

Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [JJIF]

12 th May, 2024	05:00 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	Ms. Shiela Maglalang	
Attendees with voting right	1. Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos- JJIF President 2. Mr Nuvin Proang – JJAFU Preisident 3. Mr Rober Perc – JJEU President 4. Mr Fahad Al Shamsi - JJAU General Secretary 5. Mr Gregory Vallarino - JJPAU President 6. Mr. Christian Horvath - JJIF Board Member 7. Mrs. Maria Charitopoulou - JJIF Board Member	
Attendees with NO voting right	8. Mr. Joachim Thumfart- JJIF Director General 9. Mrs. Claudia Behnke - JJIF Sport Director 10. Mr. Peter Schouten - JJIF Administration Director	
Observers (invited)	11. Mr Jose Dominguez - Member of the JJPAU board 12. Mr. Weingard Tainara- Member of the JJPAU Athletes Commission	
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	
7 Members with voting rights were present, and the quorum was declared adequate. The minutes of the last board meeting were approved.		
3. Ju Jitsu Asian Championship 2024- Report		
Discussion	<p>Mr. Fahad and Mr. Peter reported on the recent Asian Jiu-Jitsu championship, highlighting the impressive turnout of 1400 total entries across 30 countries in the adult category and 24 countries in the youth category. The event was praised for its successful management and the high number of referees participating for seminars. They have mentioned that this huge number of participants this 2024 reflect the development of the Ju Jitsu community in Asia and expecting a higher number of participants in the future Ju jitsu events. He also announces the inclusion of Ju Jitsu in the next Youth Asian Games. He also informed the board regarding the result of the recent GA where he was elected JJAU General Secretary and H.E. Abdulmunem Al Hashmi as the JJAU President. Mr. Fahad also emphasized the importance of Asia as a growing market for their sport and reiterated the organization's intention to develop more under JJIF's supervision. Mr. Joachim congratulate JJAU for having a successful and smooth General Assembly and where the election was quietly and professionally managed at the same time. He also announced plans for five regional championships in Asia and a potential joint World and Youth championship in Thailand in 2025, though this needs final confirmation.</p> <p>In addition to congratulating JJAU on their excellent event management, Mr. Panagiotis expressed his pride in the organization's ability to hold the JJAU GA in a truly democratic manner.</p>	

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4. Matsuru Update	
Discussion	Due to health condition Mr. Nuvin has a limited time to work, but he proposed to organize a meeting to discuss Mr. Joachim, the President, and himself to discuss and get proper instructions regarding the Matsuru update and moving.
5. Referee per Diem / Salary	
Discussion	Mr. Joachim discussed the proposal from Israel in the last JJIF Congress to massively increase referee per diems and highlighting the costs involved in travel and accommodation. Ms. Claudia added her perspective, emphasizing the uncertainty and frustration caused by payments varying from the announced amounts. The President mentioned that they don't need to discuss more on this subject, firstly, financial decision is something that the president can decide alone without the board especially if there is no increase with the cost. Second is that people should be aware of the financial rules of JJIF. It is also suggested that organizers should be careful not to overwork referees that they should consider alternative locations to keep costs under control. Ms. Claudia also suggested to have a referee outline so that referee should know what they expect and to avoid frustrations.
Conclusion	The issue of hotel prices and referee compensation was left open for further discussion.
6. Doping Free	
Discussion	The board has discussed four doping cases from 2022 and a current case of Rana Qubaj has been forwarded to CAS. There was a concern about the financial impact of these cases on the organization, Mr. Theodoropoulos and Mr. Nuvin emphasized that sports federations should be financially responsible for all doping-related costs, including legal fees, if their athletes are found guilty. They stressed the importance of being prepared to recover these costs either from the athletes or the federations, as per the rules.
Decision	Mr. Nuvin assured the board that he will issue all the notification letter within this week.
7. Lift of Suspension -TUNISIA	
Discussion	Mr. Joachim reported that Tunisia had settled their outstanding debts to UAEJJF and could now compete in the African championship. Ms. Claudia proposed formal voting to lift the suspension of Tunisian Ju Jitsu Federation.
Decision	The board has approved (7 votes) to lift the suspension under Tunisian Ju Jitsu Federation. But still requires for the update about the development and changes in Federation.

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8. Montenegro	
Discussion	Mr. Robert shared that Montenegro's federation was under investigation for potential suspension due to financial irregularities. Mr. Joachim provided details of the poor organization and financial issues surrounding the recent Balkan open championship hosted by Montenegro.
Conclusion	We wait for the reports and statements of Montenegro Ju-Jitsu
9. African Championship	
Discussion	Mr. Nuvin led discussions about the legal status of JJIF and its implications for hosting the African championship, proposing that the General Assembly and the championship should be held concurrently to minimize travel. The Moroccan team raised concerns about their office in Morocco serving as the headquarters of the African Union and the need for official support from the African Union and the Moroccan government for hosting a competition in Morocco. It was agreed that Mr. Nuvin would discuss these matters with Karim to ensure the organization of the General Assembly, while Mr. Fahad would arrange a meeting with Mr Karim's team.
Decision	Mr. Fahad will arrange a meeting between Nuvin and Karim to discuss the organization of the African Championship and the General Assembly.
10. Pan-American Championship	
Discussion	Mr. Jose highlighted the importance of establishing rules and control within the Pan American Union, and requested help with the costs of seminar and world championship tickets. The group agreed to provide accommodations and support for attendees, with The President's mentioning they would check their situation with JJIF to see how they could offer further assistance. Ms. Claudia will follow up with Arturo, the President of Colombia, for more information on the University Games and the potential for a combined 2025 Grand Prix.
11. FISU	
Discussion	The organization of the upcoming university games was discussed, with a meeting involving Christian to Ireland and an open slot for Thailand.
	Next Board will be announced timely
The JJIF President addressed the board. He thanked all persons present for their participation and good discussions. The meeting was adjourned after that.	

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Approved by JJIF President Panagiotis Theodoropoulos

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