

# JU-JITSU INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION

(JJIF)

The Federation of National Ju-Jitsu Associations



## STATUTES

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# THE JJIF STATUTES

## The FRAME

### 1 DEFINITIONS

#### 1.1 NAME, COMPOSITION AND PRINCIPLES

1.1.1 The JU JITSU INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION hereinafter called “JJIF” is a permanent organization founded in 1987.

In 1977, following a joint initiative from Germany, Italy and Sweden, the EUROPEAN JU-JITSU FEDERATION (EJFF) was founded. Ten years later in 1987, when all the main European Countries were already members of EJFF, the scope of the initiative was expanded to the worldwide scenario.

In fact in 1987 the International Assembly founded the INTERNATIONAL JU-JITSU FEDERATION (IJFF) whilst EJFF continued its activity becoming one of Continental Unions within IJFF, as EJJU.

After the recognition received by the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) in 1993 and by International World Games Association (IWGA) in 1994, the IJFF participated for the first time to the worldwide multi-sport event World Games (WG) in 1997.

In 1998 the Ju-Jitsu International General Assembly, in order to meet some public relations requirements towards further expansion and recognitions, decided to change the name from International Ju-Jitsu Federation (IJFF) to **Ju-Jitsu International Federation (J.J.I.F. or, more frequently, JJIF)**. The name and initials will be copyrighted.

The Members who compose the JJIF are the affiliated National Federations (or other form of National Organizations) governing the sport of ju-jitsu on the basis of one federation per country.

1.1.2 The JJIF is the controlling organization of the sport of Ju-Jitsu, worldwide.

Beyond competition, Ju-Jitsu involves the development of the spirit, mind and body through the development of technical and moral skills, building leadership and rounding characters.

1.1.3. The JJIF is a non-profit organization. Its domicile is in Switzerland, the Board of Directors specifies the exact location within Switzerland.

1.1.4 The JJIF Headquarters address shall be decided by the JJIF Board of Directors.

1.1.5. JJIF officials only bear a liability in tort.

## 1.2 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the JJIF are the following:

1.2.1 Organize, control and develop the sport of Ju-Jitsu on an international scale.

1.2.2 Promote sportsmanship and fair play and encourage friendship and cooperation among the National Federations and the athletes from all countries.

1.2.3 Assist the National Federations in their activities, when appropriate.

1.2.4 In its role of the highest authority in Ju-jitsu, resolve disputes that may arise, within the sport frame, between its affiliated National Federations and/or Continental and Regional Unions.

1.2.5 Set up the international rules of Ju-Jitsu and improve the quality of practices.

1.2.6 Control and regulate all organized international official Ju-Jitsu events.

1.2.7 Supervise the activities of its Continental and Regional Unions according to the JJIF Constitution, By-Laws and Rules.

1.2.8 Participate to multi-sport events, especially when organized by major international sport institutions.

## 2 EMBLEM AND FLAG

### 2.1 EMBLEM

2.1.1 The emblem of the JJIF is as follows:



Colours: red, black, blue, white.

## 2.2 FLAG

2.2.1 The flag of the JJIF is the emblem on a white background.

## 2.3 AUTHORISATION

2.3.1 The JJIF Emblem and flag will be copyrighted. The JJIF symbols must not be used without the JJIF's authorization, which could be revoked by JJIF at any time.

Only the JJIF may authorize the production of its emblem, badges, medals, etc.

## 3 GENERAL PROVISIONS

3.1 The JJIF is recognized by the General Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF) and the International World Games Association (IWGA) as the sole body controlling Ju-Jitsu internationally.

3.2 In its activities, the JJIF follows the Olympic ideal and principles.

3.3 All political and religious discussions or demonstrations are forbidden within the JJIF.

3.4 The JJIF supports all initiatives by jutsukas for peace and understanding.

3.5 No distinction is made between continents, countries or individuals for reasons of race, colour, gender, religion or politics.

## 4 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE JJIF

4.1 English is the official working language. The JJIF respects all cultures and languages of the world, therefore the representatives from any of the affiliated countries may speak in their language, translated in English by an interpreter, on their own cost.

4.2 All the publications and reports of the JJIF are in English. The proceedings of the Executive Board and the Committee meetings are held in English.

