

Tai Shin Doh/Tai Shin Jitsu Articles of Succession

Tai Shin Doh and Tai Shin Jitsu are martial art styles founded in 1966 by Soke Ronald F. Balas. They are American, martial art styles tracing their lineage back through the Japanese styles of Shotokan, Judo, Ju-jitsu, and Aikido. I, Soke Ronald Balas, am, and have been, the head of these styles since their inception. These Articles of Succession outline my wishes should something happen where I can no longer physically and/or mentally continue to lead and shape these styles as well as the affiliated organizations of Kids Karate World and Defense Tactics and Training Systems International.

Soke

As in many other martial art styles that come from Japanese lineage, the Soke is the head of the system, and is fully empowered to make any decision deemed necessary to ensure that the style is maintained and flourishes. If the current Soke, for whatever reason, can no longer perform the necessary functions to lead the style, the currently named Soke Dai will assume his duties and responsibilities. Upon the current Soke's demise or resignation, it is my desire that the World Head of Family Sokeship Council will recognize my Soke Dai as the Soke. It is my intention that that person be automatically promoted one belt level from his current level upon assumption of the title of Soke internally within Tai Shin Doh.

At the time of this writing, I name Master Allen I. Roth as my Soke Dai.

Soke Dai

The Soke Dai is appointed by the Soke. The Soke Dai's role is to step in and act as the Soke in the event that the Soke either physically or mentally becomes unfit to perform his duties. If the Soke either resigns or is deceased, the Soke Dai will be reviewed by the World Head of Family Sokeship Council to be recognized as the new Soke of Tai Shin Doh and its' affiliates. The Soke Dai appointment by the Soke may be made at any time and does not have to occur within any defined time frame after the Soke Dai becomes the Soke. The Soke Dai must be a Master level black belt in Tai Shin Doh.

Ruling Council

It is my wishes that a "Ruling Council" be established to help the Soke lead, guide and shape the style. This council is the governing body for all Tai Shin Doh practitioners residing anywhere in the world. It will have full authority to grant rank, and make any other decision of what is included or excluded from the style. It, with the Soke, will be the sole governing body for Tai Shin Doh/Tai Shin Jitsu and its' affiliates.

This council will be comprised of five members. One of these five members, and the leader of this council, must be the Soke. The other four members must be Masters in Tai Shin Doh/Tai Shin Jitsu. Only if there is not a Tai Shin Doh/Tai Shin Jitsu master available and willing to be on the council may an "Advisor" (see below) sit on the council.

At the time of this writing, I name Dave Jones, Howard Nathan, Ken Messina, and Allen Roth to the ruling council.

Advisors

In addition to the Tai Shin Doh Council, there are other respected martial artists both in and outside of our style that are to be recognized as advisors to both the Soke and the Council. These are respected martial artists in their own right, and are named by the Soke.

At the time of this writing, I name Tim Ochs, Dennis Janes, Robert Balas, Mike LoGrasso and John Spinks as advisors.



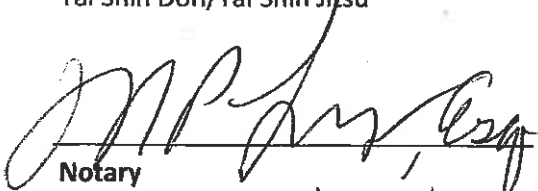
Ronald F. Balas

Soke

Tai Shin Doh/Tai Shin Jitsu

10/12/13

Date



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MY COMMISSION HAS
NO EXPIRATION DATE.

10-12-13

Date