not be ratified, and the matter will be referred back to the selection meeting (Section 54 above). The candidate who was not ratified may not be proposed at this further meeting.

57. After the term of 8 years has expired the President will be asked to indicate whether his willing to continue for a further term. If he is so willing, an EGM will be convened to ratify the President for a further term. A simple majority of those attending and eligible to vote at the EGM will suffice.

If the President does not wish to continue or is not ratified, the process set in paragraph 54 and 55 shall be activated.

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- a.) nominated by the President to attend and to advise on his/her behalf at all meetings of the Headquarters Committee.

62 DELETE

67. A copy of every balance sheet (including every document required by law to be annexed thereto) which is to be laid before the Company in General Meeting, together with a copy of the auditors' report, Headquarters Committee report, and treasurer's shall not less than **fourteen** days before the date of the meeting shall be sent to every member of, and every holder of debentures of, the Company. Provided that this Article shall not require a copy of those documents to be sent to any person of whose address the Company is not aware or to any person who is not entitled to receive ether personally or by post notice of General Meetings or to more than one of the joint holders of any debentures.

- 70 c). Any member who intends to attend a General Meeting of the Company must confirm in writing their intention to attend, not less that 48 hours prior to the date of the meeting. The HQC shall be empowered to decide whether any particular form or method should be used for this notification and details such must be included with any notice of the fact and date of the meeting