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<b>Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [ JJIF ] Session 2019</b>	
<b>24<sup>TH</sup> November 2019</b>	<b>10:35- 16:00</b>
	<b>ABU DHABI- UAE</b>
Meeting called by	P THEODOROPOULOS , JJIF President
Type of meeting	JJIF Session 2019
Note taker	Ms. Shiela Maglalang, Secretary
Attendees with voting right	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos- JJIF President</li> <li>2. Ms. Margarita Ochoa – JJIF Board Member</li> <li>3. Mr. Faisal Al Ketbi – JJIF Athletes Commission</li> <li>4. Ms. Severine Nebie- JJIF Athletes Commission</li> <li>5. Mr. Trilok Kumar- JJIF Board Member</li> <li>6. Mr. Robert Perc- JJIF Board Member</li> <li>7. Dr. Oh Jun Hyuk- South Korea</li> <li>8. Mr. Suresh Gopi- India</li> <li>9. Mr. Tariq Ali – Pakistan</li> <li>10. Ms. Alexandra Vosta- Geyer- Austria</li> <li>11. Mr. Michael Korn- Germany</li> <li>12. Mr. Mateusz Paczynski- Poland</li> <li>13. Mr. Georgi Kukoverov- Russia</li> <li>14. Mr. Claus Tobiasen –Denmark</li> <li>15. Mr. Luc Mortelmans- Belgium</li> <li>16. Mr. Rick Frowyn- Netherlands</li> <li>17. Mr. Antonio Andre Dos Santos</li> <li>18. Mr. Adolfo Trejo- Mexico</li> <li>19. Mr. Tomo Borissov- Bulgaria</li> </ol>
Attendees with NO voting right	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Ziegler Csaba- Hungary</li> <li>2. Mr. Doriyan Avramov- Bulgaria</li> <li>3. Mr. Maluutenko- Ukraine</li> <li>4. Mr. Rubtsov- Ukraine</li> <li>5. Mr. Igor Lanzoni- Italy</li> <li>6. Mr. Didier Menu- France</li> <li>7. Mr. Christophe Brunet</li> <li>8. Mr. Antonio Alves- Portugal</li> <li>9. Mr. Jose Dominguez- USA</li> <li>10. Mr. Stephen Huff- Canada</li> <li>11. Ms. Jenny Rodriguez- Colombia</li> <li>12. Mr. Hafiz Elamir- Sudan</li> <li>13. Mr. Said Faci- Algeria</li> <li>14. Mr. Karim Balk- Morocco</li> <li>15. Mr. Ali Badr- Tunisia</li> <li>16. Mr. Lahyani Imed- Tunisia</li> <li>17. Mr. Bach Hamba- Tunisia</li> <li>18. Mr. Mirzo Ilya- Kazakhstan</li> <li>19. Ms. Dina Kuderinova- Kazakhstan</li> <li>20. Ms. Togzhan Oralkhanova- Kazakhstan</li> <li>21. Mr. Alijon Davlatov-Tajikistan</li> <li>22. Mr. Takamasa Watanabe- Japan</li> <li>23. Mr. Cao Tao- China</li> <li>24. Mr. Viking Wong- Hongkong</li> <li>25. Mr. Ferdinand Agustin- Philippines</li> <li>26. Mr. Pitak Kampita- Thailand</li> <li>27. Mr. Ahmed Janahi- Bahrain</li> <li>28. Mr. Thomas Meyer- Germany</li> <li>29. Mr. Dimitrios Geogantidis – Greece</li> <li>30. Ms. Medha Goodary- Mauritius</li> </ol>

