



Jodoryu Jujitsu International™

Yudanshakai By-Laws and Ryu guidelines

These By-Laws and guidelines are meant for use by The Shihan Board and Ryu Shihan to help J.J.I. maintain consistent standards in all Ryu.

Mission Statement

We will provide high quality, reality- based, martial arts training that is grounded in Martial Efficiency, Real Self-Defense, Disharmonic Emotion Method, and the Dillman Method of Pressure Point Fighting, Our instructors will teach on an age appropriate basis and in all ways seek to develop and foster moral character and ethical conduct. As J.J.I. Members we will, at all times, seek to embody the goals and standards we set for our students.

Goals

1. We will encourage moral character, ethical conduct and patriotic citizenship.
2. We will seek to train our students in realistic, effective, and efficient self-defense.
3. We will work to develop self-confidence, mental clarity, emotional maturity and spiritual growth in our students and ourselves.



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SECTION I. MEMBERSHIP

1. Qualifications:

To qualify as a member of J.J.I., the candidate must have a certified rank through a J.J.I. recognized instructor and or Dillman Karate International. Once this rank is attained they will be *eligible* for an invitation of membership. This invitation must be approved by the Ryu Shihan, but can be made by any J.J.I. Sensei. All members must be eligible to receive training from D.K.I.

NOTE: J.J.I. will not accept into its membership any person or persons who are members of ANY organization maintaining a “hostile relationship” with George A. Dillman. Furthermore, all J.J.I. Shihan shall be recommended as potential affiliate members of Dillman Karate International. The acceptance of these member schools into D.K.I. shall be at the sole discretion of Grand Master George A. Dillman. Any who are selected will be required to pay whatever fees are due D.K.I. affiliates and agree to abide by any laws and regulations imposed by D.K.I.

Any JJI Shihan Board or Student member who is NOT already a member of DKI who wishes to join DKI as an affiliate MUST go through the Charter Member Board as a whole or Professor T. A. Frazer to become a DKI member. Any JJI member violating this process and joining DKI on their own through another DKI sensei without recommendation either from Professor Frazer or the Charter Member board as a whole shall be subject to disciplinary action which may expulsion from JJI and removal from all positions and titles held within JJI. Previously earned rank shall not be affected in any case.



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The cost of Individual (Student) Membership is \$50/year, and shall be paid directly to Jodoryu Jujitsu International Founder, Professor T. A. Frazer. This level of membership is on an individual basis only (not a Member School or Shihan) Benefits include 1 JJI patch and Membership Certificate as well as 10% off of J.J.I. training and merchandise.

Cost of Affiliate School/ Instructor/Shihan Membership shall be \$125 annually, and shall be paid to the Jodoryu Jujitsu International Founder, Professor T. A. Frazer. Benefits shall include 1 JJI Patch and Membership Certificate as well as half off J.J.I. Patches, 25% discount on all other J.J.I. merchandise and training aids. Also, any J.J.I. Shihan attends J.J.I. training at NO cost when he/she brings at least one of their students who pay full price.

1A.) Associate Members:

Persons who are martial artists from other styles, schools or affiliated organizations who wish to study with J.J.I. may become associate members and will have access to J.J.I. functions, as a guest. *Associate Members* need only to receive a rank certification, complete the application, and pay annual dues to become full members. If they so choose. However, they may continue to train with J.J.I. as *Associate Members*, without joining. They will be registered through J.J.I. as associates and granted access to observe ceremonies and attend classes at their local Ryu as a normal student would.

There is no fee to become an *Associate Member* beyond the cost of classes. Any student who does not formally join J.J.I. is automatically an *Associate Member*.



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1B.) Guest Instructors:

Sensei from other styles or specialties, who are brought in by the Ryu Shihan, will become *Associate Members* and receive special certification as a “*Visiting Sensei*”. They will have all privileges of a “Ryu Sensei” and, while not eligible to promote through J.J.I., they will be able to recommend promotions. “*Visiting Sensei*” may also be used to evaluate candidates for Sensei as the Shihan Board’s independent evaluator.

