

**Annual Report to the JJIF General Assembly
from the
JJIF Ethics Commission**

The following Annual Report is presented to the JJIF Assembly, as requested by Art.10 of the Commission's Statutes.

It describes the activities of the Commission during the calendar year 2019.

A) Preliminary considerations

- After their approval by the JJIF Assembly of November 2018, the working Documents of the Commission were posted on the JJIF website for public knowledge.
They represent the official reference for hearings when ethics breaches call for action from the Commission.
- As no budget was allocated to the Commission for 2019, all activities were undertaken as much as possible in remote via mail and internet, or with minimum traveling, at personal expenses of the Members of the Commission.

B) Request of action

- No invitations were received from Member Countries or Continental Unions to promote the education, prevention or tutoring and to ensure the correct interpretation and application of the principle of Ethics and Behaviour, as described in the official documents of the Commission.
- The Commission was informed about some conflict between Organizations from the same Country, asking for recognition from JJIF.
Also some frictions occurred when organizers of event refused to reimburse expenses, after they had promised to do so.
- However as no interventions were requested to the Commission by stakeholders, it is assumed, in general, that there were not major breaches of ethics or that the introduction of the IDRM Policy has helped in composing disputes.

C) Harmonization with new initiatives and Documents generated within JJIF

- With the introduction of the "Safe Ju-Jitsu Policy" (as part of the activities of the Prevention of Harassment and Abuse in Sport - PHAS) it was necessary ensure consistency among the official Documents of JJIF.
- As a consequence, the JJIF Ethics Commission has modified the text of some Articles of their Documents, as indicated in "italic" in the following table.
It is now necessary that these modifications are formally approved by the JJIF Assembly, to become effective.

Revision of some Article of the JJIF Ethics Commission Documents
(to ensure consistency with the “Safe Ju-Jitsu Policy”, being now introduced in JJIF)

Presented by the JJIF Ethics Commission
for Ratification by the 2019 JJIF Assembly
on November 24, 2019

Document title: **JJIF Code of Ethics.**

Art 1.4.

1.4 Respect for international conventions on protecting human rights insofar as they apply to the JJIF activities and which ensure in particular:

- Respect for human dignity;
- Rejection of discrimination of any kind on whatever grounds be it *sex, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, nationality, indigeneity, (dis)ability, age, athletic ability, athletic longevity, faith, political opinions, socio-economic/financial status or any combination of these;*
- Rejection of all forms of harassment and abuse, be it *psychological, physical, sexual and/or neglect whether done through contact, non-contact/verbal, cyber, negligence, bullying, hazing or any combination of mechanisms.*

Document title: **Ethics in Ju-Jitsu.**

Part 1 (Ethics in Ju-Jitsu practice- Code of Ethics for Coaches) Sub-section 3.4.

3.4 Respect for Participants and dignity:

Coaches respect the fundamental rights, dignity and worth of all participants² .

Coaches are aware of cultural, individual and role differences, including those due to *sex, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, nationality, indigeneity, (dis)ability, age, athletic ability, athletic longevity, faith, political opinions, socio-economic/financial status or any combination of these*. Coaches try to eliminate the effect on their work of biases based on those factors, and they do not knowingly participate in or condone unfair discriminatory practices.

Part 1 (Ethics in Ju-Jitsu practice- Code of Ethics for Referees) Sub-section 4.11

4.11 They should not discriminate against, or take undue advantage of any individual or group on the basis of *sex, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, nationality, indigeneity, (dis)ability, age, athletic ability, athletic longevity, faith, political opinions, socio-economic/financial status or any combination of these*.

Part 1 (Ethics in Ju-Jitsu practice- Practitioner’s code of conduct) Sub-section 5.11, 5.12

5.11. *Respect all differences of practitioners and stakeholders in Ju-Jitsu whether based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, nationality, indigeneity, (dis)ability, age, athletic ability, athletic longevity, faith, political opinions, socio-economic/financial status or any combination of these.*

5.12. All teaching aids must be treated with respect, whether they are real weapons such as a sword, katana or stick, simulated weapons such as wooden or plastic knives, sparring equipment, or mats.

D) Recommendations to the JJIF Assembly

- Increased attention is posed by JJIF on moral and ethical issues, as part of the culture and commitments of all stakeholders operating for the practice and diffusion of Ju-Jitsu around the world.

Furthermore the recognition of JJIF by the IOC requires that the Ethics Commission, elected directly by the JJIF General Assembly, is fully operational not only in producing declarations but , more important, in verifying that the Code of Ethics is actually applied. It is therefore essential that the General Assembly allocate an adequate budget to the Commission to make it fully operational.

The necessary budget has been already presented to the JJIF Board, in past years, but no allocation was granted.

- It is highly recommended that prevention be the driving force in this process. Members of the JJIF Ethics Commission should therefore be invited to disseminate these concepts together with examples of practical implementation, in the occasion of international JJIF events (Conventions, Championship, etc.) at both Continental and International level.

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