

## Ju-Jitsu International Federation [JJIF] Competition Appeal Rules

### Appointment

The Appeal Committee of the event is composed of 3 persons appointed by the JJIF President after consultation with the JJIF President or in his absence, the next highest ranking official of JJIF and the JJIF Sports Directors. Any of the afore-named may sit on the Appeal Committee.

Any member of the Appeal Committee shall withdraw and be replaced by an adhoc member appointed in the same manner as an appeal committee member, if any of the participants involved is from the same country as the said member. If there is no adhoc member, the Appeal Committee may validly deliberate with 2 or even 1 member.

### Scope and Grounds of Appeal

An appeal shall lie against any breach of the competition rules including wrong scoring which could have reasonably changed the outcome of the contest.

A breach which could reasonably have affected or altered the conduct of a contestant during the contest and which could have, as a result, changed the outcome of the contest is appealable.

The appeal should be made without any disrespect to one and all. Refusal by a contestant to leave the mats when called upon to do so by the Mat Referee or in case of any kind of unacceptable behavior/misconduct committed by a contestant, his coach or an official shall result in loss of the right to appeal.

## Fee

A refundable appeal fee of US\$ 50 must be paid to the JJIF Sports Director or such other designated person before the appeal is filed. The fee shall be refunded only if the appeal is successful; otherwise it shall be forfeited and be remitted to JJIF.

## Time of Appeal

An appeal must be announced and filed in writing in a prescribed form if available, immediately after the contest during which an alleged breach has occurred at the designated place at the main table where appeals shall be registered.

The appeal must be confirmed within 10 minutes as from the time of filing of the appeal, in writing in a prescribed form, if available stating the grounds or reasons of the appeal. If the appeal is not so confirmed within 10 minutes, the appeal shall lapse.

## Suspension of competition

As from the time of filing the appeal, the competition in that category may continue but only if the eventuality of a successful appeal is safeguarded; otherwise it shall be stopped.

## Evidence

A video system put in place by the JJIF or the organizer of the event to assist the referees for the event shall be the primary evidence which the Appeal Committee shall consider in determining the appeal.

If there is no video such video system put in place by the JJIF or the organizer of the event to assist the referees for the event, it shall be the responsibility of the appealing party to produce evidence supporting his appeal.

Such evidence shall be reliable and relevant and constitute clear evidence of the breach complained of. They may consist of videos, testimonies/admissions of parties, referees etc...

The weight to be attached to such evidence shall be determined by the Appeal Committee.

The Appeal Committee may consider such other evidence produced by any other party or which it may have gathered of its own and may call upon such person whom, it is of the opinion, may assist the Appeal Committee, to testify.

### **Outcome of Appeal**

The Appeal Committee shall be successful only if the breaches complained could have changed the final outcome of the contest.

The Appeal Committee shall decide on the consequences of a successful appeal with regard to the impugned contest depending on the nature of the appeal: Resumption of the contest as from a particular stage of the contest with scores as they were up until that stage; restart of the whole contest; awarding the victory to the successful appellant....

The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be final.

- **Protest intention must be announced before the competitors leave the mat**
- **Appeal must be confirmed within 10 min and payment must follow immediately**
- **Misbehavior / not leaving the contest area leads to losing the appeal right**
- **Referee / Appeal committee decide if they use Video review (Smart Phone Videos are not accepted)**