



JJIF *Ju-Jitsu International Federation*

Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [JJIF] Session 2017			
28th November 2017	10:00 – 14:00h	BOGOTA – COLOMBIA	
Meeting called by	P THEODOROPOULOS , JJIF President		
Type of meeting	JJIF Session 2017		
Note taker	V. KONTOU , Secretary to the President		
Attendees with voting right	JJIF	Panagiotis Theodoropoulos	The President
	JJIF	Robert Perc	Vice President- JJEU President
	JJIF	Nuvin Proag	Vice President- JJAFU President
	JJIF	Miguel Percoco	Vice President- JJPAU President
	JJIF	Igor Lanzoni	Appointed Member
	JJIF	Jaffer Al Muthaffer	Appointed Member
	JJIF	Claudia Behnke	The Athletes Commission
	JJIF	Faisal Alkitbe	The Athletes Commission
	Southern Asia- India	Suresh Gopi	President
	South Eastern Asia- Thailand	Thanee Chavasirikultural	Vice President
	Central Asia- Kazakhstan	Ilya Mirzo	Vice President
	Eastern Asia- South Korea	OH Jun Hyuk	EB member
	Western Asia- UAE	Fahad Al Shamsi	JJAU General Secretary
	West Europe- Belgium	Luc Mortelmans	JJIF Board Member
	Central Europe- Germany	Michael Korn	Vice President
	Northern America- USA	Sarah Stanton	President
	South America- Colombia	Arturo Soler	President
	Caribbean- Cuba	Ariel Ramirez	President
Attendees with NO voting right	1. Joachim Thumfart, Sports Director 2. Vicky Kontou, Secretary to the President		
Observers(invited)	Uruguay	Daniel Leandri	General Secretary
	Bolivia	Danilo Viveros	Vice President
	Costa Rica	Alexander Jimerez	Vice President
	Austria	Alexandra Vosta- Geyer	Vice President
	Dominican Republic	Fausto Pena	President
	Canada	Wayne Provost	President
	Tunisia	Makrem Saanouni	JJAFU Sport Director
	Ecuador	Jorge Troya	President
	UAE	Rodrigo Valerio	Ne-Waza Manager

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1. WELCOME		
[Time allotted]	Panagiotis Theodoropoulos	
Discussion	The JJIF President, Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos addressed the Session and welcomed all members present. Session was chaired by Mr Robert Perc, the JJIF Vice President with the assistance of and Mr. Suresh Gopi, Legal Adviser to the JJIF President.	
2. RIGHT TO VOTE		
[Time allotted]	Suresh Gopi	
Discussion	Mr. Suresh Gopi, 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.	
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA		
[Time allotted]	Robert Perc	
Discussion	The JJIF President sought the Session to include to the Agenda the presentation from Kazakhstan Ju-Jitsu Federation and Thailand Ju-Jitsu Federation regarding their application for the World Championship 2019.	
Conclusions	The Agenda of the Session as proposed was presented and was unanimously approved by the members present.	
4. REPORTS		
	Robert Perc	
Discussion	Mr. Robert Perc noted that the reports of the JJIF Continental Unions and Regions will be presented and published in the JJIF Website, as the JJIF Congress is the proper place and time of discussion of the reports. As the Session was asked and there were no motions or questions from the members present regarding the reports, he then proceeded to the next point of the Agenda.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Upload of Reports	HQ	As submitted
9. DISCUSSION, APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND DISCHARGE OF THE JJIF BOARD FOR BUSINESS YEARS 2015 AND 2016 (including 5-8)		
[Time allotted]	Robert Perc	
Discussion	The year 2015 was presented in Open board meeting March 2016 so many members were already aware of these information.	
Conclusions	The Session approves the accounts and business management of the financial year 2015 and discharge the JJIF Board for the business year 2015.	
The Session instructs the Board to continue with the financial management review and resolve financial management for the year 2016 in accordance with the legal and regulatory requirements and standards and report to the next JJIF Session.		
The JJIF Board appointed Mr. Luc Mortelmans as the new JJIF Financial Director who will review the JJIF Financial Rules and prepare all the JJIF accounts in accordance with the International accounting standards so that the JJIF Session 2018 will be able to approve them.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Review and preparation of Financial Report 2016	Luc Mortelmans	01. Feb 2018

