



# JJIF *Ju-Jitsu International Federation*

Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [ JJIF]		
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	06:00 PM -08:00 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/Claudia Behnke	
Attendees with voting right	<div>1. Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos- JJIF President</div> <div>2. Mr Robert Perc – JJEU President</div> <div>3. Mr Gregory Vallarino - JJPAU President</div> <div>4. Mr. Christian Horvath- JJIF Board Member</div> <div>5. Mr. Fahad Al Shamsi-JJAU General Secretary</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 Head of IT</div>	
Observers (invited)	<div>1. Ms Denise Krahn - Member of the JJEU Athletes Commission</div> <div>2. Ms Sarah Stanton - Member of the JJPAU board</div> <div>3. Mr Jose Dominguez - Member of the JJPAU board</div>	
12. WELCOME by the JJIF President		
	Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos	
JJIF President, Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos welcomed all the members present.		
2. Roll call / Quorum / Minutes		
	Ms Claudia Behnke	
<div>5 Members with voting rights were present, and the quorum was declared adequate.</div> <div><i>There was a question about the policy on board members bringing in guests, specifically in relation to guest coming in for the Pan American championship.</i></div> <div><i>The Board clarified that it is allowed for board members to participate or bring guests (for topics), and that translators are always welcome. Furthermore, all members of a continental board can join.</i></div>		
3. Referee rules for ratification		
	Ms Claudia Behnke	
Discussion	The TC has received updated referee rules which need to be ratified by the board. There were concerns about the layout and pictures in the rules document, and the perception of Patrik creating the rules alone. There were concerns about the synchronization of the rules among different groups and potential overlaps between two groups working on referee rules and evaluations. The team decided not to approve the rules until there was more information about the work of the second group.	
Decision	Claudia Behnke will connect the 2 <sup>nd</sup> group and make sure that their input is in a new version of the referee rules, which will be brought in for approval for the next board meeting.	

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4. TWG25 – approval of the daily schedule	
	Ms. Claudia Behnke
Discussion	<p>Sport director Claudia Behnke presented proposal for the daily schedule for TWG 25.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Day one, Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2025: Jiu-Jitsu Women -52kg; Jiu-Jitsu Women - 57kg; Jiu-Jitsu Women -63kg; Ju-Jitsu Fighting Men -62kg; Ju-Jitsu Fighting Men - 69kg; Ju-Jitsu Fighting Men -77kg; Duo System -Open</li> <li>- Day two, Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2025: Jiu-Jitsu Men -69kg; Jiu-Jitsu Men -77kg; Jiu-Jitsu Men -85kg; Ju-Jitsu Fighting Women -52kg; Ju-Jitsu Fighting Women - 57kg; Ju-Jitsu Fighting Women -63kg; Show System -Open</li> <li>- Day three, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2025: Jiu-Jitsu Men Open class Jiu-Jitsu Women Open Class Para Duo (3x)</li> </ul>
Conclusion	The schedule was approved
5. Safeguarding Policy (information) (approval in January)	
	Mr Christian Horvath
Discussion	Christian Horvath presented the safeguarding policy, which was recently finalized and would be presented for approval in January.
Decision	The JJIF board will give input on the document to have it ready for January approval
6. Pan American Championship – Possible violation of the Sporting Code	
	Ms Claudia Behnke
Discussion	After the last board meeting JJIF received. A compelling record of the referees present at the event. After reviewed and discussing the report it was clear that the quality of the referees was in agreement with the sporting code. However JJIF and JJPAU agreed to in future exchange information fast to avoid this situations.
Decision	There is has been no violation of the sporting code
7. African Championship – Possible violation of the Sporting Code	
	Mr Joachim Thumfart
Discussion	JJAFU has invited 3 referees to ensure a high enough quality level of the referees. JJIF will together with JJAU further support the referee level in Africa.
Decision	JJIF will approve an exception here and allow an exception to the sporting code in terms of the quality of the referees
8. European Championship Adults 2023 - report on the incident involving JJIF TC member/referee operator and JJIF Board member	
	Mr Robert Perc
Discussion	<p>Robert Perc reported on the conduct of involving JJIF TC member Patrik Tremel and JJIF Board member, Christian Horvath, during the European Championship in Zagreb. The details of the incident were discussed but will not be added to the official minutes to protect the privacy of the victims.</p> <p>The incidents caused stress and discomfort among the referees and was seen as a violation of trust and unethical behavior by the JJIF officials. Patrik later apologized for his actions.</p> <p>There incident was split in two cases, which were separate discussed. Mr. Christian Horvath left the meeting for the discussion about his case. Overall, for Christian's case the conclusion was that the intentions were good, impression was bad.</p>

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Decision	<p>Robert Perc will send the statement to the board, Claudia Behnke will archive them.</p> <p>The case of Mr. Patrik Tremel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JJIF President will remove the appointment Patrik as head referee.</li> <li>- The JJIF board suggest to avoid that he can be added to any official roles for 2 years starting from the incident.</li> <li>- If JJEU or persons want to take additional measures they can do with via the ethics commission, via <a href="mailto:mail@jjif.org">mail@jjif.org</a></li> <li>- Claudia Behnke will send a official letter from from JJIF to inform Patrik and recommend not to register to the next two years for events.</li> </ul> <p>The case of Mr Christian Horvath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Focus on a more background role</li> <li>- Step down from safeguarding role during events</li> </ul>
<b>9. Education and Scientific Committee</b>	
	Mr Joachim Thumfart
Discussion	The formation of an education and scientific committee was proposed by Joachim, with the team agreeing to look for more potential members and to formally install it in the next board meeting.
<b>10. Referee from Russia</b>	
	Mr Joachim Thumfart
Discussion	The board discussed the participation of Russian referees in their events. Joachim mentioned the need to decide whether to allow them and it was clear that this would be allowed in agreement with the IOC regulations
Decision	Russian referees will be allowed to register for events from now on.
<b>11. JJIF events 2024</b>	
	Ms. Claudia Behnke
Discussion	<p>The board discussed the upcoming event in 2024, noting the lack of registrations of the Convention and considering cancellation if there was no significant improvement. They also discussed the Adults World Championship of the event in relation to the Asian Indoor and Martial Art Games, and the need to avoid potential conflicts. The team agreed to continue preparations for the event, with a proposed start date before the Youth Event in October in Greece.</p> <p>They also touched on the status the elections for 2024 and proponed this discussion to the next board meeting.</p>
Decision	<p>If the. number of registrations for the convention does not increase JJIF should cancel the event.</p> <p>The Greek federation should check if they are able to also host the Adults World Championships</p>

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12. Membership applications	
	Mr Joachim Thumfart
Discussion	The board discussed several membership applications. Joachim advocated for Qatar's provisional membership, which was approved. Concerns were raised about the applications from Gabon and Egypt due to their lack of activity, and Tunisia's was put on hold due to an unpaid bill. The board agreed to wait and evaluate the application carefully if new documents are submitted.
Decision	JJIF gives provisional membership to the JJNO from Quatar
13. next Board meeting	
	The next board meeting will be on January the 7 <sup>th</sup> 20234, 17:00 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, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2023  
Approved by JJIF board

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