



Mission Statement

The Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association is dedicated to the preservation of the traditional values of Martial Arts. The Guiding principles of the Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association will be a policy of cooperation among martial artists for the support of teachers, students and schools and the further development of the arts.

Bylaws

1. The Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association (N.I.N.M.A.A.) is an organization designed to support instructors and students of Martial Arts by means of certification, training, martial arts business development, advanced testing and affiliation with an international organization dedicated to self improvement and improvement of the martial arts.
2. The Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association encourages the active participation of all members. We recognize the unique qualities of our instructors and students and foster leadership potential in all members.
3. The Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association shall be governed by a board of directors, consisting of no more than six ranking black belts. Board members, once selected, serve an unlimited term, until such time as they choose to retire or resign. A board member may elect to retire or resign at any time. If a board position becomes vacant it shall be filled by a ranking black belt within the Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association. The board shall choose the replacement board member by evaluating the individual contribution of each member and choosing the member that best exemplifies the principles of the organization.
4. An individual wishing to become a member of the Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association must apply to the board of members. All approved applicants must adhere to the Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association code of conduct and are eligible for all benefits.
5. In order to be certified as an instructor, members must exhibit the principles and values as identified in the Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association code of conduct and must apply for or be recommended for certification as an instructor. Applicants for instructor status must be of black belt or higher rank.
6. All certified Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association instructors are to utilize the curriculum as provided by N.I.N.M.A.A. Each instructor is responsible for teaching the N.I.N.M.A.A. curriculum in a manner that is consistent with the principles of the organization. N.I.N.M.A.A. curriculum is an enhancement to your current curriculum and is not intended as a replacement. Testing for the N.I.N.M.A.A curriculum must follow the format dictated by N.I.N.M.A.A.
7. All certified Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association instructors are authorized to train and test their own students up to two ranks below the instructor's current rank.
8. All rank advancement up to 1st level below black belt will be based upon a review by each school's instructor. Testing of all Dan ranks shall be done by formal testing in front of at least one of the board members of N.I.N.M.A.A. All Distance learning students not affiliated with an authorized school or instructor must submit a video tape or DVD to an authorized board member for testing.
9. The Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association shall provide Dan testing at reasonable cost for all instructors. A fee will be assessed to cover the reasonable cost of certificates, belts, related materials, time and/or rent, according to the current Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association fee schedule.
10. Each individual instructor has the right to create their own test fee schedule as they deem appropriate to their situation. This test fee will be retained by the instructor for use in their school, academy or club.
11. Official Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association Kyu level certification is available from the board of directors and will be issued at the request of the certified Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association instructor.

12. All Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association related materials including, but not limited to, Dan certificates, school charters, patches and belts will be provided to each individual instructor at reasonable cost plus shipping and the appropriate tax.

13. Amendments to the Ninpiden International Ninjutsu Martial Arts Association Bylaws may be made only by presenting the amendment in a general election of voting members (with a 3/4 majority vote to pass) and ratification by a unanimous vote of the board of directors.

