



## **Association Constitution**

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### **Article 1 (Definition)**

The provisions set forth in this constitution shall apply to the association members of Tri-force Jiu-Jitsu Academy (hereinafter referred to as "member organizations") and the representative, instructors, and members of the member organizations (hereinafter referred to as "representatives").

### **Article 2 (Compliance)**

Member organizations and representatives shall abide by the Tri-force Constitution, Instructor Code, Academy Rules, and other regulations as set forth by Tri-force Jiu-Jitsu Academy Headquarters (hereafter referred to as "Headquarters").

### **Article 3 (Qualifications)**

Membership is valid for one year from the date of application to the Association. If a member organization does not withdraw from the association at least one month prior to the expiration of the membership period, the membership shall be renewed for another one year period, and so on.

### **Article 4 (Affiliate fees and Charges)**

Member organizations shall pay the affiliate fees and license fees for goods and services as specified by the headquarters.

### **Article 5 (Rights)**

Member organizations may use the Tri-force name and logo® with the permission of Headquarters for the duration of their membership.

### **Article 6 (Trademark Notice)**

Member organizations and representatives must display the Tri-force logo® on their websites, school facilities and uniforms during the period of membership.

### **Article 7 (Belt and degrees)**

Certification of belts and degrees for members of member organizations shall be done by the head instructor of each member organization, and certification of belts and degrees for head instructor shall be done only by their immediate superior instructor in Tri-force.

### **Article 8 (Certified school requirements)**

Certified schools among the member organizations shall adopt the same curriculum, belt system and the certified instructor system as the headquarters.

### **Article 9 (Exchange System)**

Member organizations shall participate in the Tri-force network exchange system, and representatives of member organizations shall be allowed to reciprocally use other member organizations under the terms and conditions specified separately.

**Article 10 (Instructor Regulations)**

Instructors belonging to other Jiu-Jitsu associations are not allowed to teach Jiu-Jitsu in the member organizations. Instructors of member organizations may not teach jiu-jitsu at other jiu-jitsu associations.

**Article 11 (Competition Participation Rules)**

When members of member organizations participate in Jiu-Jitsu competitions, their affiliation shall be with the Tri-force Jiu-Jitsu Academy, and the headquarters shall have the right to make all decisions regarding applications, including changes, additions, and exclusions of competitors in each category.

**Article 12 (Rules for Participation in Pro Martial arts events)**

Members of member organizations may not use the name of the Tri-force as their affiliation when competing in professional martial arts events (MMA, Kickboxing, etc.), except for those athletes who have been individually approved for use by the Headquarters.

**Article 13 (Name Change)**

Headquarters reserves the right to change the name of a member organization's school if Headquarters deems it necessary, such as when the location of the member organization moves.

**Article 14 (Territorial Rights)**

A member organization may not operate in the same commercial area as Headquarters or an existing member organization. The scope of the commercial area will be determined by Headquarters, taking into account the academy size, whether it is in an urban or rural area, and transportation.

**Article 15 (Non-competition)**

During the term of membership and for a period of 1 year after the end of the term of membership, affiliates may not engage in the same or similar business as Tri-force in the same commercial area, including self-employment.

**Article 16 (Expulsion)**

The headquarters reserves the right to expel a member organization in the event that the member organization falls under any of the following circumstances after expulsion, the member organization shall immediately stop using the Tri-force name and logo®.

1. If the member organization has violated these terms and conditions or any other rules and regulations established by Headquarters.
2. Injuring the honor of Tri-force or disrupting order.
3. Failure to pay affiliate fees or license fees on time or late.
4. Making a false declaration to the headquarters at the time of joining.
5. Is deemed unsuitable as a member of the member organization of Tri-force.

6. If the member organization is found to be a member of an anti-social group such as a crime syndicate, gangster, or other similar group.
7. When the member organization has committed an act that interferes with the operation of Tri-force Headquarters.

**Article 17 (Personal Information Protection)**

Tri-force Headquarters shall establish and adhere to a privacy policy regarding the handling of personal information, and shall handle the personal information of member organizations, representatives, etc. in a safe and appropriate manner. The privacy policy shall be posted on the website of Tri-force Headquarters.

**Article 18 (Revision of the Agreement)**

In the event that the headquarters revises the Terms and Conditions, Headquarters will notify the Member Organization by posting on the website.

Tri-force Jiu-Jitsu Academy Headquarters