



JJIF *Ju-Jitsu International Federation*

Minutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation [JJIF]		
11th June 2023	08:30 PM -10:00 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos- JJIF President 2. Mr. Trilok Kumar- JJAFU President 3. Mr. Robert Perc- JJEU President 4. Mrs. Maria Charitopoulou - JJIF Board Member 5. Mr. Gregory Vallarino- JJPAU President 6. Mr. Christian Horvath- JJIF Board Member 7. Mr. Fahad Al Shamsi- JJIF Board Member 	
Attendees with NO voting right	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Joachim Thumfart- JJIF Board 2. Mrs. Claudia Behnke – JJIF Sport Director 3. Mr. Peter Schouten-JJIF Head of IT 	
Observers (invited)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Jose Dominguez- JJPAU 2. Mr. Didier Menuet-JJEU 3. Mr. Rick Frowyn- JJEU 4. Mr. Anestis Poulirikidis- JJEU 5. Ms. Birgitte Dalsgaard- Duo Committee 6. Mr. Carril Fabio- Duo Committee 7. Mr. Tsegaye Degineh- JJAFU Board 	
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	
7 out of 8 Members with voting rights are present and the quorum was declared as adequate.		
3. JJIF Decision Making		
Discussion	<p>The President informed the board and the members present that he received a letter from the president of the French federation yesterday (10th June 2023). He mentioned that he cannot discuss the content of the letter because as he can see he was informed about the motion and conclusion for the Duo in the beginning of this week. The president said that he is there to explain what happened with duo and how the system of deciding was moved that's why the operators of Duo are present (Birgitte and Fabio) both of them spent many hours in discussing and preparing with all other people involved in the Duo Rules.</p> <p>The president mentioned that this work was not in a close group, which were the initial proposal for duo was expected to be in 2018 by the previous duo commission due to a delay of 5 years action was taken to renew the judging system.</p> <p>That's the reason why the duo was in the corner and many federations were complaining about the way of judging and for many things. Mr. Theodoropoulos took the decision to call some expert and prepare the initial presentation of the rules.</p>	