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10. BUDGET 2017 AND 2018	
[Time allotted]	Robert Perc
Discussion	The Session instructs the JJIF Board to continue with the financial management review of the Financial Rules and to prepare a budget document for 2017 and 2018 in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements and standards and report to the next JJIF Session.
Conclusions	The Session instructs the Board to prepare and submit the financial report 2017 as instructed for the financial report 2016.
11a IOC Recognition JJNO	
[Time allotted]	Robert Perc
Discussion	The Session was informed that at the moment JJIF Board is in the process of the review and evaluation of the activities of the Ju-Jitsu National Federations, as in order to get the IOC Recognition JJIF needs active Members in all Continents.
<p>The JJIF Vice President, Mr. Robert Perc, explained that in the next Board Meeting the JJIF Board will include the evaluation of the existing Members and their activities and will instruct the JJIF Continental Unions to approach all National Federations including those that in the moment are non-active and non-responding, with the objective to obtain the important data that are required for the IOC Recognition.</p> <p>In addition, the Session was informed that in the future months JJIF will install the system of the constant evaluation of the Membership activities. Mr. Robert Perc explained that the JJIF Members must give a constant feedback regarding their activities in the national level. The JJIF Members must send their reports to the Continental Unions. He also noted that regarding the National Federations that are not responding at all and therefore are not in compliance with the JJIF Statutes; JJIF will be obliged to review their membership status.</p>	
<p>Mr. Suresh Gopi took the floor and formed a question regarding the time frame that the National Federations need to send their reports and what are the criteria that have to be fulfilled from the JJIF Members in order to ensure that they are in compliance with the JJIF Membership requirements.</p>	
<p>Mr. Robert Perc responded that the JJIF Regions must present their reports in the JJIF Sessions, starting with the Session 2018, and that these reports must also include all the National Members activities in the region. He noted that during the JJIF Congress there will be the overall review of all activities of the JJIF Members and Continental Unions. JJIF will prepare and send to all JJIF Members a form of specific questions and items that need to be communicated, and in these reports the Members will be free to add any other activity that may be a good example of a national level experience.</p>	
11b IOC Recognition Ethics	
[Time allotted]	Robert Perc
Discussion	The JJIF Vice President continued by informing the Session about the JJIF Ethics program. He noted that The JJIF Ethics Commission prepared the JJIF Code of Ethics which is based on the IOC Code of Ethics, and the Ethics in Ju- Jitsu which consists a reviewed JJIF document from 2002, for Board evaluation in January 2017.
Conclusions	The JJIF Session approves the JJIF Code of Ethics and Ethics in Ju-Jitsu as prepared by the JJIF Ethics Commission. The above documents will be published in the JJIF Website.

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11c IOC Recognition Events	
[Time allotted]	Joachim Thumfart
Discussion	The Sport Director, Mr. Joachim Thumfart addressed the Session and informed the members present about several additional activities that are in progress, regarding the IOC Recognition: Event Program and Competition Bidding – He informed the members present that in the road of the IOC Recognition, JJIF must raise the standards of the World Championships and work in the media section. JJIF will put the minimum standards concerning the World Competitions running and ask the host Federations what additional have to offer mainly on the performance, the athletes, the Media and the Marketing area.
11d IOC Recognition Social Responsibility	
[Time allotted]	Joachim Thumfart
Discussion	For the social responsibility projects, he mentioned that it is very important for the JJIF Members to communicate the different existing programs in their Country to the JJIF Board and to all JJIF Members in order to learn the way to run different projects and for the JJIF to fulfill its responsibilities towards the IOC guidelines and Sport in general.
11d IOC Recognition Para Ju-Jitsu	
[Time allotted]	Joachim Thumfart
Discussion	Para Ju-Jitsu – He informed the members present about the JJIF need to implement and gather information about the different programs that are already running around the world regarding the differently abled people, in order to include the differently able people in the JJIF events. Para Ju-Jitsu can be implemented in Ne-Waza and also in the Self Defense style of Duo System, as self Defense should be possible to be done by everybody.
Conclusions	A first try to include Ju-Jitsu for differently abled persons shall be conducted in World Championship March 2018 in Abu Dhabi
12 STRUCTURE, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES	
[Time allotted]	Joachim Thumfart
Discussion	By the new JJIF Statutes approved in 2016, a new structure which has been approved by the JJIF Board was sent out to all JJIF members, and this structure reflects the activities that JJIF should include, by standards set by the IOC:
JJIF ENTOURAGE , MEDICAL COMMISSION, COMMITTEES OF DISCIPLINES, WOMEN COMMISSION, MEDIA TEAM. All JJIF Member Federations shall be invited to propose candidates, providing International composition, experience, expertise and competence as well as fair Continental distribution and gender equality. If there are no candidates proposed or presented the JJIF Board reserves the right to appoint a person by their own choice.	
ATHLETES COMMISSION AND APPROVAL OF JJIF BOARD MEMBERS. The Session accepts the resignation of Ms Claudia Behnke. The Session recognizes and highly appreciates the work of the athletes' commission in the first term and congratulates Ms Claudia Behnke and her team for the initial work and energy invested in the process.	
Conclusions	The Session welcomes Ms Severine Nebie and Mr Faisal ALKitbe as the new athletes' representatives in the JJIF Board.