## **The GOVERNING BODIES**

## 5 JJIF GOVERNING BODIES

5.1 The JJIF is composed of the following bodies:

- the Congress;
- the Board of Directors;
- the Committees.

## 6 THE CONGRESS

### 6.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE CONGRESS

6.1.1 The highest power within the JJIF is the Congress.

It is conducted under the guidance of the President and General Secretary of the JJIF.

6.1.2 The Congress is composed by the delegations of the JJIF Full and Official National Members. Only the Federations which have been admitted as Members during previous Congresses and which have paid the membership fees for the current year may participate and vote at the Congress. Each member country may be represented by two (2) delegates but is entitled to only one vote. The delegates must be citizens or resident of the country they represent. Voting by proxy is not permitted.

6.1.3 At the beginning of the Congress, a commission made up of three (3) persons (proposed by the President and approved by the Congress) verifies the credentials of all the delegates; the same three persons also act as scrutinizers. These persons must not be delegates from Countries presenting candidates for election during the same Congress.

6.1.4 The presence of the President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer of the JJIF is compulsory at all Congresses.

6.1.5 Only items on the agenda agreed at the opening of the Congress may be discussed at the Congress.

6.1.6 Propositions to be included in the agenda must be sent to the Secretariat at least sixty (60) days before the date of the Congress.

6.1.7 The President and the General Secretary prepare and distribute to the JJIF Members the

agenda with the propositions submitted by its Members, the Board of Directors and the Committees, at least thirty (30) days before the Congress, together with all relevant supporting documents.

6.1.8 At the Congress, held in conjunction with World Championships, relevant information concerning the World Championships must be one of the items in the Agenda.

6.1.9 The Board of Directors must approve the final list of items and the order of the discussions of the agenda.

6.1.10 The decisions of the Congress must be approved by a majority vote of the delegations present and voting. The decisions will come into force on the date decided by the Congress or by Board of Directors, taking into consideration the relevant implications.

Decisions on the following actions must be passed with a majority of at least 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the votes of the delegates in attendance:

- Modification of the Constitution, By-Laws and Technical Rules;
- Affiliation of new Member Federations.

For the decision of Dissolution of JJIF, a majority of at least 4/5<sup>th</sup> of votes is required.

6.1.11 The President must ensure that the duration of the speeches allows to have a broad participation to the discussions by the various delegates.

6.1.12 The sessions of the JJIF Congresses are private. External parties may attend only after specific invitation .

6.1.13 The disciplinary decisions of the Congress are final and there can be no appeal at a subsequent Congress, unless new evidences are presented.

## 6.2 ANNUAL CONGRESS

6.2.1 The Annual Congress of the JJIF is organized in conjunction with the World Championships or a major JJIF international event, during the year.

6.2.2 The following items must be on the agenda:

- Examination and approval of the annual reports about the activities of the Board of Directors and Committees;
- Development of Continental Unions;

- Financial Statement of the last year plus financial balance of the running year and the budget for the following year (all expressed in Euro);
- Affiliation of new members;
- Filling of vacancies on the Board of Directors and the Committees;
- Information on the preparation of the forthcoming World Championships and World Games;
- Ratification of modifications of By-Laws or Technical Rules approved by the Board of Directors.

6.2.3 The respective annual reports of the President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and the Committees' Chairpersons are prepared and sent to the member Federations not later than (30) days prior to the Congress.

6.2.4 Only Official and Full National Members that have paid their membership fees to the JJIF, after their acceptance, may vote during the Congress. Attendance quorum is defined by simple majority of the members.

### 6.3 ELECTORAL CONGRESS

6.3.1 Following each Summer Olympic Games, but not later than 31 Dec of the same year, the JJIF holds its Electoral Congress. The Board of Directors decides on its date and location.

6.3.2 In addition to the agenda of the Annual Congress, the Electoral Congress decides on the following:

- Election of the six (6) members of the Board of Directors, of the three (3) members of the Auditor's Committee, and of the Disciplinary Committee;
- Acceptance in the JJIF Board of the two (2) Technical Directors elected by the Referee Committee and by the Scientific and Research Committee;
- Guidelines on subjects of importance concerning the mission and strategy of the JJIF and the sport of Ju-Jitsu;
- Modification to the JJIF Constitution.

