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Hakkoryu Jujutsu and Koho Shiatsu Rules and Regulations

1. The Hakkoryu So Hombu Dojo is a private school established in 1941 to teach and train select individuals in the traditional Japanese self-protection martial art of Hakkoryu Jujutsu and the Japanese medical techniques of Hakkoryu Koho Shiatsu. Nidai Soke Okuyama Ryuho (hereinafter the “Hakkoryu Soke”) holds the sole and exclusive authority to control and direct the dissemination and knowledge of the theory, techniques, and mysteries of Hakkoryu Jujutsu and Hakkoryu Koho Shiatsu throughout Japan and the world. He may do this himself directly or through properly licensed Shihan (master instructors). It is of the utmost importance that Hakkoryu Jujutsu and Hakkoryu Koho Shiatsu be protected and transmitted in their correct form as presented by Shodai Soke, the Founder of Hakkoryu, and as preserved and guarded by the current Hakkoryu Soke.
2. All power and authority in Hakkoryu Jujutsu and Hakkoryu Koho Shiatsu rests with the Hakkoryu Soke. All disciples, whether Mudansha (members who have not yet received Shodan grade), Yudansha (members holding Shodan through Yondan grade) or holders of Menkyo Shihan and above licenses must honor and obey his instructions.
3. The Hakkoryu Soke is the sole and exclusive owner of all trade names, registered trademarks, service marks, and copyrights for all logos, calligraphy, merchandise, photographic images, publications and other intangibles throughout the world relating to Hakkoryu Jujutsu, Hakkoryu Koho Shiatsu, and the Hakkoryu kamon (crest) Yotsume-no-mon. Any usage of said items without the express written permission of the Hakkoryu Soke is a violation of international and local trade name/trademark/copyright laws. The Hakkoryu Soke has properly and legally registered and protected these rights as well as various Internet domain names in Japan and countries throughout the world. Outside of publications printed and distributed by the Hakkoryu So Hombu Dojo absolutely no books, manuals, videos, movies, websites or other publications are permitted without being sanctioned by the Hakkoryu Soke.
4. The Hakkoryu Soke is the only person holding the authority to teach and conduct Hakkoryu Menkyo Jikiden for Koho Shiatsu, Shihan, Kaiden, and Sandaikichu, including Renshi reviews of said licenses. Only in special circumstances will he grant a Regional Representative or other representative

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permission to teach and issue certification on his behalf in Hakkoryu Koho Shiatsu Igaku.

5. The Hakkoryu So Hombu Dojo in Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture is a private Dojo used primarily for the training of Disciples for/with the title of Menkyo Shihan or above. Letters of introduction by Hakkoryu Shihan in good standing must precede any visit to the Hakkoryu So Hombu Dojo via their Regional Representative. In all cases, arrangements for such visits must be made well in advance. Those without such prior arrangements and documentation shall be turned away.
6. All Disciples must be properly registered with the Hakkoryu So Hombu Dojo through a Shihan in good standing. Unless so registered, individuals have no association with Hakkoryu Jujutsu or Hakkoryu Koho Shiatsu and are not to receive instruction.
7. Only a Hakkoryu Shihan in good standing may request and issue Yudansha certificates and obi (belts) as provided by Hombu through the Hakkoryu Soke via their Regional Representative. Only properly signed and sealed menjo (certificates) and Hakkoryu So Hombu Dojo issued obi shall be recognized. Hakkoryu Kyu certificates may originate from each Dojo at the discretion of its Shihan.
8. Members and Shihan will maintain and follow the proper chain of communication: Mudansha/Yudansha → Shihan → Regional Representative → Hakkoryu Soke. Outside of Japan, Hakkoryu Hombu Dojo will not recognize or acknowledge communication from Mudansha, Yudansha or Shihan unless received from their Regional Representative. It is the responsibility of the Regional Representative to communicate matters to the Hakkoryu Soke with impartiality.
9. There are no predefined "territories" within any Region. Mudansha and Yudansha are welcome to visit various Shihan. However, for the sake of continuity and consistency, whenever possible the pupil is encouraged to keep their primary Hakkoryu study under one Shihan's guidance, and to offer the Shihan the courtesy of notification when visiting or studying with another Shihan. If a Shihan will teach in an area near another Shihan, he/she is expected to communicate with him/her beforehand.
10. Hakkoryu So Hombu Dojo and its Organization are financially dependent upon fees as their means of support. Therefore, in order to ensure the continuation of sound and strong structure, compliance with existing fee schedules is mandatory. Annual Shihan dues (¥20,000) are to be paid directly to Hakkoryu

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So Hombu Dojo. Mudansha and Yudansha pay a one-time registration fee to their Shihan in their local currency the equivalent of ¥8,000, afterward their Shihan submits the fee and registration documentation to their Regional Representative in the currency agreed upon. Likewise, Mudansha and Yudansha will pay annual membership dues equivalent to (¥5,000) in the same fashion. The Shihan will collect funds in local currency and send dues to their Regional Representative in Yen. Mudansha or Yudansha dues over 30 days late are required to resubmit the initial registration fee (¥8,000).