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13 SPORTDATA AND SPORTS ID	
[Time allotted]	Joachim Thumfart
Discussion	The Session was informed that the JJIF Board after careful consideration during the past months signed a contract with the Sportdata, a database company experienced in working on data of other martial arts, to support JJIF in order to continue with the progress and evaluation of the JJIF activities from all over the world. Materials and detailed information about Sportdata have been provided in the documents for the JJIF Session.
The JJIF President assured the Session that after the revision of the contract by the JJIF Legal Team, the security of the data is guaranteed. He then mentioned that the feedback from the test registration was positive.	
14 JJIF FINANCIAL RULES	
[Time allotted]	Luc Mortelmans
Discussion	See point 9
15 SUSPENSION OF JJNO	
[Time allotted]	Robert Perc
Discussion	No case
16 ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERS	
[Time allotted]	Robert Perc
Conclusions	The Session approves the acceptance and welcomes the following new members as they fulfill the requirements of becoming a JJIF Provisional Member: Ju-Jitsu Federation of Monaco, Canada, Haiti, Morocco, Tahiti, Cambodia, Nigeria and Hong Kong.
17 ACADEMY	
[Time allotted]	Rodrigo Valerio
Discussion	Mr. Rodrigo Valerio, from the Ju-Jitsu Asian Union took the floor and informed the members present about the JJIF Academy which is an online platform to boost all Ju-Jitsu athletes, managers and referees education, with different e-learning courses.
18 GENERAL PROPOSALS	
[Time allotted]	Robert Perc
Discussion	The JJIF Vice President clarified that as per decision of the JJIF Board meeting held the previous days in Bogota, Colombia, the following general and technical proposals will be presented to the Session, but the final decisions will be made by the proper JJIF Bodies and Authorities in future meetings and will be presented in the next Session. The following points were presented to the members present as information as Mr. Robert Perc noted that details can be found in the documents already sent for the JJIF Session 2017:
JJIF GRADING AND PROMOTION SYSTEM Most JJNO have a grading and promotion system. JJIF respect and accept all styles and systems of Ju-Jitsu/ Ju-Jutsu/ Jiu-Jitsu. In general JJIF is ready to recognize these grades. The proposal clarifies and defines better the criteria and process of recognition. Some (new) federations are in need of creating promotion programs and standards and ask JJIF for guidelines and help. The JJIF Board kindly asks all JJIF Members to share their opinion and experience in order to establish and approve a minimum common ground for all members regarding the promotion standards.	
Conclusion	Initially JJIF Session welcomes the proposal but ask to review under legal and process aspects and continue and finish this project in a proper timeline.

