



JJIF *Ju-Jitsu International Federation*

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Minutes

of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [JJIF] 2nd Board meeting held at Blue Sun hotel, Da Nang, VIETNAM on 23th September 2016, 10.00 hours (follow up meeting).

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 member
Eugène Domagata	The General Manager
Tomo Borissov	Representing Commission for Self Defense
Dorian Avramov	The Interpreter
Anestis Poulidikidis	The JJIF Event Manager
Vicky Kontou	The Secretary to the President
Joachim Thumfart	The Sports/Media Director

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1. JJIF Commissions structure

The JJIF President invited Mr. Eugene Domagata, JJIF General Manager to make a presentation of the different JJIF Commissions structure. The JJIF General Manager clarified his presentation consists a proposition to the JJIF Board. His presentation included:

- a) The JJIF General Manager clarified that for each Commission there will be a Manager who will be appointed and then will have to appoint his own collaborators, and this appointment should be approved by the JJIF board, and be done in a way that the all the continents are covered, with respect of quota . He continued noting that the functions of this Commission are to set definite objectives and targets, to define the action plan and to propose the agenda in order to achieve these objectives. He also clarified that this plan must be associated with the budget and then the JJIF Board can approve or disapprove this plan, and this should be applicable for all the Commissions under the management of the JJIF General Manager and JJIF Sport Director.
- b) The educational commission: includes education for coaches and trainers and athletes improvement of the technical level and training.
- c) The organization Commission: At the moment Mr. Anastasios Poulidikidis is the manager, who could be responsible of all the logistics related to the organization of the Competitions, to verify that the technical installations correspond with the condition which JJIF would have set, security that will be respected, the protocol of the event which includes the opening and the medal ceremony and the anti-doping control.

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- d) Athletes Commission: At the moment Ms. Claudia Behnke is the manager and as per statutes, she will define the activities. He stated that for the future there should be an action plan so there is a visibility for the JJIF board and in case she needs a budget she has to specify in order to validate by the JJIF board.
- e) Referees committee: it will be under the Technical Commission and manages the entity of the Referees. In this entity there should be the leaders who organize the way that the Referees are going to be distributed on the mats and to ensure that those who are in the table are competent to do this job.
- f) Medical commission: It is important for an International Federation to have at least one medical officer. He noted that it is already exists but it is not the same person and at the current situation it is mixed up with the Anti Doping. It is important to be a person who is really competent to ensure all medical issues on the mat as well. This Commission will follow every competition event and it is desirable that they also present at the camps to provide information to the athletes.
- g) Communication and promotion for the sport commission: who will among others promote the JJIF events to have a promotion of our activities not only within JJIF but also outside in order to have potential partners. This Commission should be separated in the commission of the events within JJIF and the commission which will handle the promotion outside JJIF and the marketing. He clarified that every person has to be well defined so there will be no overlapping over the responsibilities.
- h) Development Commission : will have the responsibility of developing and organizing the activities in all our the member National Federations and to try to find Ju-Jitsu National Federations which are not at the moment members in order to increase JJIF number of members. He then proposed to the JJIF board for him to manage this Commission, together with the JJIF President and the Presidents of the JJIF Continental Unions.
- i) Self-defense Commission: At the moment the manager is Mr. Tomo Borissov who must appoint his collaborators, his activity program with the double impact, self-defense for all and Special self-defense for the people in the security business.
- j) Women Commission: It is important to ensure the equality on the participation of the events and the management. This Commission should work with the athletes commission, responsible of creating the sport activity program for the females, but also responsible in generally how to attract more women in the management from all countries. He noted that it is essential to have this Committee as the different Governmental Institutions are very sensitive to sports activities and generally all activities which can benefit women.
- k) Disabled persons Commission: At the moment Mrs Sarah Stanton is the manager. This commission which will work with the women and athletes commission also will allow JJIF to participate in certain International events in order to show that Ju-Jitsu is accessible to everyone.
- l) Awarding and Grading Commission: At the moment Mr. Georgiy Kukoverov is the manager. He noted that the criteria of the awarding have to be clear in order to keep the credibility of JJIF.
- m) The JJIF General Manager concluded by emphasizing that the manager of each Commission should be appointed as soon as possible and that these Commissions should quickly define their program and their short-term plan and budget at least for the next four years. He continued by stating that once these are defined, the JJIF Board shall receive regular reports from the managers on what has to be done or not and that every year all the managers of the Commissions shall meet all together with the JJIF President, the JJIF General Manager and JJIF Sport Director.

