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SIERRA LEONE MIXED MARTIAL ARTS & JIU-JITSU ASSOCIATION

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SIERRA LEONE MIXED MARTIAL ARTS & JIU-JITSU ASSOCIATION 2020.

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CHAPTER ONE

Introduction

Welcome to the Sierra Leone Mixed Martial Arts & Jiu-Jitsu Association (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”). By registering your club with the Association, you agree to comply with these Terms and Conditions. Please read them carefully before proceeding.

1. Definitions

1.1 Association:

Refers to the Sierra Leone Mixed Martial Arts & Jiu-Jitsu Association, the governing body for martial arts clubs in Sierra Leone.

1.2 Club:

Refers to any registered martial arts club that is a member of the Association.

1.3 Members:

Refers to individuals who are part of a registered club and participate in martial arts and Ju-jitsu training and competitions.

1.4 Training Equipment:

Refers to any gear, tools, or materials provided by the Association for training purposes.

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1.5 Competitions:

Refers to any organized events where members of the clubs compete at local, national, or international levels.

1.6 Coaches:

Refers to individuals who are certified and authorized to train members of the clubs.

1.7 Disciplinary Action:

Refers to any measures taken by the Association against clubs or members for violations of these Terms and Conditions.

2. Registration and Membership

2.1 Eligibility

Clubs wishing to register must provide proof of legitimacy, including but not limited to:

- A governing body registration.
- A list of qualified instructors and their credentials.
- A facility that meets safety standards.

2.2 Application Process

Clubs must complete the official registration form available on the Association's website and submit it to the Association along with any required documentation and fees.

2.3 Membership Fee

Clubs are required to pay an annual membership fee, which will be outlined in the registration form. This fee is non-refundable and must be paid by the designated deadline.

2.4 Renewal

Membership must be renewed annually. Clubs that fail to renew by the deadline will lose their membership benefits and may be subject to reapplication.

2.5 Membership Categories

The Association may offer different categories of membership (e.g., full, associate, honorary) with varying rights and responsibilities. Details will be provided upon registration.

3. Rights and Responsibilities of Clubs

3.1 Competition Participation

Clubs have the right to enter their members into competitions organized by the Association. Clubs must ensure that their members:

- a. Meet the eligibility requirements for participation.
- b. Are adequately prepared and trained for competition.

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3.2 Conduct

Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their members during training sessions and competitions. Any behavior deemed inappropriate may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion.

3.3 Reporting

Clubs must report any incidents, injuries, or breaches of conduct to the Association within 48 hours. Failure to report may result in penalties.

3.4 Communication

Clubs must maintain open lines of communication with the Association and respond promptly to any inquiries or requests for information.

4. Training and Development

4.1 Training Programs

The Association will offer various training programs designed to enhance the skills of fighters. Clubs must ensure their fighters:

- Attend the required training sessions.
- Follow the curriculum set forth by the Association.

4.2 Placement of Fighters

The Association will assist in locating fighters to suitable clubs based on their skills and preferences. Clubs must provide feedback on the performance of fighters placed with them to facilitate future placements.

4.3 Coaching Standards

All coaches must adhere to the coaching standards set by the Association, including:

- Maintaining a safe and respectful training environment.
- Ensuring that all training practices comply with safety regulations

4.4 Continuing Education

Coaches are encouraged to participate in continuing education programs offered by the Association to stay updated on best practices and safety standards.

5. Competitions

5.1 Event Registration

Clubs must register their members for competitions through the official channels provided by the Association. Registration deadlines will be communicated in advance.

5.2 Fees

Additional fees may apply for competition entries. These fees will be communicated prior to each event and must be paid by the designated deadline.

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5.3 Code of Conduct

All participants must adhere to the Association's Code of Conduct during competitions. Violations may result in disqualification or further disciplinary action. The Code of Conduct will be provided to all clubs and participants.

5.4 Insurance

The Association recommends that all clubs and members obtain personal accident insurance for participation in training and competitions. Clubs must provide proof of insurance upon request.

5.5 Medical Clearance

All participants must undergo a medical examination and obtain clearance before competing. Clubs are responsible for ensuring that their members comply with this requirement.

6. Liability and Indemnity

6.1 Liability Waiver

By registering with the Association, clubs and members acknowledge that participation in martial arts involves inherent risks.

- a. The association will give 50% support to athletes in case of injury, which the association is officiating (competitions).

6.2 Indemnity And Death Risk

- a. Clubs agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Association from any claims arising out of their participation or the participation of their members in Association activities, including legal fees and costs associated with any claims.
- b. In case of a death risk during competition, the member or clubs will not hold the association accountable, for such an occurrence.
- c. Section 6.2 (b) if it occurs, the association will only compensate by showing solidarity to the club or member.

7. Termination of Membership

7.1 Voluntary Termination

Clubs may terminate their membership by providing written notice to the Association at least 30 days in advance. Membership benefits will cease upon the effective date of termination.