6.3.3 The Electoral Congress may last up to two (2) working days.

6.3.4 The National Federations, the Continental Unions and the elected Committee members may send proposals for the modification of the Constitution, By-Laws and Technical Rules to the



Secretariat, within a deadline decided by the Board of Directors.

6.3.5 Proposals to be included in the agenda of the Electoral Congress must be sent to the Secretariat not later than three (3) months before the date fixed for the Congress.

6.3.6 Only Official and Full National Members that have paid their membership fees to the JJIF, after their acceptance, for each of the years following the previous electoral Congress, may vote during the current electoral Congress. Attendance quorum is defined by simple majority of the members.

## 6.4 EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

6.4.1 If requested by a minimum of 20% of the affiliated Official or Full National Members with the right of vote, the Board of Directors must convene an Extraordinary Congress to be held within (60) days after receiving the request.

## 7 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JJIF

7.1 Between Congresses, the Board of Directors administers the JJIF. The Board of Directors decides on all matters concerning the content of Ju-Jitsu and its organization in the best interest of the sport. It is also responsible for ensuring adequate personnel and facilities for the efficient operation of the Federation and for making decisions on financial matters concerning the governance of the Federation.

The elected Members of the Board and other JJIF Officers offer their services without pay; however their travel and direct expenses, when in duty, are covered by the National Federation member which proposed their candidature, or by the JJIF structure for which expenses are encountered.

## 7.2 COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

7.2.1 The JJIF Board of Directors is elected every four (4) years during the Electoral Congress and is composed by:

- The President, elected by the JJIF Congress;
- The General Secretary, elected by the JJIF Congress;

- The Treasurer, elected by the JJIF Congress;
- Three (3) Vice-presidents, elected by the JJIF Congress;
- Two (2) Technical Directors, elected by Technical Congresses (Referee Congress and Scientific and Research Congress), preceding the JJIF Electoral Congress and approved by GA;
- The Presidents of the European Union, Pan-American Union, the Asian Union, the African Union and the Oceanic Union (elected by the Congress of the respective Continental Union and representing the JJIF in their respective Union);
- The Assistant Secretary, elected by the Continental Union, as specified under Art.7.2.4;
- Two (2) Appointed members, elected by the Board of Directors.

7.2.2 The six (6) Members elected by the JJIF Congress, the two (2) Technical Directors elected by the Technical Congress and the Presidents of the five (5) Unions have the right to vote and they constitute the EXECUTIVE BOARD.

#### 7.2.3 Appointed members.

When deemed necessary, the EXECUTIVE BOARD may make special appointments, provided that the National Federation of the person(s) concerned agrees with the appointment. The basic selection criterion is that the appointee must have an expertise in the area for which he/she is being appointed and must have a continuous history of serving the JJIF on the Board of Directors or the Committees. An Appointed Member has no voting right.

#### 7.2.4 Assistant Secretary.

The Assistant Secretary is the General Secretary of the Union with higher number of National Members and must be elected by the Congress of the respective Continental Union. The Assistant Secretary is a member of the JJIF Board and must attend the meetings of the Board but does not have voting right. Should the General Secretary be unable, for any reason, to attend a Board of Directors meeting, the Assistant Secretary automatically has the right to vote.

7.3 A country may have maximum two (2) representatives with voting power on the Board of Directors.

7.4 The sittings of the Executive Board are private and confidential. Members of commissions or National Delegates who may invited by the President to attend the meetings have no voting rights or any right to speak, unless they are asked by the President.

7.5 Decisions are made by the simple majority of votes. Voting is by roll call. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors are kept in file and the Secretariat must inform all Members

about main decisions made.

7.6 The Board of Directors must meet at least once a year in person with at least seven (7) members, besides frequent consultations via e-mail or other communication technologies.

7.7 Between Congresses, the Board of Directors has the authority to change or modify the Technical Rules and By-Laws when it is considered necessary and desirable. However, such changes or modifications must be presented to the following Congress for their ratification.

7.8 For the World Championships the Board of Directors, upon recommendations from the Referee Committee, selects the technical controllers and the referees.

The Board of Directors also approves the nomination of the doctors on duty who have been selected by the Medical Committee.

7.9 The Board of Directors has the right to appoint special commissions to address and cover specific tasks.

7.10 The Board of Directors selects and allocates the World Championships and the decision must be endorsed by the Congress.