1C.) Lateral transfers:

Students from other styles may keep their “belt* however, the Shihan will conduct an evaluation of their skills and, if they are less than those required for the same belt in Jodoryu Jujitsu, they will be awarded the J.J.I. grade. They will not have to switch belts, as they earned that recognition. However, they will get a tab on their belt that represents the corresponding rank in J.J.I. (see the SOAR program explanation).

If they are evaluated at a higher grade they may laterally transfer to the higher grade (as long as all minimum requirements are met) All Rank awards remain the discretion of the Ryu Shihan (Excludes 5th Dan & up)

Section II. Conduct of Members

Members shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with with the goals and ideals of J.J.I. which include, but are not limited to:

1. Honesty, moral conduct, and ethical actions
2. Dedication to self improvement
3. Act in a manor that reflects universal respect and personal humility.
Members shall respect each other in attitude and deed. From the beginner to the master, all will be recognized and honored for their commitment.



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Section III. Shihan Board

It shall be the function and right of the Shihan Board to interpret and amend these By - Laws, adjudicate internal matters and award Dan ranks and Instructor Certification. It will not be the function of the Shihan Board to set Ryu practices (except minimum requirements for grade) or rules beyond these By-laws. All Shihan Board Members in good standing shall have full use of the J.J.I. name and logo for the purpose of advertising (this does not extend to merchandising unless written permission is obtained from the Board President), providing the same remains unchanged and the manner in which it is used brings no shame nor discredit to the honor of J.J.I and its members.

1.) Membership on the Shihan Board

Each Ryu Shihan in good standing is automatically a member of the Shihan Board with one vote. The Shihan Board will consist of each Ryu Shihan and the Charter Members.

1.1.) Charter Members

There are 6 Charter Members of the Shihan Board: Professor T.A. Frazer, Professor Steve Cooper, Grand Master Dustin Seal, Master Samuel Myles Buhlig, Sensei Christopher Mitter, And Sensei Juan Pablo (J.P.) Menendez . Charter Members pay no annual fees and have the following **Rights ,Privileges, and Responsibilities**:

- a.) The right to Veto any Item or action presented for consideration to the Shihan Board. This Veto can be overturned if the following conditions are met:
 - (1) The Shihan board votes unanimously (except the charter member casting the Veto)
 - (2) Another Charter Member casts a Null Veto .
- b.) The right to “Table” any item up for consideration for a time period not to exceed six months. During this time the Item may not be discussed or called up for vote. After this time the item may not be “tabled” again for six months and may be called up for consideration and vote at any time.



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- c. Only a Charter Member can call for a vote on amendments to the By-laws and if a Veto is given, it may not be made null (Amendments Only).
- d. Charter Members are responsible for calling together the Shihan Board for voting (this can be by phone, fax or mail (e-mail)).
- e. Charter Members are responsible for nominating officers of the Shihan board which are:

President, who may call for votes and Veto. He also has the power to break a tie vote (even if his vote is the tying one). The current president shall receive as part of normal compensation the annual dues from both general members (\$50/year) and the J.J.I. Shihan (\$125/year). The President, in perpetuity is Founder, Professor T.A. Frazer. In the event of his demise, Sensei Samuel Myles Buhlig shall fill his vacant position and he shall name his successor to be. All royalties owed T. A. Frazer shall continue to be paid to his estate and rightful heirs in perpetuity at the rate of 50% of the original amount the remaining 50% shall be paid to the President who actually sits at the time.

Vice President, who will be responsible for nominating new Ryu to the Board and will be the overseer of all instructor certification. The Vice President will decide who is granted instructor certification. The Vice President will be in office for 1 year and may be voted in by a simple majority.

Sgt. at Arms will be responsible for overseeing all disciplinary actions and their review. They will make the recommendation to the Board for vote. The Sgt. at Arms may also independently initiate disciplinary action on any level of J.J.I., subject to vote by the Shihan Board. The Sgt at Arms will be appointed by the Shihan Board President and serve for one year.



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Secretary will be responsible for record keeping of the Shihan Board's actions.. The Secretary will be appointed by the Vice President and serve for one year.

