



# KYŪDŌJŌ MODEL SAFETY RULES

1. *Dōjō* leaders and seniors who may be called upon to lead training must be registered as such with the Australian *Kyūdō* Association (AKA).
2. It is the responsibility of every *dōjō* leader to ensure all students are members of the AKA and carry the necessary insurance against accident or injury.
3. The *dōjō* leader shall be wholly responsible for the safe operation of the *dōjō* and the supervision of safety. In the absence of the *dōjō* leader the next most senior registered instructor shall take this responsibility. It is the responsibility of *dōjō* leaders and seniors to familiarise themselves with all aspects of practice pertaining to safety through attendance at local, National and IKYF training seminars.
4. Where a *dōjō* is in a place which can be accessed by the public then all entrance doors or approaches to the practice area must carry prominent notices warning the public that shooting is in progress. All accesses below the shooting line (*shai-i*) must be secured and closed during shooting.
5. Public access should not be allowed without the correct supervision and then only to the established viewing areas behind the shooting line (*shai-i*).
6. The layout of the *dōjō* must follow the standard arrangement. Only indoor facilities with enclosed ceiling and walls are acceptable for use as a *dōjō* environment unless a customised *kyūdōjō*, following the conventional safety requirements, is used.
7. The whole area for targets, target bank and arrow stop curtain must follow the acceptable requirements for design, safety and the protection of property.
8. Students must use the appropriate shooting equipment which is correctly set up and maintained. Beginners must use arrows of the correct draw length (*yazuka*) plus an additional 10 cm. Periodic inspections of equipment shall be carried out by the *dōjō* leader or registered instructor.
9. No student may shoot at *makiwara* or *mato* until permission has been granted by the *dōjō* leader or designated senior. For the reasons of form and safety, ungraded students are urged not to practise unsupervised on *makiwara* or *mato* outside of the *dōjō*.
10. ALL shooting areas must be supervised. Where shooting is taking place at the same time but at different locations within the *dōjō*, each area must be supervised and coordinated.
11. No student or visitor may proceed beyond the shooting line (*sha-i*) until given permission by the dojo leader. Arrow collection (*ya-tori*) must follow the conventions for signalling, acknowledgment and retrieval of arrows.
12. All students should be made aware of their responsibility for safety and obey the instructions of the *dōjō* leader and the *dōjō* seniors at all times.