



# MARTIAL ARTS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION Inc. ARBN 110 253 300

***'The Peak Industry Body for Martial Arts in Australia'***

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## **RECOGNITION CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS ORGANISATIONS TO QUALIFY AS EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE MAIA**

The following will constitute the criteria used by the MAIA to recognise organizations as National Martial Arts Organisations (NMAO's). NMAO's are those that are accepted as the main body taking responsibility for the development of that martial art in Australia. There should be no dispute that the organisation is the pre-eminent body responsible for developing the martial art in Australia.

### **Recognition Criteria**

The following criteria apply in determining whether an organisation may be eligible for recognition from the Martial Arts Industry Association Inc. (MAIA). The MAIA will only recognise one NMAO for each martial style/code/type.

- \* the activity must meet the MAIA's definition of 'martial art' (i.e. Martial arts will include, any system of fighting or self-defence, historical, contemporary cultural or sportive whether performed in combative terms with other practitioners or in isolation, in competitive or non-competitive expressions utilising empty hand techniques or weapons (excluding firearms). In short, martial art is any combative related activity involving empty hands or weapons that is performed in sportive or non-sportive expressions.)
- \* the organisation must be able to satisfy the MAIA that it is the pre-eminent organisation taking responsibility for the development of that martial art in Australia
- \* the organisation has been an incorporated association or company for a minimum of three years
- \* the organisation has branches or affiliated state associations in at least four states/territories
- \* the organisation produces annual audited financial statements and annual reports and copies must be able to be provided to the MAIA for the past three years
- \* the organisation has an operable and current three-year (or longer) strategic plan that addresses all aspects of the martial art (including issues relating to access, equity, accreditation and risk management)
- \* the constitution of the organization will reflect a democratic voting structure that provides for elections that can be independently audited

## **Additional Criteria For Sportive Organisations.**

In addition to the above recognition criteria any organization applying for recognition that conducts sportive competitions will also be required to meet the following criteria:

- \* the organisation has a doping policy consistent with the WADA's doping policy or with the doping policy of the international martial arts federation (IF) responsible for the martial art
- \* the organization will be affiliated with International Governing Body appropriate for the martial art the applicant organization represents
- \* all events/competitions that are conducted by the organization will comply with the MAIA's National Code of Practise for Event Organisers and Competitions
  
- \* the organisation, if sportive, conducts annually, regional and/or state, and national, championships in open and/or age groups, as deemed appropriate for the martial art ('national championships' includes national leagues controlled by the National martial arts Organisation (NSO)).

There should be no competing claims on the organisation's status as the genuine national martial arts organisation. (this would exclude any organization whose competing claim was deemed to be made by an organization that does not meet the criteria herein) Should there be competing claims the MAIA may direct the organizations in question to form a 'Representative Council'

## **Representative Councils**

- Where there is more than one application from competing organisations representing the same martial art (excluding the martial arts of Judo, Karate, Tae Kwon Do and Kung Fu/Wu Shu) and where those organisations meet all of the MAIA NMAO recognition criteria the MAIA may direct that they form a 'Representative Council' for their particular martial art.
- Said Council will then represent their particular martial art as a single voting member on the MAIA Members Council. The members of said 'Representative Council' would elect the single voting delegate to represent them.
- Where the election of 'the voting delegate' is deadlocked the MAIA Executive Council may appoint a member of the 'Representative Council' to act as the voting delegate.