



## **Policy 15: British National Team**

### **15.0 National Team**

15.0.1 The British National Squad was first formed in 1987 to promote and develop competitive Aikido at International level.

15.0.2 The BAA recognises only one official National Team that will represent the association at all Internationals including European and World Championships.

### **15.1 Aims and Objectives**

- to promote competitive Aikido.
- to achieve an international reputation on behalf of the BAA.
- to enhance standards of practice and performance.
- to act as international ambassadors for the BAA
- to act a research and development unit within the BAA
- to be competitively successful.

### **15.2 Structure**

The British National Team is organised and trained by an appointed Manager (s) who are responsible for he production of National Squad and Team guidelines.

These guidelines, approved by the executive committee give details of: -

- aims and objectives.
- membership, entry requirements and selection process.
- team selection process
- code of conduct and contract
- international competition administration

### **15.3 Technical**

- The squad should include Randori, Embu and Ninin Dori training and include all senior sections of the association and affiliate members.

### **15.4 Squad and Team Membership**

- Selected players must be members or affiliate members of the association and carry appropriate insurance cover.
- Its membership should be "open " and be representative of the BAA as an association.
- All team members should sign up to the BAA code of conduct

### **15.5 Managers and Team members**

- Shall abide by the constitution, byelaws and working practices of the Association.
- Team members shall only attend competitions approved by the association.

### **15.6 Competitions**

- The BAA is affiliated to the Worldwide Sports Aikido Federation (WSAF) and should only attend competitions approved by the BAA or WSAF.