Section IV. Member Disciplinary Procedures

In the event that a member of a Ryu begins to display improper attitude or actions, the Ryu Shihan has the following courses of *formal action* that they may render against the offending party

1. The member may receive a written counseling statement to be filed in their personal file at the J.J.I. Hombu. Three or more such statements may be grounds for suspension of privileges or even **Revocation of membership in J.J.I.**
2. The member may receive a suspension to last no longer than 3 months. While suspended the member will be forbidden access to **ANY** J.J.I. facility or function, also this suspended time will not be counted as time in grade for the purposes of rank certification.
3. The member may have their membership revoked and be barred from any J.J.I. Ryu, function or event sponsored by J.J.I. If a membership is revoked by the Ryu Shihan, a letter will be sent to the J.J.I. Hombu detailing the action and recommending further sanctions. If the reason behind the revocation is severe enough, a letter will also be sent to DKI (i.e. intentionally injuring a person without cause, this sort of act), as well as any other Martial Arts, Civil or Athletic body that the J.J.I. Board feels should be made aware of the transgression .

4) Procedure for Implementing Formal Disciplinary Action

The Shihan will submit, in writing, the reason for the action and the response desired. (Not required for Counseling Statement)
In the event of a suspension, the Shihan Board will reserve the right to negotiate and mitigate the time of the suspension, however the Ryu



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Shihan has the right to refuse to train anyone in their Dojo and the Ryu Shihan has the final approval on any alteration of the suspension. In the event of a Revocation of Membership the Shihan Board will review and render a verdict to uphold the revocation or, to refuse it and offer alternate site training. As always the Ryu Shihan has the right to Refuse training to any one in their Dojo.

4.1) Member right to appeal

All members have the right to appeal any action taken as part of a formal disciplinary action. To do so they must submit, in writing, any facts or mitigating circumstances to the Shihan Board for consideration within 30 days of the effective date of the disciplinary action. Note : the Shihan Board is under no obligation to mitigate or alter the recommended disciplinary action.

5.) Anything unforeseen at the time of drafting this document which may arise at a later date and is not covered by these By-laws will be decided by the Shihan Board.



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SECTION V. KYU GRADE POLICIES

I.) J.J.I. has the following belt color assignment for rank:

9 th Kyu - White	8 th Kyu - Yellow
7 th Kyu - Orange	6 th Kyu - Blue
5 th Kyu - Green	4 th Kyu - Purple
3 rd Kyu - Brown	2 nd Kyu - Brown/Black
1 st Kyu - Navy Blue 2 inch wide	

II.) The following is the minimum Time in Grade required

“before” the student is qualified to test for the next level:

9 th Kyu - 3 months	8 th Kyu - 3 months
7 th Kyu - 6 months	6 th Kyu - 6 months
5 th Kyu - 6 months	4 th Kyu - 6 months
3 rd Kyu - 6 months	2 nd Kyu - 6 months
1 st Kyu - 12 months	

Note: these are *minimum times*, there is no maximum time. The mandatory time in grade is meant to help our students to mature emotionally, as well as, time to perfect their technique. This grade standard will be flexible in some cases as long as the time prior to Shodan evens out. We will not sanction awarding Shodan to anyone who has studied less than 4 years (with consideration given to prior experience see lateral transfers section I.C).

1. **Exemptions** : for exceptional students, it is permitted to “skip” a grade, however they may not skip 1st Kyu .
2. Ryu Shihan may, at their discretion, add tips, or other recognitions between these ranks to decrease time between student recognitions as long as they do not alter the overall time table and rank schedule



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Section VI. Testing and Evaluation

It is the Policy of J.J.I. that the Shihan is responsible for knowing who is ready to advance in their Dojo. Therefore, we will not test a student, until we are sure they will pass. Failure does nothing to enhance the student's self confidence. If they are not ready, tell them and help them to become ready. **However, we will Not award undeserved rank as it invalidates all other ranks in the organization.**

1. Ranking Fees

To aid in uniformity J.J.I. will charge a flat fee of \$10.00 for certificate and registration of Kyu grades and \$50.00 for each Dan Rank registration (Previous martial art rank recognition) only, 50% of which goes to Professor T. A. Frazer and The other half into the J.J.I. General Coffers. This fee does not include cost of Official JJI belt or Dan Plaques which will be made available to by Professor T. A. Frazer, cost of which will vary by vendor. All JJI members of JJI Ryu Shodan and higher MUST purchase both the JJI official belt of their appropriate rank and the rank plaque as part of their testing fees to attain official certified rank through JJI. These fees are subject to periodic review and alteration, no more than twice a year. If you are an Individual Member or an Associate Member and are testing before your Ryu Shihan, he may impose additional testing fees of his own. The fees listed here are exclusively the fees that are due J.J.I.

