



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

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## **Minutes**

**of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [ JJIF ] first Board meeting held at Blue Sun hotel,  
Da Nang, VIETNAM on 22<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 10.00 hours.**

### **Board Members present:**

Panagiotis Theodoropoulos	The President
Claudia Behnke	The Athletes Commission
Nuvin Proag	The Vice President- JJAFU President
Robert Perc	The Vice President- JJEU President
Miguel Angel Percoco	The Vice President- JJPAU President
Georgiy Kukoverov	The Board member
Igor Lanzoni	The Board members
Dr. Jaffer Al Muthafer	The Board member, OCA
Fahad Ali Al Shamsi	JJIF Management Department
Eugène Domagata	The General Manager
Joachim Thumfart	The Sports/Media Director
Vicky Kontou	The Secretary to the President

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### **1. Welcome of the JJIF President**

The JJIF President, Panagiotis Theodoropoulos, welcomed the new JJIF Board Members and announced that the JJIF Board shall have another meeting also in November 2016.

### **2. JJIF Ethics Commission**

The elected members of JJIF ethics commission were invited for this part of the meeting.

The JJIF President declared that the elected members of the Ethics Commission must prepare the Code of Ethics for the JJIF.

He then proposed for them to use the already existing JJIF Code of Ethics which is mainly concentrated in martial art in general and then to create two parts, the first one to be in parallel guidelines and recommendations that IOC recognizes, including the way of elections of the JJIF Board, the financial control and the transparency in the management, and the second part to concern the nature of the penalties that will be given to the people with delinquent behavior. He then continued analyzing the procedure in case of such a problem appears, in which after there will be a couple of people that will make an investigation on the problem, collecting all the necessary data, a meeting of the JJIF Ethics Commission will be conducted in order to check these data and to prepare a report in which they will be proposing suggestions to the JJIF board.

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He noted that it is not needed for the JJIF to have a Permanent Disciplinary Committee and that the Ethics Commission will also use in their work, the consultancy of Mr. Nuvin Proag, JJAFU President, regarding the legal part of the preparations. He explained that the JJIF Ethics Commission is an autonomous Commission but as it involves a lot of laws, in order to proceed they should make the first preparation and then check for corrections with Mr. Nuvin Proag.

He then invited the members of the JJIF Ethics Commission to a constituent meeting in the separate room. The JJIF Commission reported later to the Board they have elected Mr Ronaldo Orlandi from Italy as the President, Dr. Tsegaye Degineh from Ethiopia as the Vice President, Mr Mohammad Reza Nassiri from Iran as the Investigator and Mr Tomasz Knap from Poland as the Commissioner

### **3. Senior JJIF Vice President**

The JJIF President proposed that H.E Abdulmunem Alsayedmohamed Alsayed AL Hashmi should be reelected as Senior Vice President of JJIF.

The JJIF Board decided unanimously to accept this proposal.

### **4. Description of the responsibilities of the different JJIF designations**

The JJIF President stated that as was in the JJIF Board before the elections, the President of the Ju-Jitsu Asian Union, H.E Abdulmunem Alsayedmohamed Alsayed AL Hashmi and his team will be the responsible persons for the administration and the financial part of JJIF. Following the recommendation of Extraordinary General Assembly 2015 in Bangkok, JJIF will register and have its headquarters in Abu Dhabi, UAE. (referring to the president welcome speech Congress 2016).

The JJIF President noted that the JJIF must collect as soon as possible the necessary information from the JJIF Continental Unions in order to put priorities in the developing program and the way that JJIF will support each of the JJIF Continental Unions, as they are facing different needs. He declared that after having all the necessary information, in the next JJIF Board meeting, the Board will decide about the development program that shall be conducted in each JJIF Continental Union.

The JJIF President stated that the JJIF Board appointed members; Dr. Jaffer Al Muthafer and Dr. Igor Lanzoni will be fully occupied to work with the IOC affairs as the JJIF needs their experience and their acquaintances, working in a way of autonomy and that Mr. Georgiy Kukoverov will be responsible to integrate the JJIF Dan Degree program and also together with the JJIF Sports Director, Mr Joachim Thumfart can be responsible of the education program and the activities in the Event: Children of Asia.

The JJIF President then stated - that the JJIF Sports Director. Mr. Joachim Thumfart and the JJIF General Manager, Mr. Eugene Domagata should be in the management of the Sport and the JJIF different Commissions. He clarified that if a Commission does not work in the system should be a substitute. He then stated that the JJIF General Manager should work not only on the job that is described normally for the General Manager but also supporting the JJIF Senior Vice President in preparing the JJIF strategy plan of the development and also the JJIF budget.

