



# JJIF *Ju-Jitsu International Federation*

| Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [ JJIF]                          |   |  |        |
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| 02. April 2023  |   | 08:30 PM -10:00 PM (Abu Dhabi Time)  | Online |
| Meeting called by   |   | H.E. PANAGIOTIS THEODOROPOULOS, JJIF President   |        |
| Type of meeting   |   | JJIF Board Member Meeting  |        |
| Note taker  |   | Mr. Joachim Thumfart/Shiela Maglalang  |        |
| Attendees with voting right   |   | 1. Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos- JJIF President<br>2. Ms. Faisal Al Ketbi- JJIF Board Member<br>3. Mr. Trilok Kumar- JJAFU President<br>4. Mr. Robert Perc- JJEU President<br>5. Mrs. Maria Charitopoulou - JJIF Board Member<br>6. Mr. Fahad Al Shamsi- JJAU General Secretary<br>7. Mr. Gregory Villarino- JJPAU President<br>8. Mr. Christian Horvath- JJIF Board Member |        |
| Attendees with NO voting right  |   | 1. Mr. Joachim Thumfart- JJIF Board<br>2. Mrs. Claudia Behnke – JJIF Sport Director<br>3. Mr. Peter Schouten-JJIF Head of IT<br>4. Mr. Jose Dominguez- JJPAU Translator  |        |
| Observers (invited)   |   | none   |        |
| 1. WELCOME by the JJIF President  |   |  |        |
|   | Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos   |  |        |
| JJIF President, Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos welcomed all the members present.   |   |  |        |
| 2. Roll call / Quorum / Minutes   |   |  |        |
|   | Mr. Joachim Thumfart  |  |        |
| 8 Members with voting rights are present and the quorum was declared as adequate. |   |  |        |
| 3. Congress 2023 (Date and Place)   |   |  |        |
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| Discussion  | Upon checking the schedule of the World Championships, Mr Joachim proposed to have the congress in the morning of 15 <sup>th</sup> July parallel to the Masters event.  |  |        |
| Decision  | The board has agreed to conduct the JJIF Congress on the 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2023- Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia  |  |        |
| 4. JJIF Operations  |   |  |        |
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| Discussion  | Due to the demands of motherhood, Mrs. Behnke's availability has slightly decreased. In this situation, they would like to suggest appointing Mr. Peter Schouten as assistant sport director or deputy sport director to handle part of Mrs. Behnke's duties. |  |        |
| Discussion  | According to Mr. Thumfart, the JJAU Team will be utilized more in tournaments if they are hosted in Asia. He further stated that an organizing committee for each event should be announced in order to comply with the Anti-Doping requirements.             |  |        |

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| 5. World Combat Games 2023  |   |
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| Discussion  | Due to a lack of time as of Ms. Behnke's update, the wildcard letters have not yet been distributed. However, Angola, Montenegro, and Croatia have not yet provided any information following the second reminder for the normal qualifying. However, if, just in case, these three nations respond through email within 4 days, they will be taken into consideration.   |
| 6. CIST Games   |   |
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| Discussion  | <p>Mr. Thumfart claimed that they have been in communication with the CIST Games organization for a couple of years already. Additionally, he noted that the CIST World Games, which are organized by the Union Sports Organization, a historic organization recognized by the IOC, will take place in Italy at the beginning of September. Mr. Thumfart noted that JJIF might participate as a partner organization and possibly be added as a sport of CIST in the future. CIST is typically created as a sport for all events. He also suggested adding the Masters, U16, and U14 divisions to the aforementioned competition.</p> <p>The CIST contract is already signed, but it hasn't been sent out yet because they want to make sure the board won't object to it. If the board approves, they will continue to practice Ju jitsu for all events.</p> |
| 7. Qualification - Ref. Board Meeting 14 June 2020                  |   |
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| Discussion  | With reference to the qualification system which has been discussed and attached to the minutes of the Board member meeting held 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2020, the president would like to propose to the technical commission to look on this and prepare a clear qualification system as soon as possible for fair points of the athletes.  |
| 8. Addition DUO & SHOW category (OPEN - Explanation Gender neutral) |   |
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| Discussion  | <p>The president stated that they must take care of their decisions to increase the categories in duo and show by adding the open categories. He also added that it is a big discussion in some countries due to the gender neutral is not something that all people understand so it would be better to name it open.</p> <p>Mr. Thumfart proposed that maybe they can consider if they cut the qualification for this category for 1 year and have a stable possibility with all continental championships and world championship then its more clear and cleaner in the qualification and fair for everybody in the same way. He also added that he would prefer to say the agenda open show for the world games is only qualifying in 2024.</p>   |

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## 9. Duo Competition - Final - Education Program

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| Discussion | <p>The president has mentioned that they have the last draft of the duo competition where some people try to make some changes but he mentioned that they have to stick in the first draft which is planned to implement starting of 2023 but not implemented. He added that they have different opinion in different techniques and his opinion is open subject for the next meetings to propose and make changes.</p> <p>Ms. Claudia stated that she would prefer if the committees or the coordinators would know and understand their roles because so many questions are already circulated back. She also said that it is very helpful tat they put this explanation on how it works but this is something that has to be circulated with the people. She mentioned that in her experience in the open group meeting the people could not really express their opinions because people have a feeling that their opinions were never heard which is something they should avoid.</p> <p>The president said that at the moment the operators already understand and the president already explained to them in Asian Championship and they clearly said that they understand their roles.</p> |