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Observers (invited)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr. Raffaele Chiulli – President of GAISF</li> <li>2. Mr. Stephen Fox – Vice President of GAISF</li> <li>3. Ms. Julia Govinden – CEO of United Through Sports</li> </ol>
<b>1. WELCOME</b>	
10:35	Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos
Information	The JJIF President, Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos, addressed the Session and welcomed Mr. Raffaele Chiulli (President of GAISF), Mr. Stephen Fox (Vice President of GAISF), Ms. Julia Gordon (CEO of United Through Sports) and all members present.
<b>Mr. Suresh Gopi acted as the convenor for the Session</b>	
<b>4. Speeches delivered by the invited VIP's</b>	
11:00	Mr. Raffaele Chiulli, President of GAISF
	Mr. Raffaele Chiulli (President of GAISF) gave an overview of what GAISF is. He spoke about how it is one of the pillars of the Olympic movement, about its role and its projects. He stated that he enjoyed watching the competitions of the World Championships 2019 and that he was pleased to see how people with different abilities could practice Ju-Jitsu. He further noted that JJIF together with its regional and national federations was working hard to build a portfolio in order to be recognized as an Olympic discipline. He suggested that JJIF could consider organizing a workshop in the 18th Edition of SportAccord 2020 which is to be held in 2020 in Beijing, China. The said workshop could lead to making Ju-Jitsu bigger and better.
11:30	Mr. Stephan Fox, Vice President of GAISF
	Mr Stephan Fox, Vice President of GAISF and the President of AIMS, was the next speaker. He gave a brief overview of the role of AIMS inside GAISF. He explained that GAISF is recognized by the International Olympic Committee and AIMS may expect full IOC recognition soon. GAISF has 4 umbrella organizations which are ARISF, AIMS, AIOWF and ASOIF. He stated that by being a member of the GAISF and AIMS, JJIF is already part of the Olympic family. He noted that JJIF is already part of The World Games and in the Asian Games which are big achievements inside the Olympic movement. He elaborated on the criteria which needed to be satisfied in order to get full recognition of IOC.
12:30	Ms. Julia Govinden, CEO of United Through Sports (UTS)
	Ms. Julia Govinden, CEO of United Through Sports (UTS) gave an overview of the organization and explained that their focus was essentially what opportunities they could give to the community through sports, especially the youth and vulnerable persons. She stated that she was looking forward to work with JJIF to bring out the social aspect of Ju-Jitsu.
<b>15 Minutes Coffee Break</b>	
<b>2. Roll Call and Approval of the Agenda</b>	
12:40	<b>Ms. Claudia Behnke</b>
Discussion	Ms. Claudia Behnke, took the floor and roll called the members present, granting to the delegates present with a voting right, a voting ticket as set out in The Session by the Chapter 7 of the JJIF Statutes and the Voting procedures by Chapter 7.5 of the JJIF Statutes.
Discussion	Ms. Claudia Behnke presented the Agenda which was sent out in an orderly manner. The Session's approval was sought for the items listed hereunder to be included in the Agenda under item '6. Technical Proposals' following the requests of the parties as mentioned below:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">p) 4.3 Merged Categories – Request by Board  q) 7.1 Deduction in case of not enough participants - Request by Board  r) Referee Rules – Request by JJEU  s) Weight in Rules – Request by JJEU</p>
Discussion	Mr Suresh Gopi also sought the Session's approval that 'Lebanon' be added under item 8 'Membership' of the Agenda.
Conclusions	The Session unanimously approved that the abovementioned items be added to the Agenda.  Thereafter, the Session unanimously approved the Agenda as amended and tabled.

