

The Shotokan Karate Union is a non-profit International Shotokan Karate Organisation established in Great Britain in 1985, with affiliated individual members Worldwide. We practice Shotokan Karate as a traditional Japanese martial art form. Dedicated to using the traditional Japanese Shotokan Karate coaching methodology we have therefore, chosen to resist compromising those tried and tested ways. Nevertheless, we do recognise, advocate and utilise many of the modern sports sciences to test and hone our Karate-ka to assist them to achieve a high personal technical standard

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When the Shotokan Karate Union was founded we were at the vanguard of coaching education in the martial arts, when we pioneered a gold standard system of coaching, the Coaching award scheme, which now 30 years on is a successful and structured coaching course. We sponsor a number of places each year on the structured, educational award scheme to teach our coaches how to present the subject matter in a uniform manner, whilst ensuring that a high standard of student performance is achieved and maintained. From the organisation's conception we simultaneously developed and adhered to a transparent and structured grading assessment system so that our student members would know in advance & understand what is achievable and expected of them.

The Shotokan Karate Union's organisational model is based upon a consortium, an alliance, which was founded as a coming together of invited individual members from several well established Shotokan organisations including the two largest Shotokan groups at that time. We are a society of, a coalition of like-minded individual members, who are free to run their own affairs with zero political interference. This allows each individual to follow the path that is best suited to their specific needs, yet at the same time our members are in regular communication with others who are willing to freely share their ideas and experiences in a non-hostile, non-competitive atmosphere, where they don't fear to express their opinions and understanding of their studies with other coaches. Because the Shotokan Karate Union allows dual affiliation and does not have a designated Chief Instructor there is no political bias, in-fighting or jostling for position. We are run by the will of the membership through a Yudansha committee of senior Dan grade members and an elected [Director of Coaching](#). The open door policy of the

consortium model was a concept that was the aim at the foundation of the S.K.U, and it seems to have worked very well thus far as we have celebrated our 30th anniversary in 2015.

“Keeping in touch with tradition.”

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