

# **Rules and Regulation for Affiliate and Allied Members**

**Special Members:** Regular AAKF membership is style-independent and falls under the jurisdiction of the member's respective geographical region as stated in AAKF Rules and Regulations. Special Members are under the umbrella of an organization or association that conducts an amateur karate program that complies with the rules and regulations and meet the athletic and technical requirements of the AAKF, which rules and regulations may be established or amended from time to time by the AAKF Board of Directors. In addition, the organization or association shall fall into one of the following two subcategories of Special Membership:

1. **Affiliate Organization Members.** Affiliate Organization Members shall generally be organizations which are primarily devoted to establishing and maintaining educational programs in karate as an art and a sport.
2. **Allied Organization Members.** Allied Members shall generally be organizations that have programs of a national scope devoted to the development of amateur karate.

## **Membership:**

Special members shall choose for the membership in the AAKF from one of following two categories:

1. Special members can become a member of the AAKF through their perspective AAKF Region (Type I).  
or,
2. Special members can become a member of the AAKF through their perspective allied/affiliate organization (Type II).

## **Voting Right:**

Special Members voting rights fall into one of the following two categories:

1. Type I members have all rights as the Regular AAKF members as stated in AAKF Rules and Regulations.
2. Type II members individually will have no regional voting power and cannot be elected or hold any official position regionally or nationally. The main organization of the special members can have a representative in the AAKF BOD as a director as long as they have a minimum of 20 registered AAKF clubs and 250 registered AAKF members.

## **Participation:**

Both Type I and Type II Special members have the right to participate in all regional and national seminars, camps, and technical qualification programs. The Special members can participate in the AAKF competitions as long as they meet the Technical requirements of AAKF. Competition participation can fall in one of the following two categories:

1. Type I Special members can participate in all AAKF competitions, as set for Regular members.
2. Type II Special members can participate in all regional competitions but cannot be selected as part of the regional team to compete in National events. Type II Special members can send athletes to AAKF National events independently of regional selections. The number of athletes and teams from Type II Special members competing in AAKF National events shall be set by the BOD.

**Ranking Certificate:**

- All Type I Special members and Regular members can obtain AAKF Ranking Certificates as long as they meet the requirements set forth in the AAKF Technical Guidelines and pay the fees as set by BOD.
- All Type II Special members can obtain AAKF Ranking Certificates through their perspective organization as long as the special member organization have a minimum of 10 registered AAKF clubs and 100 registered AAKF members

**Membership Fees:**

All Special members shall be required to pay membership dues in such amounts and with such frequency as may be established by the AAKF Board of Directors. Any Member that fails to stay current in paying established membership dues to the corporation shall be subject to suspension or termination of its membership at the discretion of the AAKF Board of Directors.

The membership dues for Special members shall fall into one of the following categories:

1. Type I Special members shall pay dues for club and individual members as set for the Regular members.
2. Type II Special members shall pay dues for club and individual members as set for the Regular members, with the following provisions for the club dues only:

0-5 Clubs	No discount
6-10 Clubs	15% discount of regular club dues
11-15 Clubs	20% discount of regular club dues
16 + Clubs	25% discount of regular club dues

**Note: All club membership must be paid prior to or at the same time the individual membership is submitted.**