7.11 At its first meeting, the newly elected Board of Directors makes its appointments and elects members to various operational positions in accordance with the Rules.

## 8 THE COMMITTEES

### 8.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE COMMITTEES

Six (6) are the institutional Committees of JJIF:

- the Referee Committee (approved by the Board);
- the Scientific and Research (Sport Developing) Committee (approved by the Board);
- the Medical Committee (approved by the Board);
- the Disciplinary Committee (elected by the JJIF Congress);
- the Auditors' Committee (elected by the JJIF Congress);
- the Communication and Marketing Committee (elected by the Board)

8.2. The rules and additional provisions towards the six (6) institutional Committees are determined in the separate Committee Regulations issued by the JJIF Congress (Committee Code and separately the Disciplinary Code).

## **The ELECTIONS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### 9 ELECTIONS

#### 9.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS ON THE ELECTIONS

9.1.1 Members of the Board of Directors are elected every four years at the Electoral Congress and they serve until the next Electoral Congress. The Congress shall strive to have the Board of Directors composed, whenever possible, of a minimum of 20% women.

9.1.2 Candidatures for the various positions must come from National Federation Members and must reach the JJIF Secretariat by registered mail at least three (3) months before the date of the Congress. The candidates who miss this date are not eligible for election. An official acknowledgement from the Secretariat will validate their nomination.

9.1.3 National Federation Members may only propose bona fide candidates.

These candidates must be citizens or residents of the country they represent and their National Federation must cover the costs associated with attendance at the official meetings.

9.1.4 A person may be a candidate for a number of positions within the JJIF but may only be elected to one. On being elected, the name of that person will be withdrawn from any further candidature list. Unsuccessful candidates are not automatically eligible for elections to another position. Nominations must be made specifically for each position to be contested.

9.1.5 Any member of the Board of Directors with a minimum of 12 years of service may be a candidate in his/her own right to any position provided that his/her nomination is supported by a minimum of 20% of the Member Federations. Proof of support by the Member National Federations must be confirmed in writing and presented with the candidature.

9.1.6 For the elections, the Congress appoints three (3) scrutinizers who distribute, collect and count the ballots, unless the ballot is carried out electronically.

9.1.7 When two or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes, another ballot is held. If after the second ballot there is still a tie, the seniority in serving as member in their respective National Board will prevail.

9.1.8 Each of the Member Federations is entitled to only one vote.

9.1.9 Elections are carried out by secret ballot, except when there is only one candidate for a position.

9.1.10 The order of the election is as follows:

- the President;
- the General Secretary;
- the Treasurer;
- three (3) Vice-presidents;
- the Auditors' Committee;
- the Disciplinary Committee (included its chairman).

9.1.11 The election is by simple majority, i.e. the person who has obtained the highest number of votes is elected.

9.1.12 The JJIF President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer must be elected by absolute majority. In the case of more than two candidates, the one with the lowest number of votes will drop out in each round until one of the candidates receives the absolute majority.

9.1.13 Only the ballot papers which carry votes for a number of candidates not higher than actual vacancies, are valid.

9.1.14 In the case of a vacancy for the President or the General Secretary, the first Vice-President or the Assistant Secretary respectively fulfil their functions until the next Congress, which regularizes the appointment. In the case of other vacancies on the Board of Directors, members will be replaced at the next Congress. All the members elected to fill vacancies must fulfil their functions for the period remaining

9.1.15 The ranking of the Vice-Presidents is according to the number of votes each has received in the election. The Vice-President with the highest number of votes becomes the 1st Vice-President.

## 9.2. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

9.2.1. The functions and responsibilities of the President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Vice-Presidents, the Technical Directors, the Honorary Life Members and the JJIF Secretariat are determined in a separate specification sheets. The JJIF Congress approves this specifications.

### **The MEMBERSHIP, UNIONS AND FEES**

## 10 JJIF MEMBERSHIP

### 10.1 APPLICATION

10.1.1 JJIF membership is open only to National Federations (or other forms of National Organizations) controlling the sport of Ju-Jitsu in their country. Only one National Federation per country can become member of the JJIF. If two or more National Federations exist in the same country, only the one recognized by the Olympic Committee or the Highest Sport Authority, has the right of admission to the JJIF.