11. Prior to receiving Shihan Jikiden from the Hakkoryu Soke, the Disciple will have completed the course and received certification in Hakkoryu Koho Shiatsu.
12. Hakkoryu Disciples and Instructors are to practice and teach Hakkoryu Kihon Waza as the primary subject, supplemented by Hakkoryu Henka. Each Dan-gi should be taught in proper order, Shodan, Nidan and Sandan respectively, e.g. Nidan-gi should be taught only to those who have been awarded the title of Shodan, Sandan-gi taught only to those who have been awarded the title of Nidan, etc. Yondan instruction is reserved only for those of Shihan caliber.
13. Hakkoryu Jujutsu Kihon Waza shall not be mixed or combined with the techniques of other martial arts and/or ways, nor shall the techniques and/or names of Kihon Waza be changed or altered. Separate study and practice of other martial arts or ways is not prohibited, but what must be strictly avoided is the mixing or combining of Hakkoryu practice and techniques with the techniques of other styles or schools. It is the responsibility of both the Disciple and their Shihan to keep the study of Hakkoryu pure in this regard.
14. Keikogi (practice clothes) shall be white tops and pants. Tops must be traditional "left closing over right" and not pullover. The display of emblems and/or lettering is optional, but restricted: Hakkoryu crest Yotsume-no-mon emblem (four diamonds enclosed in circle) and/or lettering may be displayed on the front left of the chest, centered on the back, or both. Purple coloration of Hakkoryu crest Yotsume-no-mon or lettering on the clothing is reserved for Shihan. Mudansha and Yudansha emblem/lettering colors should be black or other dark, neutral colors. Hakama is optional for Yudansha and Shihan within Shibu Dojo (branch schools). In the presence of the Hakkoryu Soke, hakama is worn by Shihan only. Shibu dojo may display their own emblem/lettering on the front right of the chest. Other than shibu dojo emblem/lettering, emblems/lettering referring to schools other than Hakkoryu is not permitted. While teaching or practicing other arts, wearing practice clothes with Hakkoryu emblems/lettering is not permitted.
15. No competition or sports-related activity whatsoever is permitted in the study of Hakkoryu Jujutsu.

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16. Each Hakkoryu Dojo is a place of hard work to be reserved for serious training. Proper Japanese reigi (etiquette) is to be observed at all times. Only approved individuals shall be allowed entrance to a Hakkoryu Dojo to observe training.
17. In order to maintain high standards, the Hakkoryu Soke or a senior Shihan appointed by the Hakkoryu Soke may, from time to time, visit branch Dojo for inspection.
18. Any unauthorized individuals claiming to represent Hakkoryu Jujutsu or Hakkoryu Koho Shiatsu should be reported to the Hakkoryu So Hombu Dojo via the appropriate Regional Representative for recording, investigation, and potential legal action. The Hakkoryu Soke is actively working to protect Hakkoryu's Intellectual Property in this regard and it is each member's responsibility to assist with this.
19. Upon "retiring" from Hakkoryu, one's Shihan, Kaiden and/or Sandaikichu licenses are also retired by So Hombu Dojo. This marks the end of the individual's authorization to teach or represent Hakkoryu Jujutsu and Koho Shiatsu from that point forward. Mudansha and Yudansha in good standing at the time of their Shihan's retirement are asked to contact their Regional Representative in order that they may continue their study of Hakkoryu under a Shihan in good standing.
20. Internet websites and social media pages shall be authorized by the Hakkoryu Soke via the Regional Representative. Hakkoryu members will avoid connection, contact and communication with expelled ("Hamon" 破門) persons, their organizations, illegitimate offshoots or otherwise undesirable contacts over social media just as in person.
21. Instructors and Shihan must help and support each other and the Hakkoryu Federation and Dojo inside and outside of Japan in order to ensure strengthening Hakkoryu all over the world.
22. As a Hakkoryu Mudansha, Yudansha or Shihan you are an ambassador to the rest of the world. Others will judge Hakkoryu based on your manners, attitude, etiquette, skills and deeds. Therefore you must ensure the above traits are constantly polished and that your behavior is reasonable so that others will not rightly find fault.
23. As a Hakkoryu Mudansha, Yudansha or Shihan you have in your hands the seeds of the next generation. Ensure the seeds are of high quality. Be an

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example model and teach your students what they must know to preserve and bring honor to Hakkoryu. Always exercise good judgment.

24. Hakkoryu Disciples and Shihan should endeavor to preserve justice and protect human life by constantly preparing themselves against acts of unexpected violence. Through Hakkoryu Jujutsu and Hakkoryu Koho Shiatsu, train your mind, body and spirit in the principles of righteousness and self-preservation. In this manner, you will act to serve mankind, cleanse yourself of evil intentions and behave to bring honor on yourself, your family, Hakkoryu, your community and the nation.
25. Let it be known that those who ignore or otherwise do not follow the above Regulations will face disciplinary measures up to and including suspension and loss of their "good standing" status ("Jomei" 除名) or permanent expulsion ("Hamon" 破門) from Hakkoryu Jujutsu and Hakkoryu Koho Shiatsu. Expulsion renders any rank or licenses the individual may have held null and void and removes the individual's right to teach or represent Hakkoryu Jujutsu and Hakkoryu Koho Shiatsu in any manner whatsoever. Mudansha and Yudansha students in good standing at the time of their Shihan's expulsion are asked to contact their Regional Representative in order that they may continue their study of Hakkoryu under a Shihan in good standing.