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<p>COMMON JJIF CALENDAR (SYSTEM AND PROCEDURE) For a better structuring, JJIF need to improve the coordination of its ranking events. The achievement to cooperate with Stake and Shareholders and to attract Sponsors, JJIF must have a common and coordinated schedule. As at the moment there are many International activities, the JJIF Board will need the cooperation of all Continental Unions to identify the biggest events for the National Federations to be able to choose wisely where to go and for JJIF to be able to prepare a common schedule of activities which will allow everyone to plan in advance.</p>	
<p>COMMON SCHEDULE All JJIF events will be organized in a calendar, which will be available in the JJIF webpage. The JJIF office oversees the quality of this calendar together with the responsible persons of the Continental Unions.</p>	
<p>JJIF WORLD RANKING Qualification process for SportAccord/ GAIFS Combat Games is determinate for the period 2017/2018. To be ratified in the year 2018, to be implemented on 1st January 2019.</p>	
<p>Conclusion</p>	<p>JJIF WORLD ANTI-DOPING RULES (GAISF AND ANNUAL PROGRAMME) The JJIF Session grants the authorization to the JJIF Board to execute changes in the JJIF rules and regulations, if so required by WADA and necessary to maintain the status of compliance. The JJIF shall hand over major obligations and duties to the GAIFS Doping Free department.</p>
<p>COLOUR OF GIS The JJIF President was of the opinion that the second called competitor should be allowed to wear a black GI, in Ne Waza, in consideration with the tradition of Ju-Jitsu. The JJIF Representative of Athletes Commission, Mr. Faisal ALKitbe was of the opinion that it will be easier and better understandable for the audience if the two competitors wear different colors. There are different opinion about changing colors from perspective of tradition, recognition and also distinction from other martial arts. This has been discussed.</p>	
<p>Conclusion</p>	<p>The JJIF Athletes Commission will discuss the issue and then give the feedback to the JJIF Board.</p>
<p>REFEREE RULES The JJIF will create a task force consisting out of experts to redo the Referee Rules according to the JJIF Board decisions (January 2017 see Forum discussions) and the decisions of JJIF Conventions.</p>	
<p>Conclusion</p>	<p>BRACKET SYSTEM The JJIF Session approved the proposal from the German Ju- Jitsu Federation regarding the Bracket system, to reorder the numbering in the repechage pool in order to have a more efficient fight.</p>
<p>Conclusion</p>	<p>BRACKET SYSTEM The JJIF Session approved with three votes against (Northern America-USA, Central Europe- Germany and JJIF Vice President- Mr. Robert Perc) the proposal of the JJIF Sport Director, Mr Joachim Thumfart, to change the in the high ranking tournaments (Multi Sport Events, World and Continental Championships) in order to avoid two competitors from the same Nation in the finals.</p>
<p>Conclusion</p>	<p>REGULATIONS AFTER CHANGE OF NATIONALITY (IOC RULES) The JJIF Board will adopt Rules in the next JJIF Board meeting regarding the regulations after change of Nationality in order to follow the IOC guidelines.</p>
<p>DIFFERENT LEVELS OF COMPETITION The proposal from the Former JJIF General Manager, Mr. Eugène Domagata will be discussed and decided in the next JJIF Board Meetings.</p>	

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19 TECHNICAL PROPOSALS	
[Time allotted]	Joachim Thumfart
Discussion	Sports director, Joachim Thumfart pointed out that with the qualification for Combat Games 2019 technical changes affecting the competition must not be valid before 01.Jan. 2019. So the following technical proposals were presented to the JJIF Session as information and will be reviewed in the Technical Committee and shall be especially handled in the expert groups in order to be decided by the board and ratified in the next JJIF Session. Details of the proposals can be found in the documents for the JJIF Session 2017 sent and uploaded in the JJIF Website.
Conclusion	The Session agrees with this system to give more competence to the expert groups and wait for their statement.
The JJIF Board decided that regarding the appeal system, the protest must be announced immediately, before the competitors leave the mat and in case of misbehavior that affects the competition the protestor will automatically loose the right to appeal.	
Discussion	Michael Korn (JJEU) point out that the proposal of JJEU will not affect the competition results and can be in force from 01. January 2018.
Conclusion	The Session agrees that under these circumstances the proposed changes in Duo classic shall be ratified and valid from 01. January 2018.
<i>Follow up</i>	<i>The review of the JJEU proposal and transfer into the regulations lead to many question. JJEU board made a declaration of explaining the mean and details of the proposal.</i>

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Thank you all for contributing to the discussion. I would like to clarify in finalise what and about what the JJIF Session made a decision. In materials for the Session was a document with explanation and summary of the discussions at the Expert Technical Meeting in Planica, Slovenia 2017 which ended with a proposal: **change the number of serries from 4 (4 x 5 attacks) to 3 (3 x 4 attacks where there is also an option to choose the attack - where you have two pictures or more).**

