



## European Chinese Kuoshu Federation and European Shuai Jiao Union

### Joint Council Membership Instructions

#### 1 Ordinary Membership

- 1.1 Ordinary Membership of the Joint Council of the European Chinese Kuoshu Federation (ECKF) and the European Shuai Jiao Union (ESJU); or individually to the ECKF or the ESJU, is available to any national Chinese Kuoshu or Shuai Jiao organisation located **within Europe**.
- 1.2 Europe is defined by the Joint Council as: the European continent bounded to the north by the Arctic Ocean to the west by the Atlantic Ocean to the South by the Mediterranean Sea and to the east by the Black Sea and the Ural Mountains. The only current exceptions to this definition are Iceland, Ireland the United Kingdom and islands situated in the Mediterranean Sea.
- 1.3 Organisations who would like to join the Joint Council must first confirm if a national representative already exists for Chinese Kuoshu or Shuai Jiao in their country. The Joint Council is unable to consider applications for membership from more than one organisation for Chinese Kuoshu and one organisation for Shuai Jiao for each country.
- 1.4 If a national organisation for Chinese Kuoshu or Shuai Jiao already exists then the Joint Council would recommend approaching this national organisation in the first instance to ensure that membership rules are not compromised.
- 1.5 If a national organisation for Chinese Kuoshu or Shuai Jiao does not exist the Joint Council will consider all applications; and usually respond within 30 days of receipt.
- 1.6 Applications should be made to the Secretary General who will refer the application to the Executive Board for consideration. The application should consist of: the Application Form, a signed (and scanned or posted) Membership Agreement and a covering letter for the leader of the national organisation expressing an interest in becoming a member of the Joint Council.
- 1.7 Applications to become a member of the Joint Council can be made either in electronic format (e-mail) to:

[membership@esju.org](mailto:membership@esju.org)

or by post to:

Membership  
151 Strathmore Avenue  
Luton  
Bedfordshire  
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- 1.8 If the application is approved, the Secretary General will notify the applicant electronically and provide information to enable the payment of the membership fee. Membership opportunities will also be set out and access to seminars, officials' training, tournaments and events will be established.
- 1.9 If the application is rejected, the Secretary General will notify the applicant electronically. The decision of the Executive Board is final and no further correspondence will be entered into.

## **2 Associate Membership**

- 2.1 Associate Membership of the Joint Council of the European Chinese Kuoshu Federation (ECKF) and the European Shuai Jiao Union (ESJU); or individually to the ECKF or the ESJU, is available to any national Chinese Kuoshu or Shuai Jiao organisation located **outside Europe**.
- 2.2 Europe is defined by the Joint Council as: the European continent bounded to the north by the Arctic Ocean to the west by the Atlantic Ocean to the South by the Mediterranean Sea and to the east by the Black Sea and the Ural Mountains. The only current exceptions to this definition are Iceland, Ireland the United Kingdom and islands situated in the Mediterranean Sea.
- 2.3 Organisations who would like to join the Joint Council must first confirm if a national representative already exists for Chinese Kuoshu or Shuai Jiao in their country. The Joint Council is unable to consider applications for membership from more than one organisation for Chinese Kuoshu and one organisation for Shuai Jiao for each country.
- 2.4 If a national organisation for Chinese Kuoshu or Shuai Jiao already exists and has already applied to become a member of the Joint Council then the Joint Council would recommend approaching this national organisation in the first instance to ensure that membership rules are not compromised.

- 2.5 If a national organisation for Chinese Kuoshu or Shuai Jiao does not exist the Joint Council will consider all applications; and usually respond within 30 days of receipt.
- 2.6 Applications should be made to the Secretary General who will refer the application to the Executive Board for consideration. The application should consist of: the Application Form, a signed (and scanned or posted) Membership Agreement and a covering letter for the leader of the national organisation expressing an interest in becoming a member of the Joint Council.
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- 2.8 If the application is approved, the Secretary General will notify the applicant electronically and provide information to enable the payment of the membership fee. Membership opportunities will also be set out and access to seminars, officials' training, tournaments and events will be established.
- 2.9 If the application is rejected, the Secretary General will notify the applicant electronically. The decision of the Executive Board is final and no further correspondence will be entered into.

### **3 Executive Membership**

- 3.1 Executive Membership of the Joint Council of the European Chinese Kuoshu Federation (ECKF) and the European Shuai Jiao Union (ESJU) is only available to **Ordinary Members who are duly elected** to serve in Executive Board positions.

### **4 Honorary Membership**

- 4.1 Honorary Membership of the Joint Council of the European Chinese Kuoshu Federation (ECKF) and the European Shuai Jiao Union (ESJU) is conferred by the Executive Board of the Joint Council to Grandmasters or Masters of Chinese Kuoshu or Shuai Jiao who are active in the international development and promotion of Chinese Kuoshu and/or Shuai Jiao.

## **5 Hall of Fame Recognition and Medals of Distinction and Honour**

- 5.1 Hall of Fame recognition is available to any member of the Joint Council who has been deemed by the full Executive Board to have made a significant contribution to the promotion of Chinese Kuoshu and/or Shuai Jiao internationally. This recognition is usually validated by an award of a Medal of Distinction (eg Kuoshu A Medal) or Medal of Honour as awarded by the International Chinese Kuoshu Federation (ICKF). The first Joint Council Hall of Fame awards will be made in May 2011.