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3. Reports	
12:50	<b>Mr. Joachim Thumfart</b>
Discussion	<p>Mr. Joachim Thumfart presented his report as per <b>Annex 1A</b>. Amongst other items, he presented the various statistics as regards the number of athletes participating in the different disciplines and categories, the number of athletes per countries and continental regions, the progress made during 2010-2019 and the gender ratio.</p> <p>He also spoke on the IOC Recognition process strategy, the activities carried out in 2019 including A Class Tournaments, Continental Championships, an Organizers Workshop, participation in the 2019 World Martial Arts Masterships and introduced the 'EX Sports – Digital Collectibles' concept and mobile application which is a way to support athletes financially.</p>
<b>Report of the Ethics Commission</b>	
Discussion	The report of the Ethics Commission was communicated well in advance and published on the website as well ( <b>Annex 1B</b> ).
<b>PHAS (Prevention of Harassment and Abuse in Sport) Report- Ms. Margarita Ochoa</b>	
Discussion	Ms. Ochoa, member of the JJIF Board, addressed the Session. Her speech focused on the prevention of harassment and abuse ('PHAS') in sports, which was a criteria for the recognition by the IOC, and on what JJIF has been doing to implement this concept. JJIF was following what was being instructed to it step by step by the IOC. The Board has already approved that there be a technical working group within the JJIF to address the PHAS– the members of this working group were presented. She stated that JJIF had to amend its statutes and by-laws to align them with the IOC consensus statement on PHAS. <b>A proposal has been sent out already. (Annex1C)</b>
Conclusion	<p>Follow through actions for JJNOs to comply with JJIF's PHAS implementation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rejection of harassment and abuse in the JJNO statutes and by-laws</li> <li>2. Appoint 1 male and 1 female safeguarding officer for each JJNO</li> </ol>
<b>Report of the Athletes' Commission, by Mr. Faisal Alkitbe and Ms. Severine Nebie, The Athletes Representatives.</b>	
Discussion	<p>Faisal Alkitbe stated that during the World Championships 2019, they held a meeting with the athletes and had good discussions. Faisal Alkitbe's and Severine Nebie's speech focused mostly on the recommendations which they suggested should be implemented for the benefit of the athletes. They suggested, amongst others, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*The need for every continent to have an athlete representative to improve the communication between the athletes and the relevant commissions and to have more feedback from athletes to be able to progress better.</li> <li>*More communication was required between athletes, the JJIF Board and the federations. To do so, it was suggested that there should be more information for the Athletes on the website.</li> <li>*As regards the organization of International Competitions, the host country should respect the minimum standards in relation to athletes. For example, there should be minimum requirements for hotels accommodating athletes, for food at the hotel and at the competition venue, for transport, for competent medical staff. They also suggested that during the weigh-in, the weight controller should be of the same gender as the athlete; that there should be different rooms for male and female adults.</li> <li>*As regards the competition venue, there should be (i) clean and an adequate number of bathrooms and toilets, (ii) a clean and of adequate size warm-up area and (iii) adequate drinking water.</li> <li>*As regards athletes' outfit, they would like to have the option to wear rashguards (either white or black) for both men and women.</li> <li>*As regards Medal Ceremony, the athletes should not carry their flags and should have no shoes.</li> <li>*As regards doping tests, currently more Newaza Athletes were being tested and therefore there should be more controls for Fighting and Duo Athletes. Athletes needed to be educated more. All national federations should organize regular sessions with their athletes so that they would not commit Anti-Doping violation by inadvertence.</li> </ul>

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4. FINANCIALS	
13:53	<b>Mr. Luc Mortelmans, JJIF Financial Director</b>
Discussion	<p>Before Mr Luc Mortelmans started his presentation, the President of the JJIF addressed the session and apologised that the relevant financial documents were not communicated in advance. They were finalised only the day before.</p> <p>Mr Luc Mortelmans presented the financial statements of JJIF for 2018 which were checked by the auditors. The documents presented were the balance sheet and the Profit and Loss account. The expenses were also looked at and Mr.Mortelmans noted that more money was spent for Anti-Doping activities and legal fees in comparison to previous years. He stated that there was a surplus of 108,000 USD and that it was the best result in several years. But the result must be seen in the conjunction that Sponsorship income had been collected but the related expenses (mainly Anti-Doping) are in beginning of 2019.</p> <p>He further stated that the budget for 2019 has already been approved in the previous session. The proposed budgets for 2020 were also prepared and presented. He noted that there was a relatively bigger budget for Anti-Doping activities.</p> <p>Mr. Rick Frowyn then addressed the Session and stated that he audited the statements prepared by Mr Luc Mortelmans, investigated the books in relation to the accounts of 2018 and prepared his report. He declared that he found no irregularities during the audit control.</p>
Conclusions	Mr Suresh Gopi asked the Session to adopt and ratify the financial statements as presented by Mr Luc Mortelmans. The Session unanimously approved the accounts with one abstention.
5. Ratification of Board Decision	
[Time allotted]	<b>Decisions 2018/2019</b>
Discussion	Mr. Suresh Gopi stated that the decisions regarding the Fair Play Awards, the PHAS and the Grading were sent out to all members almost one month ago. He asked the Session to vote to adopt and ratify the decisions of the executive board.
Conclusions	The Session unanimously approved the Board Decisions as regards (i) the Fair Play Awards, (ii) the PHAS; and (iii) the Grading.
6. Sports And Technical Commission	
Technical Proposals	
Discussion	Mr Joachim Thumfart addressed the Session on Mixed Team Events. He explained that The Mixed Team Events was introduced at the initiative of the President of the JJIF and was not found in any regulations. He asked the Session if they accepted to continue with the Mixed Team Competitions and if they did, JJIF would create the rules or whether they had any objections to run this type of event. Mr Thumfart stated that he received very positive feedback during the Youth Olympic Games but that they would not do it again. He asked the Session to vote on who was in favour of continuing the Mixed Team Competitions in JJIF. The Session voted unanimously in favour of continuing the Mixed Team Competitions.
Discussion	Mr Suresh Gopi addressed the Session next on one proposal which came from Kazakhstan who proposed that the gender of the transgender be considered – this may be an IOC regulation and it needed to be addressed. He stated that the technical commission must ratify on this proposal and asked the Session to vote on whether they approved or had objections that the technical commission ratify this proposal. The Session voted unanimously in favour of the proposal of the verification of the gender according to the recommendation of the IOC.
The hereunder technical proposals were then presented by Claudia Behnke, the Manager of the Technical Commission. She stated that the majority of the proposals have been communicated in advance.	
TC 1.2.3 Age Categories	
Discussion	The proposal as per <b>Annex 2</b> was presented.
Conclusions	The Session unanimously voted for the Option B as per <b>Annex 2</b> .