The rest of the text before that proposals are dilemmas and ideas which should go through technical meetings, trainings and education to prepare additional changes. Nothing else was a part of the JJEU proposal for the JJIF Session in Bogota so nothing else can be changed at this time related to previous items. Materials were send on time and were published. It is true that agenda was huge at time limited but that is a story for another forum and lessons learned. Additional editorial changes are needed in the text and that was provided by Michael (as asked by me) in the document related to section 20 of the Competition Rules. Please be aware that Section 26 - Jury was not part of the decision - jury still has 5 referees. Also pictures from Robert Horak are valid and in line with existing Competition Rules and as it was decided in the JJIF Session. Of course there are opinions and suggestions beyond that - can be used for future work and decision making process. The JJIF Session only decided what has been proposed as a first change in duo system to simplify the duo system with the sole objective to allow more participants joining the games from other continents where they meet with technical discipline - duo system - for the first time..

As to the category **U-15** we just need to follow the logic (and analogy "inter legem") - as we do not have ABCD serries any more and we have joined some groups of attacks (and U15 never perform attacks with weapon) the **U15 shall have serrie A and serrie B by the new rules (3 attacks from each serrie as showed by the MR).**

Internationally we do not have a competition format for U12 and below in duo system, but some continents might. How the continents and nations organise these rules is up to them. They should only follow the correct attacks from the rules and basic principles of duo system as described in those rules. So there is no need for the JJIF to do anything from perspective of the JJIF Session decision in Bogota for U12, U10....

Nevertheless, the JJEU Board has decided that in Europe we shall have common rules for U 12 (serrie A and B, 3 attacks each by their own choice) and U 10 and below (serrie A, 3 attacks by their own choice) as we have a competition format in the calendar for the 2018 (European Cup duo system) for which new rules are created. And again, it is up to the National Federation if they choose different path for youth with the awareness that when coming to European tournaments the rules as mentioned before for U12, U10 and below shall apply. That will be of course also mention in the invitation to the events.

And yes, the decision from the Session was that new rules are valid from 1.1.2018!

Thank you all for the comments and suggestions and I look forward seeing you again.

I would like to ask the JJIF Sport Director to publish this on the JJIF website as soon as possible. Thank you.

My best regards,

Robert Perc
JJIF Vice President
JJEU President

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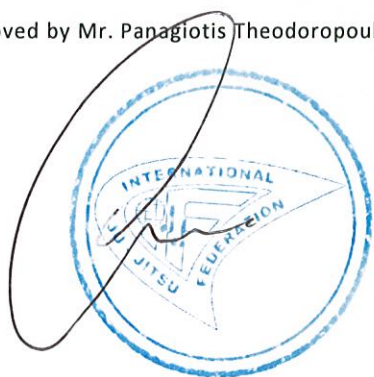




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20 Contact Ju-Jitsu / Communication	
[Time allotted]	Suresh Gopi
Discussion	Members had been informed about the inclusion of Contact Ju-Jitsu into the Asian Indoor and Martial Art Games and had been tested in the Asian Championship (Hanoi 2017) before. Both events were a great success and endorsed by the Olympic Council of Asia.
Conclusion	The JJIF Session 2017 concluded that Contact Ju-Jitsu will be an event under JJIF, with rules as presented to the members as ongoing work in progress under the guidance of JJIF board.
Information	
PRESENTATION OF THE JJIF FORUM AND OFFICIAL WEBSITE The JJIF Sport Director, Mr. Joachim Thumfart made a presentation of the JJIF Forum and invited all JJIF Member to participate more actively.	
21 PLACE AND DATE FOR THE SESSION 2018	
[Time allotted]	Robert Perc
Conclusion	The JJIF Session 2018 will be conducted during the JJIF Aspirant & Juniors World Championship in Abu Dhabi, UAE on March 2018.
22 PLACE AND DATE FOR THE CONGRESS 2018	
[Time allotted]	Robert Perc
Conclusion	The JJIF Congress 2018 will be conducted during the JJIF Senior World Championship, in Malmo, Sweden, on November 2018
23 CLOSING OF THE SESSION 2017	
[Time allotted]	Panagiotis Theodoropoulos
Presentation	The Ju-Jitsu Federation of Kazakhstan and the Ju-Jitsu Federation of Thailand made a presentation of application for the World Championship 2019
With no further issues still to debate, the JJIF President closed the JJIF Session thanking the members present.	

Approved by Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos – President JJIF



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