



JJIF *Ju-Jitsu International Federation*

Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [JJIF]		
7 th of January 2024	06:00 PM - 08:53 PM (Abu Dhabi Time)	Online
Meeting called by	H.E. PANAGIOTIS THEODOROPOULOS, JJIF President	
Type of meeting	JJIF Board Member Meeting	
Note taker	Mr. Peter Schouten	
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>	
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 Administration Director</div>	
Observers (invited)	<div>1. Ms Denise Krahn - Member of the JJEU Athletes Commission</div> <div>2. Mr Jose Dominguez - Member of the JJPAU board</div>	
Guest	<div>1. Mr Patrik Tremel – Hearing regarding the case against him</div>	
1. 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	
4 Members with voting rights were present, and the quorum was declared adequate due to the fact the President has a decisive vote in case a vote would be a tie (tiebreaker rule).		
3. European Championship Adults 2023 - Hearing on the incident involving JJIF TC member/referee operator Patrik Tremel		
	Mr Patrik Tremel	
Discussion	<p>Mr. Patrik Tremel shared details about the events leading to his two-year suspension from official roles in JJIF. He admitted there was no excuse for his behaviour but wanted to provide the board with his perspective on what happened at the European Championships Adults 2023.</p> <p>Patrik expressed concerns about miscommunication and safety issues during the event. He also mentioned that some members of the JJEU event team did not welcome his presence, which unnecessarily escalated the incident.</p> <p>In conclusion, Patrik felt that his punishment was harsher compared to referees in similar positions and with similar or worse cases.</p>	

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Decision	<p>After Patrik left the meeting, the board continued the discussion.</p> <p>Mr Robert Perc will look into the behaviour of the mentioned members of the JJEU event team and take appropriate actions.</p> <p>Mr. Peter Schouten emailed Patrik Tremel about the board's decision.</p>
4. JJIF Board Member Meeting Minutes 2023-12-10	
	Ms. Claudia Behnke
Discussion	Ms Claudia Behnke requests the board to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting.
Conclusion	The minutes were approved by all voting members of the board
5. Referee rules for ratification	
	Ms. Claudia Behnke
Discussion	Ms Claudia Behnke connected with the second referee group that were focusing on the education and evaluation. She requested them to send their proposal to the Board. She requests the board to ratify the referee rules for 2024.
Conclusion	Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos expressed his worry about the absence of representation from all continents and the unclear aspects of the rules. Additionally, he pointed out that the proposals related to education and evaluation were submitted to the board quite late. He suggests that having more discussion and getting clarifications before officially approving these rules is essential. To address this, a new Workgroup meeting is scheduled for January 20th. A revised proposal will be sent to the TC (Technical Committee) and the Board after the meeting.
6. Duo rules for ratification	
	Ms. Claudia Behnke
Discussion	<p>An updated ruleset was sent to the board for ratification.</p> <p>Mr Panagiotis Theodoropoulos stated that also in this case the changes and corrections of the proposal was sent on short notice to the board.</p>
Decision	<p>Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos doesn't want to officially accept this proposal right now, but he suggests that we try out the new rules in a test event. This test event is the Genoa Open in early February, the first ranking event in 2024.</p> <p>He proposes that if the test goes well, the board can officially approve the proposal at the next board meeting. He stresses the importance of educating referees about the new system so they understand how to make better judgments.</p> <p>Mr. Robert Perc highlights the need for referee education before the event, especially for those referees planning to attend (a webinar is now scheduled for January 27th).</p> <p>All four voting members agree to temporarily approve the new proposal.</p>

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7. Proposals from the congress and cancellation of the convention	
	Mr Joachim Thumfart
Discussion	<p>Mr Joachim Thumfart asks the board how to handle the pending proposals from the congress now that the convention is cancelled. Should we conduct online meetings for each proposal and ratify them individually, or should we aim to reschedule a convention in the upcoming months?</p> <p>Mr. Robert Perc believes that organizing a convention in the short term won't be feasible due to busy schedules. He proposes considering a later timeframe, possibly around October or November later in the year.</p>
Decision	Decision was made to plan online meetings to discuss each proposal separately
8. Safeguarding Policy (approval)	
	Mr Christian Horvath
Discussion	<p>Mr. Christian Horvath received feedback on the policy from Ms. Claudia Behnke in the past few weeks, but he hasn't had the chance to address it yet. Mr. Robert Perc also has some thoughts on the policy. He recognizes that the document serves as a good model but notes that it overlaps with other documents. Additionally, he points out that the document, beyond addressing harassment and abuse protection, touches a wide range of responsibilities. He emphasizes that the tasks of safeguarding officers should not duplicate those already covered by the Sporting Code.</p>
Decision	<p>The board has chosen to make further adjustments, taking into account the feedback from Claudia Behnke and Robert Perc. Robert Perc will formulate and share his suggestions with Christian Horvath. Once Christian Horvath has refined the document, a work meeting will be scheduled to review the updated version with the people involved.</p>
9. Next Board meeting	
	The next board meeting will be on February the 11 th 2024, 17:00 UAE time.
<u>Conclusion</u>	
<p>The JJIF President addressed the board. He thanked all persons present for their participation and good discussions. The meeting was thereafter adjourned.</p>	

Online Meeting, 7th Jan. 2024

Approved by JJIF President Panagiotis Theodoropoulos

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