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Discussion	<p>This was prepared early July last year (2022) and in September during a first and a second open meeting they have received proposal from the participants of the working group where they made changes since some of them are logical and generally the biggest change of the rules was the techniques because in the initial rule, they assumed that it is better to have the old techniques groups for quorums by five techniques.</p> <p>The president reminded that Mr. Horak made that proposal but they said no because the different duo couples in all countries has been prepared to compete in the system of their techniques for 2 years so it was logical and they have changed that, they took out the draw of the techniques and put the techniques in series in order to be familiar to the people.</p> <p>They have done a lot of tests, in January during the board meeting the JJEU stated they are not ready to run the new format and they would like to have the Youth Championship in France and Paris Open with the old rules, even though the president is not into this proposal he has to consider if they think they are still not ready and they can proceed with the old rules.</p> <p>The president mentioned that all rules are actually cause of the competition and pointing mats which referees are giving nothing to do with the techniques and anything else. The president said that when they have decided that to implement the new rules in the World Championship Mongolia- it was a reaction and discussion of a group of people where they don't see any problem except the problem of SportData which is something that they have discussed in the other board member meeting which they are waiting for the Sportdata for the estimated budget for the preparation of the system that was in short, the story of the decision. Then he said that suddenly he saw a letter addressed to the Presidents of the National Federations explaining that there was reaction from the JJEU and the JJIF board has ignored this reaction.</p> <p>It was described in the letter that it was voted and decided to implement the new rules (1st June 2023) and repeat the vote finally on the request of the JJEU president and the result was majority in applying the rules in World Championships in Mongolia and Kazakhstan. The president stated that he doesn't see any reason why they have to show that they don't have a common decision. He also said that, democratically some members of the board maybe disagree but doesn't mean that they working in a democratic way. He also said that they are doing the vote in a proper way and normally if they have the majority of the votes, disagreement is a part of it. He also added that he explained several times the way of new rules of duo plus how the decision will be taken in technical subjects. Mr. Theodoropoulos questioned if the national federations are properly informed or might not following what is happening in the JJIF. Because a bunch of proposal came for the general assembly where 95% of proposals are technical matters that means according to JJIF board decision in the past this technical proposal should go to the TC not in the general assembly.</p> <p>He stated that even if they want to address proposals to the congress, they don't have enough time for the people to understand and moreover, the General Assembly is not composed by the representative of NF with technical knowledge, but in many cases, there are political persons leading the federations with no deep knowledge of the technical subjects.</p> <p>Mr. Robert Perc took the opportunity to speak, he said that after the late of 2022 he sent out a letter only to the board and to the dedicated people in the technical commission regarding the new rules with some comments and suggestions. He explained that in the board meeting on 17th of May 2023 the board has accepted and approved the new rules to implement on the 1st of June 2023 and it will be also applied in the upcoming world championships.</p> <p>And in the 18th of May, those rules were sent out to the NF and in 20th May he sent a request only to the board asking for another decision or another round of discussion regarding the new duo rules with certain concerns and things he found as not finished in a way of finalized, in a way that it would not allow to perform it and introduce it in the upcoming world championship including the fact that it is in the middle of the year, he mentioned that that was the content of the letter which is sent only to the board.</p> <p>He also added that in Europe they had some discussion with their members via zoom there he explained that the next day they will have JJIF Board member meeting where it was allowed as expected that they will discuss the duo rules again, the only comment he received from the representative is that its ok, whatever decision it will be just inform them as soon as possible because this uncertainty doesn't do any favor to everyone especially as the time is very short and the people need to know how to mentally, physically and technically prepared for the events.</p>
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Discussion	<p>Mr. Perc also mentioned that in their board meeting it is also allowed to have another discussion of their complains and concerns from the European side towards to the new rules. He believes that the discussion was calm, respectful although from time to time energetic at the end the board has voted. He was not in favor with the result but they are in favor that the new rules will be implemented in the next European Championship. In the next day, as already agreed in the European Board he sent information about what they have discussed and short overview which happens in the last few months and also argued with the case which has been entrusted to him that agenda was a vote and their proposal was not accepted and by that it also means that they will continue with the new rules. He attached the letter which has been sent to the JJEU board for everyone to understand what was the scope and concern they have in JJIF Board. He also mentioned that in the letter that he sent to the members in Europe, he did not disclose the discussions from the JJIF Board which means he describe what he has talked about and just discussed the mandate he have received.</p> <p>The voting must be accepted as it was and he said from his perspective he is thankful in a way that they were allowed to argue with the case again but in practical terms the board has made a decision on 17th May 2023. This decision was challenged then it was attested again in the next JJIF board meeting, and from his perspective the decision on 17th May is valid and the new rules come into force and that was the message intended to their members that they know that the new rules are definitely approved and by the new rules they will compete in the next events. That was the scope and intention of the message. This information he has send to the European members, he did not indicate anything which goes beyond what he has discussed and the rest are the structure indication of the people who are present and how was the vote was done, which was done following the proper procedure.</p> <p>Mr. President said that after uploading the new rules and changes of age categories everybody should understand that they have the right to participate by making and discussing proposals. Any discussion that can be done somewhere in a country or federation it doesn't matter unless the proposal is officially handed to the technical commission or the coordinator or part of the working group. Anonymous proposals are not proposals because nobody knows who made the proposals, even if the proposal is coming from the union.</p> <p>Mr. Didier Menuet commented that as part of JJIF Board member and representative from the European Union they expect Mr Robert Perc to voice their views in the other hand they expect Mr. Perc what is going on in the international matter in the board. He also mentioned that he doesn't disagree of what the president statements, he believes that it was fast but, in the end, it is the decision. He also highlights his concern regarding with the athletes' possible reactions and opinion of changing the rules in a very short notice.</p> <p>The President gave his appreciation to Ms. Brigitte and Mr. Fabio for their positive contribution and for their hard work. He also said that he hopes everybody will understand the role of coordinator and operator.</p>
<u>Conclusion</u>	
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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