10.1.2 Any National Federation wishing to affiliate to the JJIF must send the following documents to the Secretariat:

- a request for affiliation signed by their President and General Secretary;
- a copy of their Constitution in English;
- the list of their Executive Committee and a description of their organization;
- the list of their activities during the last two years;
- whenever possible, an attestation from their National Olympic Committee or highest sport authority certifying that the Federation is recognized as the controlling body for Ju-Jitsu in their country.

10.1.3 An application for membership implies complete recognition of the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the JJIF. After receiving the documents, the Board of Directors evaluates and decides about the affiliation of the Federation. This decision has to be ratified by the next Congress.

10.1.4 A National Federation may not be affiliated both with the JJIF and other international Organization claiming international governing functions over the sport of Ju-Jitsu.

10.1.5 Co-operation of the JJIF with other sports which are governed by their own International Federation can be considered, but the two international organizations must keep their own separate identities and functions.

### 10.2 NATURE (CATEGORIES) OF MEMBERS

Natures of membership encompass 3 (three) Categories at national level and one (1) Category

of Associations at multinational level:

#### 10.2.1 Full National Member:

This level is granted to a member which has fulfilled a mandatory 4 (four) year term as Official National Member and has satisfied the JJIF Official Membership obligations, including payment of fees.

Full National Members have the right:

- a) to be informed about the state of the JJIF;
- b) to propose items for consideration regarding the Agenda of the General Assembly;
- c) to receive the agenda and the relevant documents for the General Assembly;
- d) to be called within the prescribed time to the meeting and exercise the right to vote;
- e) to nominate candidates to the Presidency (President, General Secretary and Treasurer) of the JJIF;
- f) to nominate candidates to other positions in the Board of Directors of JJIF;
- g) to participate and to vote during elections;
- h) to call for an Extraordinary General Assembly;
- i) to exercise any other right arising from the Statutes, Regulations, Directives and Decisions of the JJIF;
- j) to host the Official World Championship;
- k) to participate in any JJIF event.

#### 10.2.2 Official National Member:

This level is granted to a member which has concluded the initial 2 year as Provisional National Membership and has satisfied the JJIF Official Membership obligations, including payment of fees.

Official National Members have the same rights with Full National Members except of the right:

- to nominate candidates to the Presidency of the JJIF;
- to host the Official World Championship.

### 10.2.3 Provisional National Member:

This level is granted by the Board of Directors, subject to ratification by the Congress, to an initial applicant which has satisfied the JJIF initial membership obligations.

This status is valid for a minimum 2 (two) year term, to a maximum 4 (four) year term which is not renewable.

Provisional National Members have no voting rights or any right to speak in the General Assembly except on the invitation of the President or his substitute.

A Provisional National Member that becomes applicant for Official Membership may not necessarily be represented at the General Assembly where its application for membership is considered, unless invited to reply to specific questions, related to its upgrading to the level of Official Member of the JJIF.

Provisional National Members have the right to be informed regarding all meetings, agendas, news and decisions from official meetings and to participate to JJIF activities.

### 10.2.4 Associated Member:

Associated Members may be Multinational or International Associations with statutory activities compatible with the JJIF and related to the philosophy and/or practice of Ju-jitsu.

Associated Members have no voting rights, they have only the right of evaluation and promotion of forms of co-operation with the JJIF through conventions or specific initiatives to be ratified case by case by the Congress.

Associated members must satisfy the JJIF membership obligations, including payment of fees.

## 11 NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

National Federations are the recognized governing national bodies of Ju-Jitsu, which, by affiliation, constitute the membership of the JJIF.

### 11.1 OBLIGATIONS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS MEMBERS OF JJIF

11.1.1 Inform the JJIF of all changes in its own statutes and regulations. Regularly elect their Executive Board and inform the JJIF about their election.

11.1.2 Organize the sport of Ju-Jitsu in their country, including the national championships, to be



held preferably annually. Results of these championships must be sent to the JJIF for proper information to the sport operators.

Similarly, when acting as the organizing Federation of JJIF events, they must forward results to the Secretariat, to be posted at official JJIF website and media, together with detailed information:

- the complete names of the finalists/winning athletes, listed by age and weight category;
- their country;
- their date of birth
- the names of the officials and referees.

11.1.3 Pay the annual membership fee to the JJIF.

11.1.4 Keep the JJIF informed about the developments of Ju-Jitsu in their country and respond to JJIF requests, circulars, questionnaires, etc.