Section VII. Uniforms

Uniforms will be decided by the Shihan Board and added to these By-Laws at a later date, as an addendum.

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These By-laws are hereby accepted and ratified on this day, _____ 2005 by the Charter members of J.J.I., who by their signatures below, institute these by-laws and their accompanying addendum's as the Governing Laws of J.J.I.

Professor T.A. Frazer

Professor Steve Cooper

Grand Master Dustin Seale

Master Samuel M. Buhlig

Sensei Christopher Mitter

Sensei Juan Pablo Menendez



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ADDENDUM 1 – Junior Black Belts

1.0 Junior Black Belts

A Junior black belt shall be identified by any minor, under the age of 16 years, that has earned the rank of Shodan or Nidan.

1.1 Converting Junior Black Belt to Senior Black Belt

At the age of 16 a Junior Black belt is eligible for Senior Black Belt Recognition with the following stipulations:

1. That they have continued to train on a regular basis and are seen by the Ryu Shihan as being ready to assume the responsibilities and duties of a Shodan
2. If they have been less regular, they may be tested for Senior Shodan to demonstrate their skill.
3. If they have received a **Junior level Nidan Rank** and have been training regularly they will be awarded a Senior Level Shodan, and be eligible to test for Senior level Nidan.

NOTE: there is NO Junior Level Sandan rank

ADDENDUM 2 – DAN RANKS

2.0 Dan Ranks are designated by the following Belts:

- First degree Black belt – Black Belt (Jodoryu Kanji & Name (2 inch wide)
 - 2nd Degree Black Belt – Same as above
 - 3rd Degree Black Belt – Black Belt with ½” red stripe throughout (2 inch)
 - 4th Degree Black Belt – White and Black Panel Belt (2 inch)
 - 5th Degree Black Belt – Renshi Belt (2.5 Inch)
 - 6th Degree Black Belt – Black and Red panel belt, Black Stitching (2.5 inch)
 - 7th Degree Black Belt – White and Red panel belt, White Stitching (2.5 inch)
 - 8th Degree Black Belt – White and Red panel belt, Black Stitching (2.5 inch)
 - 9th Degree Black Belt – Red Belt Black Stitching (2.5 Inch)
 - 10 Degree black Belt – Red Belt Gold Stitching, or Gold Belt Red Stitching
- * 10th Dan may opt for either a 2.5 or 3 inch wide belt.



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Special Position Belts are as follows:

Charter Members Belt- 2 1/2 inch wide Black belt with Red Border
(Charter Members may opt to wear Rank Belt instead at their option.)

J.J.I. Founder's Belt- 3 Inch wide red belt with Black Border and may change at the will and wishes of Professor T. A. Frazer.

2.1 Dan Rank Time in Rank General Requirements.

1st Dan - 2 Years

2nd Dan - 3 years

3rd Dan - 4 Years

4th Dan - 5 years

5th Dan - 6 Years

6th Dan - 7 years

7th Dan - 8 years

8th Dan - 9 years

9th Dan - 10 Years

** Special consideration may be made by either Professor T. A. Frazer or Professor Steve Cooper and any other Charter Member or by a simple majority of the Charter Member Board. Should this Document outlive the Charter Member Board, a 2/3 majority of the General Shihan Board will suffice in special circumstances where ability and knowledge exhibited by the jujitsu-ka grossly exceeds normal rank considerations as in the case of those with exceptional insight or abilities into matters martial. (ie. Martial Science pioneers who bring to the table completely new and original methods which **significantly** change the Science and Art we have come to know and practice.)

