

# International Ju-Jitsu Athletes Commission Charter

## §1 Purpose:

The purpose of the Ju-Jitsu Athletes Commission (“The Commission”) is to represent the views of the Ju-Jitsu Athletes to the international Ju-Jitsu Federation (“JJIF”);

## §2. Role and Objectives:

The functions of The Commission shall be to:

- 2.1 Advise the board of JJIF on any matters relating to competitive sport which impact Athletes;
- 2.2 Appoint one (1) delegate to represent it at conferences and general meetings of JJIF who will have the right to be heard on any matter affecting athletes and who will have the right to one (1) vote at general meetings of JJIF; They will also appoint one (1) second representative who can take the position in case of the absence of the first delegate;
- 2.3 Nominate representatives from among their members to represent the athletes on JJIF as requested from time to time;
- 2.4 Provide leadership and direction on matters that directly relate to athletes;

## §3. Current (preliminary) Members:

Benjamin Lah, Slovenia, Fighting m -94kg;  
Claudia Behnke, Germany, Fighting m -62kg;  
3 more will be elected at WC in Paris 2014;

## §4. Meetings and Advice:

- 4.1 The Commission must meet at least once a year and for such meetings quorum must consist of a majority of its members. A majority of members includes those not physically present but present through telephone link up or other such means.
- 4.2 Members of The Commission must have equal voting rights provided the Chairperson of The Commission may have a casting vote in addition to his or her deliberative vote.
- 4.3 The Commission shall at its first meeting after the JJIF Annual Board meeting each year elect a delegate to represent it at conferences of JJIF who will have the right to be heard on any matters and who will have the right to one (1) vote at any such conferences.
- 4.4 A Commission nominee shall act as Secretary for meetings and provide minutes of such meetings to JJIF.
- 4.5 Each meeting shall include consideration of reports and updates on relevant activities of JJIF and consequent advice or recommendations on issues of significance from the perspective of The Commission.

## §5. Composition:

The Commission shall consist of:

- 5.1 Five (5) members of the National Teams of National Federations belong to the JJIF;
- 5.2. All members need to be active athletes within the last 4 years. Active means have to make at least 1 Point on an JJIF international Tournament in the corresponding time period<sup>1</sup>;
- 5.3 At least one (1) member of the Commission should represent (so belong to) one of the the following groups:
  - 5.3.1 Gender: Male
  - 5.3.2 Gender: Female
  - 5.3.3 Discipline: Fighting
  - 5.3.4 Discipline: Duo
  - 5.3.5 Discipline: Ne-Waza
  - 5.3.6 Age: Under 21 years
  - 5.3.7 Age: Over 21 years
  - 5.3.8 Nationality: Europe
  - 5.3.9 Nationality: Not – Europe
- 5.4 Members can represent more than one Group<sup>2</sup>
- 5.5 Members can be re-elected up to 2 times, if they still full fill the criteria of eligibility and are active.

## §6. Eligibility:

To be eligible for election to The Commission a person must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and must not have been sanctioned for a doping offence during his or her sports career;

## §7. Election Procedures:

Election of commission members shall be conducted in the following manner:

- 7.1 Each National Federation should send two elected active representatives of their team to the election;
- 7.2 The Commission members shall be elected for four (4) years by ballot conducted amongst representatives of the National Federations;
- 7.3 The election should take place each 4 years at the World Championship in the year after the World Games;
- 7.4 The election will be included in a meeting of the representatives of the National Federations and will be held in a secret voting. The meeting will be announced officially including the official election time.
- 7.5 Each National Federation will have 2 votes.
- 7.6 Candidates for the election can be proposed by every active athlete before the official election time. After the first vote has given a no more candidates can be proposed.
- 7.7 The current Commission will organize a neutral election supervisor who can not be elected, and who will be responsible for the correctness and the validity of the election.

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1 For the election 2014 this means the years 2010-2013

2 i.e. Claudia Behnke represents the groups: 5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.3.7, 5.3.8