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The JJIF President declared that the Athletes should be involved everywhere to give their consulting opinion, noting that it is important for the JJIF Board to know the thoughts of the Athletes on every item. He then proposed that at least in each JJIF Commission should be one Athlete.

## **5. JJIF Marketing and Education program**

The JJIF President declared that the JJIF needs to establish a marketing with stable program and quality which will be in a balance with the educational program as it is obligatory by the IOC. He explained that the JJIF must extend the Youth Championships with two or three days including an education program for children which can be done with the collaboration of other Foundations and Organizations such as Pierre de Coubertin, the Cultural Commission of the IOC and Panathlon. He then proposed as the JJIF World Championship -21 and -18 was really successful, to join again these Championships as there are many World Championships at this moment and it is not possible to fit in the program around the world, and in the same time to keep the -15 World Championship with the extended educational program for children.

The JJIF President then noted that it is important especially for the next two years to have events on the beach in order to qualify athletes for the World Beach Games, mentioning that the JJIF Technical Commission and the JJIF General Manager should discuss how to proceed in this area .He continued by stating that this is important for the marketing also as it will result in the preparation of the Grand Slam in the best way.

## **6. JJIF World Championship format changes**

The JJIF President resumed by noting that due to the little time remaining for the World aspirants' juniors Championship in March, the JJIF Board must decide and push Mr. Anastasios Poulikidis, President of the Greek Ju- Jitsu Federation who is responsible for the organization of the Championship, to give us a date in order to let the Ju-Jitsu National Federations to be prepared, mentioning that the last edition of Aspirants and Juniors World Championship was prepared by the same, so JJIF can secure that it will work well. He concluded by noting that it is better to have more activities in regional and continental level and not so many in the world level as the transportation from one continent to the other is very expensive and sometimes it is very difficult for the JJIF athletes. He proposed that the JJIF Board shall decide that every year the World Championships will move from continent to continent and in that year will be no Continental Championship clarifying that if a continent is hosting a World Championship it is not necessary to have a Continental also.

The JJIF Sports Director, stated that the JJIF Technical Commission should work on the future format of the youth events in general and promised to present different ideas in the November board meeting.

For the upcoming events the JJIF should take a decision to include -21 in the youth Championship in Athens and take out the -15 Championship. He then asked the JJIF Board for any objections in having the -18 Championship together with the -21 Championship in March in Athens.

The JJIF Athletes Committee spokesperson, Ms Claudia Behnke noted that the reason the JJIF separated these Championships is that there were very big and only a few Countries could host such a big event. She also noted that due to the little time and the already identified planning for

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the year 2017, it is better to combine these Championships from the year 2018. She stated also that if the JJIF makes this change at this moment, the European championship -21 which is two weeks after must be sifted.

The JJEU President, Mr. Robert Perc was of the same opinion and commented that that change would create problems to JJEU as JJEU have already set the calendar for 2017, including the place and date of the European U21 Championship. The calendar of events should be stable. Referring to the number of competitors the JJIF can limit the number of participants.

The JJIF President declared that every National Federation has to be capable of hosting a Championship, as JJIF must put some standards for the road of the IOC recognition. He then declared that he agrees for the JJIF to reduce the number of participations but from the next edition, as at this moment many athletes who are already prepared to participate, will be disappointed. He concluded by stating that it is not necessary to have European Championship as there will be a World Championship in the same Continent and that the JJIF must give the opportunity for the athletes to participate everywhere as it is no logical to have -15 Championship in September and again in March. Mr. Robert Perc replied that nevertheless this are two different championships, no matter if organized on the same continent.

The JJIF Board decided to have in 2017 a World Championship -21 and -18, in Athens, in March.

## **7. Structure of the JJIF Technical Commission**

The JJIF Sport Director, stated that it would be more effective if the JJIF Technical Commission includes the JJIF General Manager, the JJIF Sport Director, the JJIF Referee Director and one Technical delegate (normally the Sports director) from each Continental Union. With the opportunity to add experts if there are special items. The board agreed on this proposal.

## **8. Management of the Referees**

The JJIF President declared that it is important for the JJIF to make changes for the better administration and coordination of the Referees.

