



# JJIF *Ju-Jitsu International Federation*

Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [ JJIF]		
24 <sup>th</sup> September	05:00 PM -07:00 PM (Abu Dhabi Time)	Online
Meeting called by	H.E. PANAGIOTIS THEODOROPOULOS, JJIF President	
Type of	JJIF Board Member Meeting	
Note taker	Mr. Joachim Thumfart	
Attendees with voting right	<div>1. Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos- JJIF President</div> <div>2. Mr. Trilok Kumar- JJIF Vice President - JJAFU President</div> <div>3. Mr. Fahad Al Shamsi-JJAU General Secretary [representing JJIF First Vice President Abdelmunem Al Hashmi]</div> <div>4. Mr. Robert Perc - JJIF Vice President – JJEU President</div> <div>5. Mr. Gregory Villarino- JJIF Vice President –JJPAU President</div> <div>6. Mr. Christian Horvath- JJIF appointed Board Member</div>	
Attendees with NO voting right	<div>1. Mr. Joachim Thumfart- JJIF Director General</div> <div>2. Mrs. Claudia Behnke – JJIF Sport Director</div> <div>3. Mr. Peter Schouten-JJIF Director Administration</div>	
Observers (invited)	Jose Dominguez (JJPAU Translator)	
1. WELCOME by the JJIF President		
	Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos	
JJIF President, Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos welcomed all the members present.		
2. Roll call / Quorum / Minutes		
	Dr. Claudia Behnke	
7 Members with voting rights are present and the quorum was declared as adequate. <i>Maria Charitopoulou couldn't follow the whole meeting due to connection problems</i> The minutes from last meeting are available for the board.		
3. JJIF rights violation by Suppliers - Matsuru		
Discussion	Letter of explanation from Matsuru received and commented. Mr. Theodoropoulos ask for further explanation from JJEU about the relation, contract and financials and propose to hand over the case to a lawyer. Robert Perc express that in his opinion the case had to be investigated before acting. JJEU never gave any permission to use JJIF Logo Regarding the contract of JJEU with Matsuru R. Perc points out that neither the contract or any JJEU board members is giving any permissions to use JJIF Logo. He criticize the process as hasty and with double standards. Pointing out that sponsors are rare. He report about numerous other cases case of violation by selling JJIF patches. Joachim Thumfart ask about proof of other violations to follow them up. explained the two different handlings due to the different approach of the two companies to regulate the issue and that Ju-Sport was contract partner of JJIF for 3 years but with Matsuru there have never been any ties. Mr. Theodoropoulos points out that JJIF shall finalize contract with suppliers as presented before. Once again, he emphasizes centralizing of marketing in this field is necessary.	

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Discussion	<p>He points out is difficult to believe that Matsuru did that just by themselves.</p> <p>Mr. Theodoropoulos makes clear that personal benefits in relation with sponsorship contracts would lead to consequences. He cannot understand that JJEU board members are still keeping the relation with Matsuru.</p> <p>Mrs. Behnke makes clear that it would be important to evaluate the contract of JJEU and Matsuru.</p> <p>Mr. Perc explains that JJEU can use their Logo in their own responsibility and as well making contracts by themselves. JJEU will not disclose their contracts as Robert points out that this is not related to the rights violation.</p> <p>Mr. Proag conclude the discussion and emphasize that everybody should be ready to help solving the problem.</p>
Conclusion	<p>The discussion end with the proposal to have Mr. Proag, Mrs. Behnke, Mr. Thumfart and Mr. Horvat to follow up and investigate further in the matter.</p> <p>President Theodoropoulos ask Mr. Proag to take over and might hire a lawyer and work on that case and not involve too many people from the JJIF team.</p>
<b>4. Elections</b>	
	Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos
Discussion	<p>President Theodoropoulos rise the question of election period and analyses the different election periods we have now. Continental Unions are not in the same rhythm. The synchronizing of elections will make problems. Prolonging many election terms due to covid confused all the timings.</p> <p>Mr. Theodoropoulos put as discussion to have elections in all continents except of Pan America</p> <p>He as well places the difference of election periods – 8 years in Asia</p> <p>The problem of ordinary elections of the athlete's commission representatives are problematic.</p> <p>In JJAFU election shall not be done 2023 but the Union is not set up stable and clear, with missing statutes. Actually, the African Union shall be "re-established" before running for elections.</p> <p>Mr. Perc question if all elections have to be in the same year as changes can happen during the term.</p> <p>Dr. Behnke asked if we can invite the current continental representatives to participate in the JJIF board meetings without voting right.</p> <p>JJAU is preparing new statutes and will follow up to have proper elections.</p> <p>Mr. Thumfart is rising the question how strict we go with the compliance criteria of suspended members.</p>
Decision	<p>Continental Athletes representatives will be invited as observers to the JJIF board meetings.</p> <p>In the African Union elections will be held in 2024.</p>
<b>5. Referee Commission</b>	
	Mr. Joachim Thumfart
Discussion	<p>Mr. Thumfart want to remind the importance that referee work must be coordinated centrally.</p> <p>Problems which accrue due to bad communication get listed. "Local" referee groups lead to confusions if they consider to be independent and have a certain authority to make decisions as well.</p> <p>Mr. Perc agree and ask for exchange for JJIF TC to the continental bodies as well.</p> <p>Mr. Theodoropoulos reminds that the effects on costs covered by the organizer must not be disregarded. He asks to use the referee expert more in case of questions and uncertainties. Their role is to educate, coach and evaluate the referee.</p> <p>The selection of referee must at first depend on the performance but there is a political and strategic dimension as well. The president describes a case of bullying towards a referee selected for the Combat Games. Dr. Behnke reminds that the sporting code describes the referee selection very good and precise.</p> <p>The question of bullying inside the referee group gets discussed and Mr. Horvath propose to strengthen the safeguarding and be present in all events.</p> <p>Mr. Perc explain that JJEU has safeguarding in place and warns as well to install moral police in every case of raising a voice. He asks for more information about the incident of bullying.</p>
Conclusion	Cooperation and exchange of information in a central point are crucial and must be enforced.

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6. World Championship 2024	
Discussion	We stay in touch with the different candidates
7. JJIF Convention	
Discussion	Slovenia withdraw from the application to organize the convention Kazakhstan stays as possible organizer.
Decision	The convention shall be conducted beginning 2024 / latest middle of January.
8. next Board meeting	
	05. Nov. 17:00h 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.	

Online Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2023  
Approved by JJIF President Panagiotis Theodoropoulos

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