

THE AMUTOT * LAW 1980 - 5740

*Non-profit making organisation

RULES OF THE AMUTA

CHAPTER ONE – NAME OF AMUTA:

KAMI – The Amuta for Israeli Defensive Combat (founded by Mr. Eli Avikzar).

CHAPTER TWO - THE AIMS OF THE AMUTA:

- i. To establish a non-party, non-political body independent of other sporting organisations or bodies, which will serve as the supreme authority for Israeli defensive combat and self-defense, which the Amuta will develop using the methods of Mr. Eli Avikzar.
- ii. To teach, train and engage in defensive combat and self-defence using the **KAMI** method invented by Mr. Eli Avikzar.
- iii. To supervise those using defensive combat and self-defence according to the **KAMI** method and to grant them certificates confirming their rank in Israel and abroad and to establish a book of ranks.
- iv. To train in conjunction with the school of advanced studies for teachers – the Wingate Institute in the name of Zissman, qualified teachers and trainers or any other body authorised to do so.
- v. To make contact with other bodies in Israel and abroad who engage in the art of combat and sport and whose aim does not come into conflict with the aims of the Amuta.
- vi. To make the **KAMI** method into both a popular and personal sport and to preserve its integrity as such.
- vii. To encourage enthusiasts in the art to train and learn the **KAMI** method.
- viii. To carry out any action that is necessary to advance and develop the organisation and/or its aims.

CHAPTER THREE – AUTHORITY OF THE AMUTA

- i. To buy, sell, hire, receive in exchange, or in any other manner to use, operate, deal and hold in any other way, land and chattels necessary for the the Amuta’s aims.
- ii. To receive, give and organise loans, donations, gifts, grants, allowances, mortgages, payments and all forms of other support and to this purpose to use all other means that the Amuta deems fit.
- iii. To lend monies for the purposes of the Amuta and to obligate repayment in anyway that the Amuta deems fit and to this purpose to place a lien, to mortgage and to give securities.
- iv. To cooperate with companies, organisations or other person/persons in order to fulfil in full the aims of the Amuta.
- v. To collect annual subscriptions from members of the Amuta which will be used to advance the aims of the amuta and to finance its current activities.
- vi. To receive and pay monies, to sign promissory notes, cheques and undertakings of all types and to hold bank accounts, or banks and other financial institutions and to carry out all banking operations necessary for the existance of the Amuta.
- vii. To open bank accounts in the name of the Amuta and to manage them and draw money from these accounts. To draw, make, endorse, clear, sign and take out promissory notes, cheques and bills of exchange, and all other commercial documents whatsoever.
- viii. To be involved in contracts and transactions of every kind and to participate in every process and legal action and/or others.
- ix. To employ trainers, teachers and workers with and without salary, including members of theAmuta, members of the organising committee and the Chairman of the Amuta.
- x. To appear before all governmental offices, local authorities and other public bodies as a buyer and hirer.
- xi. Renter, lessor, hirer and mortgagor and carry out all other legal transactions according to the aims of the Amuta and to give power of attorney to lawyers in order to carry out the above actions.
- xii. To act and to do everything as a proper organisation in all obligatory rights and legal action.
- xiii. The Amuta will not operate in order to make profit.

CHAPTER FOUR – MEMBERSHIP OF THE AMUTA

The members of the organisation are:

The founders:

1. Managers and heads of original branches of **KAMI**
 - i. Eli Avikzar
 - ii. Avraham Avisidan
 - iii. Eli Levshtein
 - iv. Ilan Tabib

2. Other founding members
 - i. Ilan Kogus
 - ii. Yitzhak Ben Margi
 - iii. Simon Fadida
 - iv. Avi Sela
 - v. Rani Gorlick
 - vi. Tal Barkan

3. Any other person and/or organisation (by official representatives) recommended by a member of the Amuta can be accepted and if the Chairman of the Amuta will decide to accept him and on condition that he has paid his annual subscription according to the conditions set down by the committee.

CHAPTER FIVE – EXPIRY OF MEMBERSHIP

1. The expiry of membership –
 - i. Death of a member and any organisation that is a member – at the end of its liquidation.
 - ii. On leaving the Amuta – notice will be given to the committee 30 days in advance.
 - iii. In the event that the member has ceased his activities or connection with the Amuta for a period of more than one year.
 - iv. On his removal from the Amuta.