The JJIF Sport Director noted that as the referee rules are from the year 2003 , and Ne Waza is not included, JJIF must rewrite the structure of the referees and the way they should work, in order to avoid double functions as it is needed the referee to be dedicated and an expert to a specific discipline. He finally proposed as it has already been discussed in the past, the evaluator for the referees to be an expert and not only referees. He continued by explaining that there should be a group of each discipline and a head referee for each discipline for the competition but in this group there must be also athletes and coaches.

The JJIF President declared that the JJIF Referee director should coordinate and manage the referees, the operators in each disciplines must be for sure experts and in the Technical Commission should be a Referee Director to work with the directors of the unions and also the development of each discipline, the evaluation of the referees and the education of the referees should come of the experts. He then concluded by noting that there will be a solid proposal from the Technical Commission after elaborating the correct way of management and coordination for the referees.

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The JJIF Sport Director clarified that the Referee Committee during these 20 years did an incredible work but the situation with more member countries and disciplines has changed the profile. He concluded by stating that this is what JJIF needs to solve, to work in an actual proper Technical Commission in order to develop the rules in a common team.

## **9. Statutes Committee**

The JJEU President, Mr. Robert Perc, explained that JJIF Statutes, accepted at last EOGA in Abud Dhabi has some inconsistencies as there was not enough time available for comprehensive overview of the text and implications/interactions to other JJIF documents.

He proposed for the JJIF Board to nominate Mr. Nuvin Proag, JJAFU President and Mr. Robert Perc, JJEU President in a Review Committee which continuously examine the existing Statutes and prepare corrections when it is necessary and work on the harmonization of all JJIF documents (Statutes and By-laws..).

The JJIF Board decided unanimously to accept this proposal.

## **10. JJNO data and status**

The JJIF President emphasized the urgency to make an update to all National Federations in order to send the documents that JJIF has requested. He continued by noting that before JJIF gives a National Federation an event, it must be checked that there is a real program of development and supporting of the Championship. He then mentioned that the JJIF Board must decide to send to the Cyprus Ju-Jitsu Federation an official letter in which will be clarified that as they created a lot of problems to the delegations and the federations during the previous Balkan Championship, they shall never ask for an event again until they prepare their structure, adding that the JJIF should consider a punishment the Ju-Jitsu Federation of Cyprus at least on a symbolic state.

## **11. JJIF Support to the Ju-Jitsu National Federations**

The JJIF President proposed that the JJIF may reduce the annual fee of the Ju-Jitsu National Federations from 500 € to 200 € per year and rearrange the JJIF financial rules in a way that the budget of the Championships and events in general will be checked in order not to be very expensive. He explained that the host National Federations shall prepare a budget for the event and then submit it to the JJIF Board, in which must also be included the costs of the referees in order for the JJIF to be able to make a reduction to the National Federations if they have referees or to put the extra cost of the referees to the general costs of the Championship. He then clarified that the percentage the JJIF Continental Unions are receiving for the events is not an income but money on a special account of JJIF that are used for the development of the JJIF Continental Unions. He proposed to reduce these percentages for the host countries and for the JJIF Continental Unions and to put one percentage to a new account which will be used for inviting athletes from poor Countries in the International events, until the JJIF is able to cover this percentage more and more.

These proposals shall be included in the upcoming restructure work. He concluded by reminding that the Ju-Jitsu Asian Union has declared since last year the program in which three National

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Federations per year can be supported with material also with one technical and one referee seminar.

## **12. JJIF Seniors World Championship 2017**

As no application from the JJNOs for the host of Seniors World Championship 2017 had been present in the Session the JJIF President took indicative and negotiated with the Ju-Jitsu Pan-American Union to host the JJIF Seniors World Championship in November 2017. Mexico and Colombia are willing to host the event. It was decided that the Ju-Jitsu Federation of Colombia will organize the World Championship in Bogota or in Cali as they have experience.

## **13. Event Protocol Responsible**

The JJIF President clarified that in order to be sure that the preparation of the Championships will run according to the JJIF standards, the JJIF shall continue have Mr. Anastasios Poulikidis responsible for checking the protocol before and during the events.

## **14. JJNO – Italy**

The JJEU President, Mr. Robert Perc emphasized the urgency of clarifying the problematic situation that has been created in Italy with the presence of the different groups of Ju-Jitsu.

The President will initiate a meeting with the different parties in Italy but points out that this is a national problem and must finally be solved by the Italian Ju-Jitsu people.

As there were no other item on the agenda The President thanked new Board for work and closed the first day of the new JJIF Board Meeting at 16.00 hours.

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