7.2 Involuntary Termination

The Association reserves the right to terminate a club's membership for violations of these Terms and Conditions, including but not limited to:

- a Failure to adhere to conduct standards.
- b Non-payment of fees.
- c Serious breaches of safety regulations.

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7.3 Appeal Process

Clubs that face involuntary termination may appeal the decision in writing to the Association within 14 days of notification. The appeal will be reviewed by the Association's Executive, and a final decision will be communicated.

8. Amendments

The Association reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time. Clubs will be notified of any changes, and continued membership will constitute acceptance of the new terms.

9. Governing Law

These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Sierra Leone.

Any disputes arising from these terms will be resolved in the appropriate courts of Sierra Leone.

10. Core Values

10.1 Respect

All members must show respect for one another, for coaches, for competitors, and for officials. Mutual respect fosters a safe and positive environment for training and competition.

10.2 Integrity

Members are expected to act with honesty and transparency in all dealings within the Association and with the public. Any form of dishonesty or fraudulent behavior is strictly prohibited.

10.3 Professionalism

Members should demonstrate professionalism in all aspects of training, competitions, this includes punctuality, responsibility, and following the directives of the governing body of SLMMAJJA.

11 Commitments to the Association

11.1 Exclusive Membership:

- a. Members must commit to the SLMMAJJA and are prohibited from being members of any other martial arts **Or** combat sports association whose goals or interests' conflict with the mission and values of the SLMMAJJA.
- b. It ensures loyalty, focus, and a clear commitment to the growth of the sport in Sierra Leone.

11.2 Active Participation:

Members are expected to regularly participate in SLMMAJJA activities, including training sessions, events, meetings, and competitions.

11.3 Representation

Members are ambassadors of the SLMMAJJA, and should act in a manner that reflects positively on the organization in all public and private matters.

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CHAPTER TWO

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR SLMMAJJA MEMBERS

1. Purpose

This policy ensures that members avoid conflicts of interest that could compromise their integrity, loyalty, or duties to the SLMMAJJA. It is essential that all members act in the best interest of the Association and refrain from any action or association that could lead to divided loyalties or create a conflict of interest.

2. Definition of Conflict of Interest

A conflict of interest occurs when a member's personal interests (whether financial, professional, or personal) interfere with their ability to make objective decisions or act in the best interests of the SLMMAJJA.

Examples of conflicts of interest include:

- a. A member being simultaneously involved in another martial arts or combat sports association whose objectives or values conflict with those of SLMMAJJA.
- b. A member having a financial or personal interest in a business or organization that competes directly with SLMMAJJA or its activities.

3. Dual Membership Prohibition

a. Exclusive Membership:

3. Dual Membership Prohibition

A dual member of SLMMAJJA is allowed to maintain active membership in another association with conflicts goals, values, or interests. This includes any other martial arts, combat sports, or sporting organizations that may have competing or contradictory objectives with those of SLMMAJJA but should notify the governing body of SLMMAJJA.

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b. Disclosure of Potential Conflicts:

If a member becomes involved in another organization/ association that could present a potential conflict of interest, they must immediately disclose this to the **SLMMAJJA Governing Body**. The Governing Body will review the situation and may require the member to choose between the two associations.

4. Disclosure of conflict

- a. Members must disclose any situations that could be perceived as a conflict of interest, including outside business relationships, sponsorships, or personal affiliations that may affect their role in SLMMAJJA.
- b. Failure to disclose potential or actual conflicts of interest may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion.

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5. Recusal

If a conflict of interest arises during any decision-making process within SLMMAJJA (such as board meetings, event planning, or training programs), the affected member must recuse themselves from the discussion and decision-making.

6. Violations

Failure to adhere to the conflict of interest policy may lead to disciplinary action, including but not limited to a formal warning, suspension, or expulsion from the Association.

7. Benefit of Clubs or Single Registered

- Benefit to participate in competition being held by the association.
- Club or association member will have the tendency to travel abroad on event being called by the association when the individual has the requirement being set by the association.
- Individual registered member will have access to train with the association equipment at the gym of the association.
- The association will organize a seminar for the club and individual registered and give a certificate on coaching
- Invite international/ national coaches to the clubs and individual members in terms of training and discipline.
- Organize event both indoor and outdoor activities for clubs with a minimum amount
- Ordinary member on your own can become executive member with certain condition mandated by the executive.
- Medical should be given to individual member persons in terms of injury in accordance with 6.1 clause (a).

8. SECTION A

- Before a club can participate in activities organized by another association, it is imperative that there is a clear mutual understanding established between the two association.**
- If a club encounter internal conflict or dispute among its member, it holds the right to formally inform the association, this communication allows the association to provide guidance or mediation to help resolve the issues effectively**
- For position within the executive board the association will allocate 40% of these roles to club members. However, eligibility will be determined based on specific criteria that must be met by potential candidates, ensuring that appointed members are qualified and representative of the club.**

9. Fees / Charges

- Fees for registration is Nle = **400**.