2. The committee is authorised to decide by majority and by prior and written confirmation by the Chairman of the Amuta of removal of a member of the Amuta due to one of the following reasons:
 - i. The member has not paid his subscription.
 - ii. The member did not follow the Amuta's rules and/or decision of the committee.
 - iii. The member behaves in an unsporting manner or acts against the aims of the Amuta.
 - iv. The member has been found guilty of a shameful offence.
3. The committee can stop temporarily, with prior written authorisation from the Chairman, the actions of a member until a final decision has been received according to the small clause (2) above.
4. The member will not leave according to the aforesaid actions in the secondary clause (2 (i) (ii) (iii)) until the committee has warned the member and given him sufficient time to correct the situation.
5. The member will only leave according to small clause (2) and only after being given a fair opportunity to air his grievances.
6. The member will only leave the Amuta according to the reasons laid down in the rules.
7. Expiry of membership in the Amuta does not affect the clearing of payments that are due to the Amuta from the member on the eve of the expiry of his membership up to the actual expiry.

CHAPTER SIX – COURSE PARTICIPATION

1. The courses –

- i. The Amuta will provide annually, according to the number of registered participants, courses for assistant trainers, training courses, teachers' courses and senior teachers' courses.
- ii. The Amuta will encourage the graduates of the trainers' course to participate in the qualified teachers' course and senior teachers' course at the Wingate Institute in the name of Zissman or any other body authorised to do so

2. Conditions for acceptance in the various courses -

In order to participate in the different courses the students must have the following criteria:

Assistant trainers' course:

- i. Students that have an orange belt or higher.
- ii. Students from the age of 13 and above.
- iii. A student that is found to be suitable by his teacher and the Chairman of the Amuta.

Trainers' course:

- i. A student that has completed an assistant trainers' course.
- ii. Students from the age of 16 and above.
- iii. Students that have a blue belt or above, preferably a brown belt.
- iv. A student that is found to be suitable by his teacher and the Chairman of the Amuta.
- v. A trainers' certificate will be given to the holders of a black belt who have reached the age of 18 and after the student has been training for at least one year, once a week at the institute where he was trained by his teacher.

Qualified and senior teachers' course:

- i. Students that answer the criteria of the school of advanced studies for teachers at the Wingate Institute in the name of Zissman or any other body authorised to do so.
- ii. Students that have completed a trainers' course.
- iii. Students that have the minimum of a black belt 2nd Dan.
- iv. A letter of recommendation from his teacher.

CHAPTER SEVEN – OPENING OF BRANCHES

The organisation will permit the opening of new branches (in Israel and abroad) by members of the Amuta, but only if they answer to the following conditions:

1. The receipt of permission in writing from the Chairman of the Amuta and the teacher of the member.
2. The branch will be situated no less than five kilometres radius from an existing branch. Unless permission in writing from the owner or a person authorised to do so is received.
3. The person requesting is a qualified trainer with a black belt and has the permission of the Chairman of the Amuta.
4. A qualified trainer with a brown belt is permitted to open a branch only in a community center.
5. This rule is effective regarding every branch in Israel and abroad.

CHAPTER EIGHT – THE AMUTA’S FUNCTIONARIES

The Amuta’s functionaries are:

1. Chairman of the Amuta.
2. Organising committee.
3. Control board.
4. The committees of the Amuta.
5. General Meeting
6. Amuta’s secretary.

CHAPTER NINE – CHAIRMAN OF THE AMUTA

1. The first Chairman of the Amuta, who is also the principal of the method, is Mr. Eli Avikzar.
2. The Chairman of the Amuta is a member of the Amuta and member and Chairman of the organising committee.
3. The Chairman has the right of signature on documents of the Amuta and the withdrawal of monies together with the signature of another member of the committee who shall be determined by that committee.
4. The Chairman of the committee has the right to advise the members of the committee and to remove heads of branches or cease communication with them (as stated in **CHAPTER FIVE**).
5. The Chairman will serve for a period of 3 years.
6. Nearing the end of the chairman's term the organising committee will meet in order to select a new chairman.
7. The chairman will be chosen by a majority of 60% at least.
8. For any reason that prevents the Chairman in carrying out his duties, the most senior member of the committee will serve as deputy chairman.
9. The chairman of the Amuta can appoint, with the committee’s permission, even if he is not a member of the Amuta, a person as an honorary president of the Amuta. However, an honorary president cannot be a member of the committee. A person who has been convicted of a shameful offence cannot serve as honorary president.
10. The Chairman is entitled to resign his position by presenting in writing his resignation at a meeting of the organising committee.