***Total time in the martial arts may also be considered for time in rank even if the individual has no high rank in any one particular style.



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2.2 Special or Official Titles other than Rank

Yudansha – Black Belts as a group, or Non teaching Black Belt(s)

Sensei – Shodan or higher who is a teaching Black Belt

Shihan – The Head of a school, or a head instructor

Soke – Grandmaster of a System and or Founder

Master- One who holds the rank of 4th Dan or higher.

Grand Master- One who holds 7th dan or higher rank.

Professor- An honorary title which in J.J.I. shall be one who has attained a minimum rank of 8th Dan and either has shown exceptional teaching proficiency within Jodoryu Jujitsu International or has transferred in as a Professor or Soke of another System recognized by the J.J.I. Shihan Board and holds a rank equivalent to a J.J.I. 8th Dan according to SOAR evaluation. NOTE: 8th Dan ranking alone is not sufficient to use the title of Professor. It is a separate award.

2.3 Awarding Ranks and Titles

2.3.1 General Certification Guideline

In General J.J.I. Sensei may promote up to one Rank below their own rank. So a Shodan Sensei may promote to 1st Kyu Navy Blue Belt (with the approval of the school Shihan)

2.3.2 Restrictions and Exceptions

- a. Sensei may promote in their school with the consent of the school Shihan who will sign off on all promotions within their school.
- b. Shihan may promote to one level below their own and recommend for promotion, to their own level, which will be evaluated by the Shihan Board, who would award any rank, so recommended.
- c. Only Shihan may promote, in their school, to the Dan grade(s)

2.3.3 Shihan Board Special Promotion Authority

In the event that a Shihan is ready to be promoted to a higher rank but there is no J.J.I. member with the rank to promote to that level, the Charter Members of the Shihan board are granted special authority to promote as a body, beyond individual board members ranks. This promotion can only be authorized by a unanimous vote of the Charter Member Board. If the Charter Members are all demised then the Shihan Board shall be bound by the same unanimous vote guidelines.



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Although at the present, Professors T. A. Frazer and Steve Cooper are both 10th Dan/Founders of sister systems and therefore ranking should not be an issue except in the event of their untimely demise, whereupon this clause shall extend due authority to the remaining Board as outlined above.

Only the Shihan Board as a whole or the Charter Member Board shall award rank of 5th Dan Renshi or above even if the Ryu Shihan is 6th Dan or higher. This includes **ALL** J.J.I. Members at ANY level including the Charter Members and the Founder. All Charter Members must have sufficient rank for the promotion in question & the ratification of at least 2 other Charter Members or a simple majority of the Shihan Board as previously outlined.

ADDENDUM -3 : SOAR PROGRAM

SOAR is : Skills **O**bservation And **R**ecognition – The official program by which Ryu Shihan may laterally transfer students from other styles and systems. In all the martial arts there are common skills and techniques, refined by the style. SOAR allows the Shihan to recognize those demonstrable skills and laterally promote within J.J.I.

3.1 Kyu Grade recognition

Upon entering a J.J.I. school the student will be evaluated. This may take one night or several weeks (or longer) but at the end the Shihan may (if they choose) recognize the student with a J.J.I. rank based on their demonstrable skills.

3.1.1 Belts and Colored Tabs

The grade at which the student is recognized for will be awarded and the student may choose to wear the J.J.I. rank belt or to keep their own belt and use a colored tab which will correspond to the Kyu grade belt color awarded by the J.J.I. Shihan.



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3.2 Further J.J.I. Recognition

After the initial SOAR recognition the student falls into normal ranking procedures and policies with the exception of the colored tabs instead of belt changes

3.3 Dan ranked SOAR

In some cases individuals with Dan rank will join J.J.I. but will not have the necessary skills to hold Dan ranking within the J.J.I.. In this case the Dan student will be evaluated under the SOAR program. They will have the option of wearing the Colored Kyu belt with a black lengthwise stripe or a colored tab on their black belt. This is very important so that other students do not depend on this Dan student as a Sensei until the school Shihan is ready to recognize them as such.

