



# **JJIF** *Ju-Jitsu International Federation*

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**To all Ju-Jitsu National Members**

**Subject: changes of the JJIF Statutes, approved by the JJIF Congress, Malmo – Sweden, 26 November 2018**

## **Executive summary and objectives**

The JJIF Congress approved modification to the JJIF Statutes, primarily to synchronize obligation of the Board when organising the JJIF Congress, related to JJIF Session procedures (to have a call from the Board for proposals three months in advance, to receive proposals no later than two months in advance and to send materials out no later than one month before the event).

The JJIF Congress proposed to allow Vice Presidents of the JJIF Board (who are presidents of their respected continental unions) to have substitute with the right to vote at the JJIF Board when they cannot attend the meeting (substituted by the Board members from the Continental Union Board).

Third proposal is considering changing the by-laws about the Board about quorum. The congress accepted the proposal that simple majority of occupying position in the Board represent the quorum, required to make decisions.

### **a. Approved changes in the article 8 (Vice Presidents' substitution rights)**

#### **a.1 Paragraph 8.2.2 (changed)**

"8.2.2 The five (5) Vice-Presidents are the corresponding Presidents of their respective JJCUs, duly elected by their General Assembly for tenure of four (4) years, and whose nominations are ratified by the JJIF Congress. In case of temporary or permanent unavailability of an elected Continental President /JJIF Vice President a substitute as declared in the Continental Statutes is accepted."

#### **a.2 Paragraph in Section "8.2 Executive Board Elections and Terms of Offices" (new)**

After 8.2.2 new paragraph is included with number 8.2.3. Existing paragraphs shall be renumbered.

"8.2.3 When not able to attend, the elected Vice-President may appoint a Board member from his/hers JJCU to participate at the JJIF Executive Board and related meetings with all rights, associated to a Vice-President's position (including the right of vote). The substitute shall have a written testament (proxy), signed by the JJIF Vice-President, the President of the JJCU."

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**b. Approved By-law to Rule 6 (Congress – early information procedures)**

**b.1 By-law to Rule 6 (new)**

- “1. The JJIF Executive Board is responsible for the organization and preparation of the Congress, including all financial matters relating thereto.
2. The JJIF Congress is formally convened by order of the President.
3. Notice of the convening of an ordinary JJIF Congress shall be given to all JJNOs (members) at least three months prior to the Congress.
4. Notice of convening an Extraordinary Congress shall be given by the President thirty days prior, together with an agenda which must state the items to be dealt with at the meeting. If an Extra Ordinary Congress is requested by 1/3 of the full members, it shall be so convened by the JJIF Executive Board within sixty days of such request.
5. The President, or, in his absence or incapacity, the Senior Vice-President chairs the JJIF Congress.
6. All resolutions of the JJIF Congress come into effect immediately, unless otherwise decided by the Congress.
7. A matter which is not listed on the agenda of a Congress may be discussed only if one third of the members so requests and only if the Chairman authorizes it.
8. Any matter of procedure concerning the JJIF Congress and votes, which are not covered by the JJIF Statutes, are determined by the Chairman.
9. In case of any urgency, a request for a resolution or decision may be submitted to a vote by correspondence, including via fax or via electronic mail, to the voting members of the JJIF Congress by the JJIF President or by the JJIF Executive Board. Such a resolution or decision shall be valid as if it has been passed at a JJIF Congress where the resolution or decision is approved by not less than fifty per cent (50%) of the all voting members.
10. Minutes of all meetings and other proceedings of the Congress are established under the authority of the President.”

**c. Approved changes in By-law to Rule 8.4, point 4 and 6 (Executive Board)**

**c.1 By-law to Rule 8.4, point 4 (changed)**

“4. The quorum required for a JJIF Executive Board meeting is a simple majority of the occupying positions of the Board.”

**c.2 By-law to Rule 8.4, point 6 (changed)**

“6. Each member has one vote. Abstentions and blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority. Voting by proxy is not allowed, but the Vice-Presidents, elected Presidents of their JJCU, may be represented by a substitute with the right to vote, pursuant to the article 8.2.3 of the Statutes.

Voting is held by secret ballot if so required by the JJIF Statutes, or if the Chairman so decides or upon the request of at least a quarter of the members present. In the event of a tie in voting, the Chairman of the meeting shall the casting vote.”

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