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	<b>TC 1.4.1 Back Numbers</b>
Discussion	The proposal as per <b>Annex 3</b> was presented.
Conclusions	The Session unanimously voted for the proposal as per <b>Annex 3</b> .
	<b>TC 3.3.7 Video Review</b>
Discussion	The proposal as per <b>Annex 4</b> was presented.
Conclusions	The Session unanimously voted for the proposal as per <b>Annex 4</b> .
	<b>TC 4.5 Seeding</b>
Discussion	The proposal as per <b>Annex 5</b> was presented.
Conclusions	The Session unanimously voted for the proposal as per <b>Annex 5</b> .
	<b>TC 12_Rules_Duo_2020_draft</b>
Discussion	The proposal as per <b>Annex 6</b> was presented.
Conclusions	The Session unanimously voted for the proposal as per <b>Annex 6</b> .
	<b>TC 12_Rules_Show_2020_draft</b>
Discussion	The proposal as per <b>Annex 7</b> was presented.
Conclusions	The Session unanimously voted for the proposal as per <b>Annex 7</b> .
	<b>TC 11_Rules_Jiu-Jitsu_2020</b>
Discussion	The proposal as per <b>Annex 8</b> (Rule Book of 2020) was presented.
Conclusions	The Session unanimously voted for the proposal as per <b>Annex 8</b> .
	<b>Disqualification – place settlement</b>
Discussion	The proposal as per <b>Annex 9</b> was presented.
Conclusion	After discussions, the Technical Commission withdrew this proposal for reconsideration and further study.
	<b>Levels in Competition (Belts)</b>
Discussion	The proposal as per <b>Annex 10</b> was presented.
Conclusion	<p>After discussions, the amended proposal was formulated as follows:</p> <p>The proposal was the adoption of Levels in Competition (Belts) as presented wherein national teams are not participating.</p> <p>The Session adopted the amended proposal by a majority with one objection and one abstention.</p>