ADDENDUM 4- SENSEI AND SHODAN

The J.J.I. recognizes two types of “Black Belts” Those that teach and those that do not teach. For various reasons persons who are dedicated to the Martial Arts may be unable or unsuitable to be Instructors and in recognition of this, J.J.I. delineates between the two types.

4.1 Yudansha

Yudansha are Martial Artists who, as a group have attained Dan ranking – specifically in the J.J.I. this is used to define Non-Teaching Black Belts. As such, they would, in formal settings, be referred to by their rank (i.e. Shodan Smith)

4.1.1 Yudansha Promotional authority

Normally, since they are not teaching this will not be an issue. If it becomes one, then their general promotional authority will be to 4 ranks below their own

4.2 Sensei

Sensei are Black Belt level Instructors and as a group they are referred to as Sensei. In formal settings (such as class) they are referred to as Sensei + which ever name they prefer. Other titles may be used if the Sensei has earned other appropriate rank and title such as Master, Grand Master, Shihan or Professor, etc.



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4.2.1 Sensei Promotional authority

Sensei can promote to 1 level below their own below 5th Dan Renshi.

4.3 Shihan Title Recognition

Only Sensei may become Shihan as it is a teaching position.

ADDENDUM 5- SENSEI CERTIFICATION

4. Internal Certification

Once a student has achieved 5th Kyu, they may be recommended as a potential Sensei and as such they will be given responsibilities such as class warm ups, white belt and Yellow belt assistant instruction as well as other duties that will prepare them for eventually teaching a class. Their level of responsibility will increase with their Kyu grade

4.1 Teaching Credits.

At Shodan, a Sensei Candidate must have 30 hours MINIMUM of supervised technique instruction to be considered for recognition

4.2 Conduct

The Candidate must be an example of proper conduct and exemplify the goals and ideals of J.J.I..

4.3 Recognition by the Shihan Board

They Ryu Shihan will, in writing, recommend a Shodan for promotion to Sensei. This letter will be addressed to the Vice President of the Shihan Board and include all pertinent information such as, teaching credits, training log and rank schedule log. The Vice President will then:

4.3.1 – Recommend for Promotion

By offering the candidate, along with their own recommendation to the Shihan board for consideration



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4.3.2 – Refuse to Recommend for promotion

They will, in writing, detail the reason for refusal and any additional requirements for resubmission of recommendation. However if the refusal is a permanent denial of recommendation they will detail this in an open letter to the Shihan board and will be subject to review by the Sgt. at Arms

4.3.2.1 Right of Appeal

The Ryu Shihan has the right to request a review of a refusal by the Sgt at Arms. If the appeal has merit, in the opinion of the Sgt. at Arms, then the Sgt at Arms can, at their discretion call for a hearing by the Charter members who will decide the outcome of the appeal by a majority vote. In the event that the Sgt. at Arms is a Charter Member then the Sgt. at Arms will surrender their vote, on this matter, to another member of the Shihan Board whom they will choose.

ADDENDUM 6 - MEMBERSHIP DIVISION

5. Division by Rank

Membership shall be divided between Dan and Kyu

6.1 Dan Grades organized into the J.J.I. Yudanshakai

6.2 Kyu Grades organized into the J.J.I. Mudanshakai

6.3 Governing Powers

Only members of the J.J.I. Yudanshakai can hold official position within the J.J.I.. All officers and officials must have 4th Dan ranking or higher if such a rank exists among the Ryu Shihan.



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Addendum #</u>	<u>Addendum Action Log</u>		<u>Action</u>
		<u>Votes Yea</u>	<u>Votes Nay</u>	



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I, _____ hereby solemnly affirm that I will at all times endeavor to live by the Bylaws of Jodoryu Jujitsu International as ratified by the Charter Member Board. I have read the document in its entirety and I am in full agreement with each and every part.

I hereby submit this document along with my annual fee and formally request my name to be added to the Jodoryu Jujitsu International official membership roll.

My membership request is for:

Student Member (\$50)

Shihan Board or Instructor Membership (Voting Member) (\$125)

Signed this ____ day of _____, 200_.

Signature

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Please make payment by cash (in person only), check, or money order payable to J.J.I. and send it along with this form to

J.J.I. Headquarters

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