## 10. Show competition (changes) - appointment of Coordinator.

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| Discussion | <p>The President proposed to take this decision that the TC can appoint a coordinator and invite people to discuss and decide. He also added that somebody who understand very well the rules and responsibility he/she can send out initial proposal to reduce the time and change the presentation in favor of acrobatic which where the idea is the same as gymnastic.</p> |

## 11. Referee evaluation - appointment of Coordinator.

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| Discussion | <p>Mr. Thumfart mentioned that the referee evaluation is moving on, Mr Patrik Tremel is going back to the evaluation sheet to have everything in the referee evaluation but as of now they need unified system for all discipline as well.</p> <p>The president said that he made this proposal for a couple of things, he mentioned that he was carefully on the job Mr. Peter Smid did in Abu Dhabi he was really supporting the referees and his opinions about the quality of refereeing was really a good explanation into details.</p> <p>He also mentioned that until now they have qualification system is unreliable and all referees believe that is not fair. The president suggested to have another meeting with the referees and he can propose Mr. Peter Smid to be the coordinator as he wants to work and support the referees most especially in fighting system, In Duo and Jiu-Jitsu is totally different and must have different way of evaluation. The president also proposed that if they already have coordinator they must understand and agree that if they will award a World License to anybody that really means they trust him/her.</p> <p>The president believe that is better to make a working group with the referees to check and decide how they will be evaluated and create the evaluation of the referees and then from the point of IT which is already discussed many times that at least in the big events like World Championship they must have draw system. Mr. Peter Schouten said that they already have this system but they have to make some configuration and make some changes to the system but basically, they can use it as its is to try out and maybe they can appoint a test event.</p> |

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## 12. Individuals membership + Club membership

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| Discussion | <p>The president said that they must prepare the program of competitions between clubs on regional, national, continental and world level, but in order to do that they would need the members first, by doing that it will increase the income of the international federation with the membership fee and by creating a program of all kind of competitions they can approach sponsors directly to sponsor the competition and start creating names of the athletes that they can be sponsored and also the national federation can be sponsored but in order to do that they need to have first the membership of the clubs and the individual athletes. The president also added that, individual can be a member of JJIF and should be a member of the national federation but as they have discussed several times all the national federation are not the same. He further explained that they need some time for national federation to understand and individual to understand but must be very clear that they accept everybody but must be member of the club which is important because majority of the federation are consisting by clubs not by athletes and then by national federation.</p> |
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## 13. Appointment - Oceania (observer)

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| Discussion | <p>Mr. Thumfart said that they have actually 2 Federations in Oceania (New Zealand and Australia). Mr. Thumfart also added that he received an email that they want to recognize a new style, he said that New Zealand is very active in the styles and asking for recognition which they need to find a way to handle this because they want to recognize something like 8 styles for the belt grading but he said that honestly they never saw any competitors from this countries and they still have the TAHITI open which is French Polynesia part of France but Tahiti has a NOC for Tahiti and in the Oceanian Games they are active. For Guam they never heard anything from them anymore. Mr. Thumfart informed that they are lacking this for long time and they don't know who to appoint in and can hand over this (Observer).</p> <p>Mr. President said that they should first consider someone who can influence, can inform, can communicate others in able to appoint observer in the Board not a voting member and can work closely with the JJAU because they are including multi-sports events under OCA so they can collaborate with JJAU. But they need someone who can run the information and things in Oceania.</p> |
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## 14. Dress Code Gi Women - allow black pants for women

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| Discussion | <p>Mr. Thumfart said that he was approached about the color of Gi's which they have discussed multiple times but 1 point they never have in the case is that female competitors during periods might have problem with the white Gi's. And he also mentioned that they have found in some articles that Wimbledon now allows colored dresses.</p> <p>Ms. Claudia commented that they have agreed that they will allow black rush guard and it is also allowed to men and women to wear pants under the pants like tights which most women use for religious reasons and some for hygienic reasons which they find it comfortable.</p> <p>Ms. Maria explained their proposal from women's committee to allow different color of Gi's for difficult days for women's.</p> <p>As per Mr. Christian's opinion, from the social political part, he doesn't think that it is smart that they will only allow it during the difficult days. He suggested that if they will allow it then they have to allow it in general and in terms of gender equality they cannot say that they can only allow it for women.</p> <p>Mr. Thumfart suggested to bring back this topic to the women's commission and technical commission to circulate it.</p> |
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## 14. Safeguarding Officers

Discussion

Mr. Christian updated the situation of safeguarding officers where he mentioned that they have made a huge progress in the last month especially in Asia. Overview (Annex\*\*\*) He mentioned that they have reach about quarter of all the federations worldwide who applied at least one safeguarding officer. And they are still going on he said that Mr. Zaid Sami is doing a great job in Asia where every second day they have new application. They also have now the 1<sup>st</sup> from Africa for Europe they have half quarter, he mentioned that he will go to Paris Open to enlarge the number of officers, for pan America he already contacted all the President of the Unions and they are already in contact to work together to fulfill the requirements.

### **Conclusion**

The JJIF President addressed the board. He thanked all persons present for their participation. The meeting was thereafter adjourned.

Online Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

Approved by JJIF President Panagiotis Theodoropoulos

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