



# JJIF Ju-Jitsu International Federation

## Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [ JJIF ]

03 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023	05:00 PM -07:00 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 2. Mr. Trilok Kumar- JJAFU President 3. Mrs. Maria Charitopoulou - JJIF Board Member 4. Mr. Christian Horvath- JJIF Board Member 5. Mr. Fahad Al Shamsi-JJAU General Secretary	
Attendees with NO voting right	1. Mr. Joachim Thumfart- JJIF Director General 2. Mrs. Claudia Behnke – JJIF Sport Director 3. Mr. Peter Schouten-JJIF Head of IT	
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	
5 Members with voting rights are present and the quorum was declared as adequate. <i>The agenda will be changed in order, as many points concern specifically the JJEU.</i> <i>Robert Perc announced to participate with a delay due to professional obligations. Unfortunately he was not able to inform, when he will be available and did not join the meeting.</i>		
3. Status World Championship 2024		
Discussion	Claudia Behnke had received the updated Bid Documents and prepared a draft contract. Joachim Thumfart reported from the “site visit” during the Jiu-Jitsu World Cup. This visit of Eilat was cancelled with short notice in the same morning by ISRJJ COO/General Secretary. As well they stated that the event shall be held in a tent construction. The in the application [Board meeting 2023-02-05] presented media support to place the event in Eurosport is not guaranteed by ISRJJ. The World Cup was without a TV production and only transmitted by static live stream. This content should have been used for first promotion and Eurosport Highlight productions. Different members could report that the ISRJJ refused to pay the announced prize money for the World Cup winners. The board members are surprised about this contradiction information compared to the bidding and announcements. The JJIF management is in discussion with several national federations which showed interest to host the 2024 World Championship for adults. The problems in the organization of the European Championship 2022 were brought up again.	
Decision	JJIF will not continue to discuss the ISRJJ application and focus on the other interested National Federations. Further applications shall be discussed in the next board meeting after the Asian Games.	

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4. CSIT Games	
	Dr. Claudia Behnke
Discussion	<p>Sport director Claudia Behnke reported about the difficulties to achieve a sustainable number of participants. Just before the deadline a big team from Italy under ACSI Italy registered a big team. This registration was cancelled just before our deadline with CSIT. This behavior gave the impression that there was a purpose to damage JJIF. We had to cancel the participation.</p> <p>Director General achieved an agreement with CSIT that JJIF will accept the penalty of EUR 3000.00 but will get a credit of EUR 2000.00 when participating in the CSIT Games 2025 in Greece.</p>
Conclusion	Christian Horvath and Maria Charitopoulou will visit the CSIT games to get in touch with the organization and the CSIT leadership. Especially with the Greek delegation which is host of the 2025 CSIT Games.
5. Director Administration	
	Dr. Claudia Behnke
Discussion	<p>Peter Schouten is covering more and more work fields and takes responsibilities. The JJIF statutes contains the position of the board member without vote of the appointed "Director Administration". This would suite the responsibilities better that a title of Deputy Sport Director and could help in controversial situations.</p>
Decision	The JJIF board appoints Peter Schouten as "Director Administration" according to the JJIF statutes.
6. WADA – CAR compliance Process	
	Trilok Kumar Proag
Report	<p>Mr. Proag reports about the challenges in the 2023 compliance process with WADA. Most Corrective actions are delivered and we await the feedback. Problems in the Education field will now be solved with external help from professional education personal. And we must count ion the extended deadline.</p>
7. JJIF Convention	
Discussion	As second federation beside Slovenia, Kazakhstan is very interested in hosting the JJIF Convention. For January they prepare anyway a Winter camp in the Olympic Training Center in Almaty. Kuat, the president of Kazakhstan Ju-Jitsu Association, is at the moment in the training center and will send information soon.
Decision	Claudia Behnke will follow up and evaluate the different offers.
8. JJIF rights violation by Suppliers	
Discussion	<p>The JJIF board noted that the unauthorized use of the JJIF Logo by equipment suppliers constitutes a serious violation of the JJIF rights. For the supplier "Ju-Sports" we must take in consideration that there was a sponsorship contract in the past and the owner Jorn Meiners immediately apologized, assured the willingness to solve the issue, offered a compensation and is seeking a new, long-term partnership with JJIF.</p> <p>Meanwhile the representative of Matsuru, Joop van Rijswijk, claimed he earned the right to use the JJIF Logo through the payments he makes to JJEU. Later announcing, that in future he plans to only use JJEU Logo, which will raise new questions as this contains the JJIF Logo.</p>