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Competition Dressing (Gi requirements)	
Discussion	<p>The proposal as per <b>Annex 11</b> was presented.</p> <p>The Session was asked to vote on the below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Whether Athletes should be allowed to wear rashguards – The Session voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.</li> <li>-Whether Athletes should wear only white rashguards – 13 votes in favour of this proposal.</li> <li>-Whether Athletes may wear either black or white rashguards? – 6 votes in favour of this proposal.</li> <li>-Whether men should not be allowed to wear rashguards – 9 votes in favour of this proposal.</li> <li>-Whether men should be allowed to wear rashguards? – 10 votes in favour of this proposal.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<p>The Session voted unanimously for the proposal as regards the Kimono sizes and details.</p> <p>After discussions, the proposal as regards rashguards was amended.</p> <p>The following was approved by majority accordingly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-That women could wear rashguards;</li> <li>-That men shall have the option to wear rashguards; and</li> <li>-That athletes should wear only white rashguards.</li> </ul>
JJNO1 Referee Rules	
Discussion	
Conclusion	<p>The board and members present has unanimously withdraw the referee rules at the moment and has been agreed to ratify in the next JJIF Board Member Meeting.</p>
JJNO 2 Team Competition	
Discussion	<p>The proposal as per <b>Annex 13</b> was presented.</p>
Conclusion	<p>The Session unanimously voted for the proposal as per <b>Annex 13</b>.</p>
JJNO 3 Competition Dressing	
Discussion	<p>The proposal as per Annex 14 was presented.</p>
Conclusion	<p>After discussions, the proposal was amended to the effect that business casual should mean wearing a suit/blazer jacket as a minimum requirement for the final block.</p> <p>The Session voted for the proposal as amended by a majority.</p>

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JJNO 4 Number of participants	
Discussion	The proposal as per <b>Annex 15</b> was presented.
Conclusion	<p>After discussions, the proposal was amended such that the word 'Adult' was deleted from the first sentence.</p> <p>As regards the general quota, the Session voted unanimously in favour of the proposed quota.</p> <p>As regards the quota for Grand Prix, World and Continental Cups, this was decided by the Congress. Congress overruled this item.</p> <p>As regards the quota for the host country, 15 members voted against the proposal, thus rejecting it.</p>
Mr. Robert Perc	
Discussion	At this stage, Mr Robert Perc made a motion as to the procedure. Given the time constraint, he proposed that Item 8 as regards Membership be addressed as it was the most important item and that the remaining items, i.e. the technical proposals on (i) Merged Categories (ii) Deduction in case of not enough participants; (iii) Referee rules; (iv) Weight-in Rules, and the Organising and Sporting Code 2020 and the Schedule 2020/2021 be considered at a later stage.
Conclusion	The Session voted unanimously in favour of the said proposal.

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<b>7. Membership</b>	
Mr. Suresh Gopi addressed the Session on this item.	
<b>Guam</b>	
Discussion	He stated that Guam applied for membership. They have provided all the requisite documents meeting the membership criteria of the JJIF. He requested the Session to vote on inducting Guam as a provisional member of the JJIF.
Conclusion	The Session unanimously voted in favour of Guam being inducted as a provisional member of the JJIF.
<b>Qatar</b>	
Discussion	JJIF has received several applications from Qatar. Nothing has been ratified by their National Olympic Committee and therefore, the applications received from Qatar should not be admitted in this Session.
Conclusion	He requested the Session to vote on whether they agreed to delay the consideration of the application of Qatar until the proper documents were received. The Session unanimous voted in favour of delaying the consideration of Qatar's application.
<b>Lebanon</b>	
Discussion	Lebanon has sent documents issued by their National Olympic Committee stating that there was a re-organisation and re-structure of the federation and provided JJIF with the legitimate documentation of the new federation.
Conclusion	The motion was to induct and adopt the new federation as a provisional member of the JJIF. The Session unanimously voted in favor of the said motion.
<b>Tunisia</b>	
Discussion	There was an existing federation but recently JJIF has received documentation from the National Olympic Committee stating that the new federation was the legitimate federation enjoying the recognition of the National Olympic Committee and the Ministry of Sport. As a result, in accordance with the JJIF membership criteria, the new federation was the member to be recognised by JJIF. It was noted that Tunisia was already a full member.
Conclusion	The motion was that henceforth, only athletes registered by the federation recognised by the National Olympic Committee shall be considered as legal. Mr Suresh Gopi requested the Session to vote upon the said motion. The Session approved the motion by majority.
<b><u>Conclusion</u></b>	
The JJIF President addressed the Session. He thanked all persons present for their participation. The meeting was thereafter adjourned.	

Abu Dhabi, 26. January 2020  
 Approved by JJIF President Panagiotis Theodoropoulos



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