Note! Payments should be made through the bank or in the office, Upon prior Notice from the Vice President which is one - off payments without breaking the rules of the association.

- Annual payment should be made for the running of the association which is Nle = **500**. For every financial year.

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10. Contact Information

For any questions or concerns regarding these Terms and Conditions, please contact the Sierra Leone Mixed

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Acknowledgment

My name is..... I have read, understood and agreed fully with the Terms and Condition of the Sierra Leone Mixed Martial Arts & Jiu-Jitsu Association.

By registering with the Sierra Leone Mixed Martial Arts & Ju-Jitsu Association, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to abide by these Terms and Conditions. Thank you for being a part of our community and for your commitment to the growth and development of martial arts in Sierra Leone.

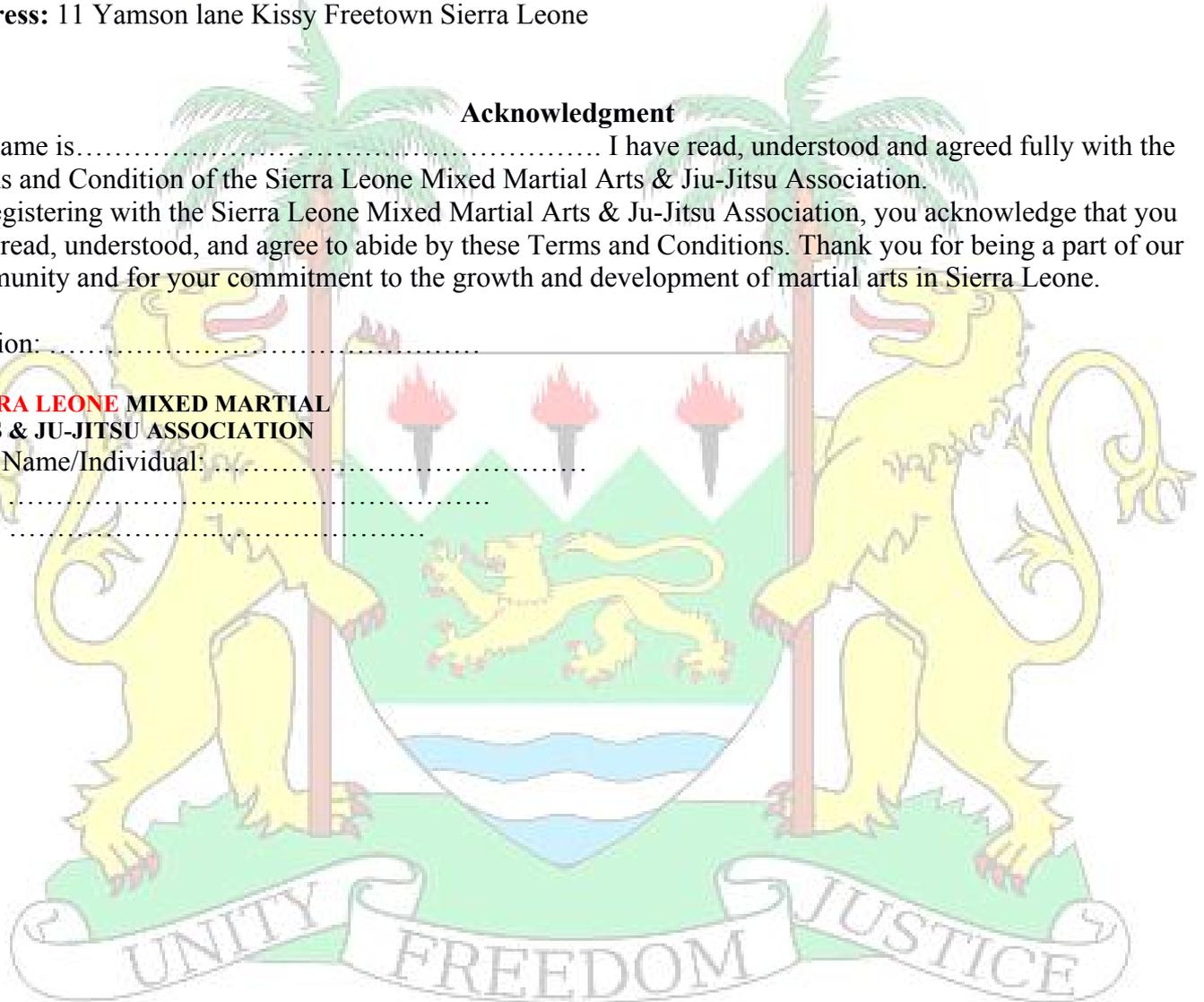
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Club Name/Individual:

Sign:

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