

# Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ Branch

“High Quality Instruction to create High Quality Members”



## Branch Rules 2022

In accordance with rules and regulations in Canada, the following applies to all members of Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ Branch.

### Membership

1. Members can be individuals.
2. Members can also be Keikokai leaders.
3. All members can be asked to provide proof of having a clear criminal record at any time during their membership.
4. Membership can be revoked following procedures in the Meifu Shinkage Ryu Honbu rules.

### Active Training

5. Members attend in-person or online training at least once per month.
6. Members keep a training log of their active training.
7. During Meifu Shinkage Ryu classes, members only study Meifu Shinkage Ryu skills and do not engage in cross-training activities until the class has ended.

### Contact

8. Branch Chiefs are the main contact for members and Keikokai leaders.
9. Questions for the Honbu dojo in Japan should be directed through the Branch Chief.
10. As per Honbu Rules, only Branch Chiefs can bring forward concerns to the current Meifu Shinkage Ryu headmaster.

## **Training Fee**

11. Training fees for Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ Branch members who are personal students of Chris de Feijter are set at a donation of minimum of \$40 per session when training through distance learning. Additional short impromptu sessions can be organized, for instance quick online connect sessions to answer a question. Inperson training is \$50 per month for unlimited learning.

## **Authorized Tools of Practice**

12. All members are required to do partner training with the official Meifu Shinkage Ryu Soft Fundo Kusari, made from a plastic chain and a foam Fundo.
13. All members are required to do kata training with the Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ Safety Fundo Kusari, made from plastic chain and a rubber Fundo. These safety Fundo Kusari are available in Canada through Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada Branch™.
14. Training with other types of Fundo Kusari than described in articles 12 and 13 is not in accordance with the safety standards of Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™.
15. During instruction from Keikokai Leaders and Branch Chiefs and seminars, all members use authorized Meifu Shinkage Ryu Bo-Shuriken purchased through official channels.
16. For Hanbojutsu, any hanbo of 90cm in length and between 2 and 2.5cm in diameter is allowed, unless it is made of soft wood.
17. For Tojutsu Heiyowaza, participants use a bokuto or iaito, unless they already have a dan=grade in battojutsu. In that case, a shinken may be used.

## **Safe handling of tools used in Meifu Shinkage Ryu**

18. All members are required to transport all tools (including Bo-shuriken and Fundo Kusari) in a lockable container such as a Pelican Case.
19. Tools are stored in a lockable container, in a place out of reach of children.
20. Novice members use tools under supervision of the Keikokai leader or branch chief.

21. Tools for novice members are kept by the Keikokai leader or Branch Chief until the member shows proficient skill and responsibility for handling and caring.
22. Tools are not openly displayed in public or in the private home to non-members.

### **Social Media**

23. Members cannot describe training tools on social media including the word shuriken (except when using the words “bo-shuriken” or “Japanese throwing nail or spike”) and Fundo Kusari (except when using the words “safety Fundo Kusari” or “soft Fundo Kusari” or “plastic Fundo Kusari” or “rubber Fundo Kusari”).
24. The words “metal” and “hard” cannot be used to describe the Fundo Kusari.
25. Members do not post photos on social media that show the use of tools other than the ones described above.
26. In case of confusion or questions, please contact the Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ Branch Chief.

### **Examinations**

27. All examinations are to occur individually. Group examinations are not allowed.
28. Members who are ready for examination receive notification from the Keikokai Leader or Branch Chief at least 2 weeks before the planned examination.
29. The minimum wait-times of 3 months up to Nikkyu, and 6 months for Ikkyu and Shodan are to be followed strictly, unless Otsuka-sensei permits an examination to be expedited. Shodan examinations are performed by Otsuka-sensei or by the Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada Branch™ Chief at this time only.
30. For all examinations, personal conditions of the member taking the examination shall be taken into consideration.
31. All other examination rules as per official Honbu regulations.

## **Rules for establishing new Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ Keikokai as of January 2022**

29. A new Keikokai can be created under Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ Branch Leadership in any strategic location in Canada (i.e.: large city).
30. New Keikokai may be established after consultation with the Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ Branch Chief.
31. As per Honbu rules, prospecting Keikokai leaders have been a student for at least 2 months, however, in Canada we require at least 6 months of active training. In addition, prospecting Keikokai leaders bring exceptional skills and qualities to Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™.
32. The name of the Keikokai shall start with Meifu Shinkage Ryu (or MSR for short), followed by the geographical location, i.e.: MSR Calgary Keikokai. The first Keikokai in a province may receive the name of the province, i.e.: MSR Alberta Keikokai.
33. To create unity, the Keikokai logo is similar to the Meifu Shinkage Ryu Branch™ logo, listing the Keikokai name and in a different colour. Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ Branch shall provide a high-resolution logo to each Keikokai.
34. Keikokai leaders actively market and promote Meifu Shinkage Ryu in their geographical area.
35. Keikokai leader set their own training fee per student. A minimum training fee per month of \$40 is recommended.
36. All (new) member administration is processed through the Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ Branch.
37. A Keikokai can be discontinued at any time in accordance with the Honbu regulations.
38. All Keikokai leaders within Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ work together towards further promoting Meifu Shinkage Ryu in Canada.
39. A Keikokai leader automatically becomes part of the Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ Leader Association.
40. Challenges and concerns within the Keikokai are brought forward in a timely manner to the Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ Branch Chief.

All Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ Keikokai leaders have access to:

- a. Unlimited mentoring and coaching including the transfer of knowledge about learning and teaching theory;
- b. High quality web hosting (cloud VPS) prepopulated with WordPress, Premium theme and plugins, and custom domain (i.e.: msrcalgary.com);
- c. Meifu Shinkage Ryu Canada™ email address;
- d. Dedicated Keikokai page on MeifuShinkageRyu.ca website;
- e. 30GB Dedicated Google Drive space and access to all Google G-Suite Apps;
- f. The Official MSR Canada Branch Learning Hub.