11.1.5 Promote the adoption of degree Certificates and Diplomas (especially for Dan) awarded according with JJIF Rules and carrying the JJIF emblem together with the one from the National Organization Member which has asked for these documents.

11.1.6 Submit proposals for the modification of the JJIF Constitution, Technical Rules and By-Laws whenever requested.

11.1.7 Accept and execute the decisions of the JJIF Congress and the Board of Directors.

11.1.8 Attend the Annual Congress whenever possible.

11.1.9 Participate to Official Events organized by JJIF.

11.1.10 National Federation members who wish to leave JJIF must bring a National General Assembly decision to the JJIF Board of Directors at least four (4) months before the JJIF Annual Congress. If, for any reason, no annual congress is held, the National Federation can terminate their membership with effect from December 31<sup>th</sup> by informing the JJIF not later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. JJIF Congress will decide to use all legal rights against this decision and/or claim for financial compensation.

## 11.2 OBLIGATIONS OF THE JJIF TOWARDS THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

11.2.1 Keep the National Federations informed on all matters of international importance, e.g.

international ju-jitsu developments, calendar of events, results of major competitions, international JJIF DAN lists, elections, membership, referee registration, etc.

11.2.2 Inform the National Federations about the decisions of the Congress and the Board of Directors.

11.2.3 Compile the JJIF Constitution, By-Laws and Technical Rules and distribute them to the National Federations. Publish and disseminate technical information on Ju-Jitsu to enhance the sport worldwide.

11.2.4 Endeavour to settle matters of dispute between National Federations, when called upon.

11.2.5 Be of service to the National Federations with information, matters of administration, technical support, etc. through its Secretariat.

11.2.6 Provide consultancy and support to National Ju-Jitsu Organizations aiming at increasing the local development of Ju-Jitsu and related turnover, for a wider participation to JJIF initiatives.

## 12 CONTINENTAL UNIONS

12.1 The JJIF recognizes five (5) Continental Unions: the African, Asian, European, Oceania and Pan-American Unions.

Each Continental Union may differentiate its territory in different “Regions” to adapt the Ju-Jitsu diffusion and management to local traditions and requirements.

12.2 Before the Constitution and Rules of a Continental Union are valid or have any effect, they must be submitted to the JJIF for approval. The Constitution and Rules shall come into effect only after the JJIF Board certifies that the Constitution and Rules fully conform to the JJIF Constitution, Rules and By-Laws.

12.3 Only the National Federations already affiliated with and recognized by the JJIF may affiliate to Continental Unions.

12.4 The JJIF President and the General Secretary may attend the Board meetings and the Congresses of the Continental Unions, but they can not vote.

12.5 The Continental Unions are advisers to the JJIF on matters involving their National members or new candidates from their territories. They assist the JJIF in the supervision of any international event held on the given continent and report to the JJIF on these events.

12.6 Election results will not be ratified unless at least fifty per cent (50%) plus one of the affiliated National Federations attends the Union Electoral Congress.

12.7 For the elections of a Union Board, any member of the National Boards (preferably with a minimum of 5 years service) from the same Continent may be a candidate in his/her own right to any position, provided that his/her nomination is supported by his/her National Federations affiliated to the Continental Union concerned. Proof of support by the National Federations must be confirmed in writing and presented with the candidature.

12.8 The Continental Union must invite a JJIF delegate to its Electoral Congress. The delegate has the right to fully participate in the debate at the Congress. The host Continental Union must pay the travel and accommodation costs of the JJIF delegate.

12.9 The Continental Unions must submit a written annual report, including a financial report, to the JJIF Board of Directors on their activities.

12.10 Continental Unions can issue only Continental referee cards.

12.11 Continental Unions may ratify continental DAN grades.

12.12 The Continental Union must inform the JJIF, not later than the 30th of June of the preceding year, of the dates and locations of their continental events for these to be included in the JJIF Calendar of the following year.

12.13 At all Continental Championships or events organized jointly with the JJIF, the JJIF Constitution, By-Laws and Rules apply. This includes advertising, TV rights etc.

12.14 Continental Unions may organize and supervise continental championships. The continental championships may be in all age groups and both genders. The organization of those competitions must be in conformity with the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the JJIF.