CHAPTER TEN – THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

1. The committee's functions:
 - i. Election of Chairman
 - ii. Outlining operational methods of the Amuta, including management areas, ranks, courses, professional advancement, educating trainers, public activities, etc.
 - iii. Operating the Amuta.
 - iv. Carrying out the aims of the Amuta.
 - v. Presenting the Amuta abroad.
 - vi. Carrying out the tasks given him in enforcing these rules.
 - vii. To confirm the budget of the Amuta.
 - viii. To determine the annual subscriptions whose payment is obligatory for members of the Amuta.
2. The committee will convene if possible once a week as per invitation of the Chairman or if he decides at least once a month in order to receive a report and to make decisions regarding the carrying out of the Amuta's activities.
3. Decisions will be made by the committee by a majority.
4. The decisions of the committee will be passed by a majority opinion and if there is no majority the vote of the Chairman will decide.
5. The Chairman of the Amuta will be the Chairman of the committee and a member of it.
6. The meetings of the committee will be chaired by the Chairman of the committee.
7. In the absence of the Chairman of the Amuta and with his prior permission, the most senior member of the committee will chair the committee.
8. The committee will manage the minutes of the annual planning meeting which will take place before the opening of the training year and at the years end meeting on completion of the year's training. Furthermore, the committee will keep minutes of its monthly meetings as per the wishes of the Chairman under advice with members of the committee.
9. Committee's members
 - i. A person who is not a member of the Amuta cannot serve on the committee.
 - ii. If the place of a member becomes available, the Chairman of the Amuta will appoint another member of the Amuta under advice of the committee to serve in his place.
 - iii. A member of the committee that cannot carry out his duties can be replaced temporarily or permanently by the Chairman under advice from the organising committee.
 - iv. A member of the committee will serve on the committee for 3 years.
 - v. Once in 3 years a general meeting will be held to choose a new committee.

CHAPTER ELEVEN – CONTROL BOARD OR EXAMINING BODY

1. The general meeting of the Amuta is authorised to appoint a control board or examining body according to the Amutot Law of 1980 - 5740. A person who is a member of the organising committee or is a salaried employee of the Amuta cannot sit on the control board or examining body.
2. The control board or examining body will examine the financial and economic aspects of the Amuta and its invoice books. The control board and examining body will provide the committee with its recommendations in order to confirm the financial statement of the Amuta.

CHAPTER TWELVE – THE AMUTA’S COMMITTEES

1. The committee is authorised to elect permanent and temporary committees to manage the interests of the Amuta to strengthen its authority for its operations.
2. Every committee is authorised, when it has been decided so, to appear instead of the organising committee and to operate and represent this committee and the Amuta in making decisions and carrying them out.
3. The organising committee is authorised to appoint members of the committees, to replace them, and also to reappoint them according to its discretion.
4. The committees will convene at times determined by themselves.
5. A majority of members of the committee will constitute a legal quorum.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN – THE AMUTA’S GENERAL MEETING

1. There is to be both a general or extraordinary general meeting.
2. The regular general meeting will be convened by the Chairman of the Amuta once in a year by way of a prior notice that will be sent to all the participant's at least seven days in advance and will contain the location, the date and the hour of the meeting and its agenda.
3. The regular general meeting will elect a control board.
4. An extraordinary general meeting will be called by the Chairman of the Amuta if he deems it necessary, at any given time and for the committee to do so according to a written request of the control board or the examining body or of one tenth of all members of the Amuta.
5. Discussion and decisions taken at an extraordinary general meeting can only be on the questions for which it was convened.

6. The general meeting will start its business only if one-half of the members of the Amuta are present and in their absence the general meeting will be delayed for 30 minutes and will resume after 30 minutes at the same place with the same agenda and will be legal no matter how many participants are present.
7. The agenda of all general or extraordinary general meetings will be determined by the Chairman. The general meeting will not discuss any subject that does not appear on the agenda unless a decision has been taken by a majority of 75% of the participating members in that meeting.
8. The general meeting will be headed by the Chairman of the Amuta and in his absence by a deputy who will be appointed by the Chairman to serve as the chairman of that meeting.
9. In a general meeting every participating member has one vote.
10. Every member participating in the meeting has the right to an opinion and no member can participate in decisions of the meeting or express an opinion when being represented by another appointed by him.
11. The general meeting will consist of heads of branches/centres and holders of black belts only.
12. Decisions brought before the general meeting will be accepted by a majority vote of those present, and if there is no majority the vote of the Chairman will decide.
13. The list in the book of minutes that determines the decisions made, may unanimously or by a certain majority serve as proof and authentication without need of further proof. The minutes of all and every meeting will be signed by the Chairman of the Amuta or the chairman of the meeting.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN – THE SECRETARY OF THE AMUTA:

The functions of the secretary of the Amuta:

1. Secretary of the general meeting and managing the minutes of the discussions.
2. Managing the books and records of the Amuta.
3. Managing the ranking committee.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN – FINANCIAL MATTERS

The necessary monies for carrying out the operations of the Amuta and achieving its aims will be received from the following sources:

1. Annual subscriptions as determined by the organising committee of the Amuta.
2. Donations, grants, fundraising, support, presents, legacies and payments of every description from every source, person, institution and organisation in Israel or abroad.
3. Income from the Amuta's assets.
4. Allocations from institutions including government, movement, civic and public.
5. Loans.
6. Other sources from which the organising committee will decide.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN – RULES FOR GRANTING RANKS

1. The owners of centres are authorised to examine and grant ranks to the examinees whose rank is lower by at least two ranks from his own and on condition that the examinee has passed the examination successfully and that a certain amount of time has passed which has determined by the rules of granting new ranks.
2. Before every examination from green belt and above, the teacher will inform the person responsible for the examinations that the examination is taking place.
3. The examination for a green belt and above will be in the presence of the principal of the method or a person qualified for this and who is registered in the registry of examiners.
4. The first Chairman of the Amuta, Mr. Eli Avikzar, has the right to grant any rank and to authorise a holder of a higher rank to examine and to grant ranks abroad. Every certificate must have the signature of the Chairman of the Amuta and of the trainer.
5. The granting of every rank will be reported by the representative of the ranking committee in every centre.
6. A rank will not be granted until the following periods of time have passed:
 - i. Yellow belt – three months from the student joining the centre.
 - ii. Orange belt – six months from the receipt of the previous rank.
 - iii. Green belt – one year from the receipt of the previous rank.

- iv. Blue belt – one year from the receipt of the previous rank.
 - v. Brown belt – one year from the receipt of the previous rank.
 - vi. Black belt 1st Dan – one year from the receipt of the previous rank.
 - vii. Black belt 2nd Dan – two years from the receipt of the previous rank.
 - iii. Black belt 3rd Dan – for those who have completed the teachers / coaches course at the Wingate Institute or any other body authorised to do so, a period of three years from receipt of the previous rank. For others five years from the previous rank.
 - viii. Every further Dan, a minimum period of five years and only for active members.
7. The Chairman of the Amuta has the authority to shorten the above periods of time.
 8. Regarding the above fixed periods of time, participation in courses and training camps will be taken into consideration.
 9. In order to have an examination for any degree the student must be a member of the organization and his membership dues paid retroactively from his joining of the association.
 10. The organising committee will be authorised to grant ranks to the principal of the method and Chairman of the Amuta.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN – CHANGES OF THE RULES

Changes in the rules of the Amuta will take place according to decisions made by a majority vote of persons participating in the general meeting and who are authorised to vote on it by virtue of being holders of black belts and owners of branches/centres.

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN – DISSOLUTION

1. The Amuta will be dissolved under the following circumstances:
 - i. The number of members will be less than seven.
 - ii. A general meeting will take place in which the committee will give 21 days notice informing that a suggestion will be brought forward at the general meeting to decide on dissolution, and this will be decided by a majority of 75% (three-quarters) of the participants in the meeting that are authorised to vote there on the dissolution of the Amuta.

2. In the circumstances of the dissolution of the Amuta, all remaining assets will be transferred after payment of all outstanding debts to public bodies according to the instructions of the organising committee.
3. In the case of dissolution the name of the Amuta will be passed to the ownership of the founder Mr. Eli Avikzar.

CHAPTER NINETEEN – PROFESSIONAL MATERIAL

1. The Chairman of the Amuta and the committee secretary will undertake the supply and updating of professional material according to the ranks.
2. Once a year and also from update to update of the material copies will be distributed to owners of the centres.
3. All the rights in this material are protected and cannot be copied or distributed by any other means without the permission in writing of the Chairman or Secretary of the Amuta.

CHAPTER TWENTY – VARIOUS

1. The Amuta will keep the following books:
 - i. Members book
 - ii. Examiners book
 - iii. Minute book of general meetings
 - iv. Files for correspondence and operations of the Amuta
2. A book of ranks.
3. A record of trainers.
4. A record of members of staff.