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The JJEU President, Mr. Robert Perc, commented that the Medical Committee could have also a great impact on the JJIF education program providing guidelines to the anti- doping rules.

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The JJIF President also commented that the Ethics Commission through the Ethics Code should appoint general rules of procedures for all the JJIF Commissions. He also clarified that this structure represents the whole system of JJIF, as it is not needed to have different Commissions in every Continent but different Commissions can be operated in every Continent coming from JJIF.

He concluded by asking the JJIF General Manager to prepare standard rules for all the commission as a proposal in order to review it in the next JJIF Board Meeting.

2. JJIF Budget planning

The JJIF President clarified that the JJIF budget planning until today was not working well, after JJIF lost the communication of the information. He then presented a plan excel sheet which will allow JJIF to easy calculate the budget. He noted that it can be used also for the different Championships on a national and international level and use the uploaded form from JJIF website in order for everyone to use it for the local events.

He then clarified that when JJIF applies extra expenses for people in working groups it will be for all people involving not for one of them. He concluded that this will not concern the elected people of the JJIF board, unless a person has a double function working in a group also.

The JJIF President also clarified that in general the extras must be minimized by preparing the correct budget and in order to have minimum expenses, the JJIF Board meetings must be conducted in the different events.

3. JJIF Database

The JJIF President stated that JJIF has access to the database.

He then proposed that as JJIF has already paid for this program, the company must be asked to deliver all the access to the program in order to have people that can work on it. He noted that the Ju-Jitsu National Federations should have access to athletes and to upload data for athletes after getting authorized by a person from JJIF. He concluded by stating that JJIF must check with the company to connect the database with the program that is already used for the JJIF championships and that the only way for the system to work is to produce membership cards.

The JJEU President proposed to the JJIF Board to invite an expert for the next JJIF Board meeting in order to prepare the needs that shall be requested by the company of the database.

4. Referee rules

The JJIF President emphasized that the upgrade of the referees should be a decision of the evaluation commission of the referees. He noted that the people who will write the Referee rules should be different as the former ones and fluent in English language in order to have clear rules.

He also stated that in order to improve the quality if the national championships it must be ensured that there will be more referees in the different tournaments

The JJIF Sport Director mentioned that as at the moment all Ne Waza licenses are held by Continental B referees, he proposed to the JJIF Board to approve an extra ordinary promotion to get the World A specified Ne Waza license for the JJIF actual educators who are:

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- Mr. Alexandre de Oliveira Nascimento,
- Mr. Alex Paz and
- Mrs. Rosalind Ferreira.

This proposal from the Sport Director was approved by the board.

5. World Ranking 2016

The Technical Commission discussed the upcoming events and the valid tournaments for the Ranking 2016 (World Gamers Qualification).

On application of JJPAU Referee Director Javier Munoz, representing the JJPAU board in the Technical Commission the South-American Championship shall be included.

As the Indian Ocean tournament was the only reliable event in whole Africa this championship shall be valid for World Ranking as well.

The Regional Championships of JJAU (Amman February and Hanoi May) fulfill the criteria of Grand Slam tournaments in general and shall be valid for 2016 ranking as well.

The board welcomes this decision and agreed to include these 4 tournaments as “Grand Slams” in the World Ranking.

Mr Robert Perc, the JJEU President noted, that the JJIF should avoid situation to decide in September to include some new events in the World Games Qualification of the following year, that is almost at the end of the year (retroactive decision). This events should be known with the calendar.

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6. WADA

The JJAFU President Mr. Nuvin Proag stated that according the Wada code JJIF should have its own results management committee responsible to hear accuses and defenses of doping. This committee should submit to the JJIF Board the documents in order to decide the sanctions followed.

The JJIF President clarified that the ethics commission should do that through the ethics code and then submit it to the JJIF board which will use experts depending in the case.

The JJIF President closed the JJIF Board Meeting at 14.00 hours.



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