In Continental Championships, the Continental Unions have the authority to suspend competitors or officials for misconduct and breach of JJIF directives, informing the country of origin of the persons concerned and the JJIF Secretariat, for consequent disciplinary actions.

12.15 Continental Unions cannot suspend National Federations but may propose such action to the JJIF. Only the JJIF has the power to suspend a National Federation.

12.16 At the Continental Championships, Continental Unions must apply and enforce the JJIF Anti-Doping Policy. The Continental Union holding the Championships must pay for the travel, accommodation and full board costs of a Doping Controller appointed by the JJIF and must pay the costs of conducting the doping controls and analysis.

12.17 JJIF member Federations have the right to form regional groups based on common shared

interest and may organize regional championships and seminars.

### 13 OPERATIONAL FEES

13.1 The annual membership fee is equal for all the Members of the JJIF. At the date of approval of these Statutes the annual fee is 500.00 Euro (Five Hundred Euro).

13.2 The membership fee is due in January. Any country not paying its fee for the current year may not participate with vote at the various meetings of the JJIF. Their athletes may not take part in competitions or meetings organized under JJIF Rules. A reminder is sent by February from Secretariat to every Federation that has not paid its membership fee.

13.3 A fee must be paid to the JJIF to organize World Championships and events under the patronage of JJIF. It must be deposited at the JJIF together with the candidature and with a budget indicating the expected financial results of the initiative. The budget must exhibit the actions and the associated economical impacts for promoting the image of JJIF through marketing, Public Relations, broadcasting and other requirements in accordance with the Organizing Regulations of JJIF.

The specific fees for:

- World Championships,
- Junior and Aspirants World Championships,
- International Training Camps,

are decided by the JJIF Board, in relation with strategic requirements and global considerations.

The fees are not to be extra charged to the participants and are non-refundable for the successful candidates. Within 30 days after the decision of the Board of Directors, the full deposited fee shall be reimbursed to the unsuccessful candidates

Special contracts and associated fee shall be negotiated with the successful candidate and other parties involved, in relation with TV or Web casting rights or with sponsoring initiatives and agreements.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

## 14 ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES

14.1 To be eligible to participate to JJIF Competitions an athlete must abide by the rules of the JJIF. The JJIF exercises jurisdiction over the eligibility of athletes to participate in World Championships and other JJIF events.

14.2 To represent a new country in international competitions, an athlete must change his/her citizenship. In the case of a second or further change of citizenship, the condition of participation in international events is four (4) years' of new citizenship, including one World Games.

14.3 A condition of participation for a given country is that an athlete must hold the citizenship of that country. In the case of double citizenship, any athlete may participate in international competitions representing no more than one country within a period of twelve (12) months.

14.1.4 For the World Games, the IWGA Eligibility Rules prevail.

## 15 JJIF AWARDS

15.1.1 The JJIF has three types of awards, which are conferred to persons who have rendered distinguished services to the sport of Ju-Jitsu, they are:

- the JJIF ORDER;
- the JJIF AWARD OF MERIT;
- the JJIF NATIONAL AWARD.

15.2.1 The JJIF ORDER is awarded to the elected, co-opted or appointed members who served on the Board of Directors or JJIF Committees for three (3) consecutive terms (twelve years) and have been elected, co-opted or appointed for a forth (4th) term.

15.2.2 The JJIF AWARD OF MERIT is awarded to those who have rendered outstanding services in the development of the sport of Ju-Jitsu.

Proposals to confer this Award may be submitted by the National Federations, Continental Unions or the Board of Directors members.

15.2.3 The JJIF NATIONAL AWARD has three grades: Gold, Silver and Bronze.

It is awarded to National Federations which are JJIF Members under the following conditions:

- a) The Gold Award, for sixteen (16) years of continuous membership and work;

- b) The Silver Award, for twelve (12) years of continuous membership and work;
- c) The Bronze Award, for eight (8) years of continuous membership and work.

## 16 REVISION OF FINES AND FEES

The amounts indicated in the present JJIF Statutes for Fines and Fees can be amended, revised or updated by subsequent decisions from the Board of Directors ratified by the JJIF Congress.

## 17 JJIF DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution the properties and rights of the JJIF will be shared among its Members at the time of the event.

## 18 ENFORCEMENT

*The present Statutes has been presented and approved by the JJIF Congress held in Athens, Greece, on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and is operational from the same date.*