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Discussion	<p>A week later in a letter he apologies and explains that the producer made a production mistake. Many board members gave good reasons that this letter seems to be dishonest. The mentioned profits seem to be far too low and productions get only started after various checks and approvals. And even if wrong production was the cause he must not have started the sales.</p> <p>In all the discussions JJEU did not make any statement or gave any explanations. The present members of JJIF board raised many questions and ask for collaboration of JJEU to understand the situation.</p> <p>In the complex discussion President Panagiotis Theodoropoulos reminded that multiple times all JJCUC representatives agreed in the board to coordinate marketing, media and commercial activities for the good of the Ju-Jitsu family. In this context he pointed out that the indispensable mandatory tasks of JJIF get widely financed and supported by Ju-Jitsu Asian Union and, despite the difficult situation, the Ju-Jitsu African Union, which contributes to a considerable extent by the personal work of Nuvin Proag and Medha Goodary in handling the Doping Cases and the WADA compliance process. While JJEU is not really engaging in the substantial and expensive work fields JJIF has to manage. The impression is given the JJEU just profit from the global status of Ju-Jitsu and is not even collaboration in solving the problems created by these actions.</p>
Decision	<p>The board decided to investigate the circumstances and rights breach in the aspect of the partnership between Matsuru and JJEU.</p> <p>JJIF ask to disclose the contracts between Matsuru and JJEU and explain the authorizations and responsibilities in negotiation and signing of these contracts.</p>
<b>9. Post Competition Complaints</b>	
Discussion	<p>JJEU President Robert Perc asked for justification of the OC in the Youth World Championship 2023 following up a complaint of Montenegro.</p> <p>Joachim Thumfart question the general process how JJIF should handle post-Competition complaints and allegations.</p> <p>Examples from Jordan, Israel and this complaint from Montenegro were discussed.</p> <p>President Panagiotis stated clear that the board must not discuss such complaints without an evaluation of the OC and Technical Commission. Even when the personnel are involved the system of challenge and appeal is sufficient.</p>
Decision	<p>The JJIF board should only be involved if requested by the Technical Commission or if proof of manipulation or match fixing is given.</p> <p>In such case we recommend to address the ethics commission directly as well.</p> <p>In the case which brought up the discussion Claudia will inform the parties about that procedure.</p> <p>Any Protest on the event side and FOP must follow the procedure and the behavior of coaches, athletes and team managers must be flawless and not damage the image of Ju-Jitsu.</p> <p>OC is advised to insist on this and act consequently if this code of conduct is violated.</p>
<b>10. Proposals from Congress 2023</b>	
Discussion	<p>Different proposals placed on the Agenda were not discussed by the board in respect of the upcoming Convention and the responsibilities of the working group to handle this first.</p>

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11. Sporting Code	
	Dr. Claudia Behnke
Discussion	Claudia Behne asked to approve some mayor changes in the sporting codes regarding the composition of the Technical Commission. A delay in deciding would block her work for too long and prolong the publication of the sporting code for 2024.
Decision	The Board agree with the changes but don't want to make further decisions without the vote and statement of JJEU. Claudia Behnke will seek the approval from JJEU which would make the change valid and approved unanimously.
13. next Board meeting	
	Due to events and travel activities the first weekend in October is impossible. 24. Sep. 17:00h UAE Time TBC if president and Director General are not available the 25. Sep. 16:30h UAE time.
<b><u>Conclusion</u></b>	
The JJIF President addressed the board. He thanked all persons present for their participation. The meeting was thereafter adjourned.	

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Approved by JJIF President Panagiotis Theodoropoulos

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