

JU JITSU ASIAN UNION STATUTES



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CHAPTER 1: JU JITSU ASIAN UNION GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 DEFINITIONS

Annual General Assembly” means the Annual General Assembly of the JJAU convened annually in accordance with this Constitution as stipulated under S

“By-Laws” means the By-Laws issued under this Constitution by the Executive Board .

Statute" means this Statute of the JJAU currently in force

Executive" means the Executive Board of the JJAU elected in accordance with this Statutes.

Financial Statements” means the JJAU Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and the Notes thereto.

“General Assembly” means the highest decision making organ of the JJAU as defined under Art. of this Statute, and includes either the Annual General Assembly or the Extraordinary General Assembly.

“Good Standing” A Member of the JJAU shall be said to be in ‘good standing’ where the Member is –

- a) Fully paid up with affiliation, membership or any other fees payable to the JJAU and or the International Federation to which the Member is affiliated; and
- b) Has not been cited for a breach of the JJAU Statute, By-Laws, Policies or Regulations, and is not undergoing disciplinary actions or serving a disciplinary sentence.

“Independent Auditor” means an auditor appointed pursuant to sub-Article of this Statute.

"International Olympic Committee" or “IOC” means the internationally recognized non – profit organization with the supreme authority and responsibility for Olympic sports and activities, established and regulated under the Olympic Charter.

"International Federation" means an international non-governmental organization recognized as an international federation by the IOC and or the Olympic Council of Asia(OCA).

"Member" means a Member of the JJAU as defined under Article of this Statute.

"National Federation" means a recognized federation or association affiliated to JJAU

Register of Members” means the Register of Members of the JJAU provided for and established under Article

"Majority of votes" means a majority of an issue of not less than two-thirds of the number of voting persons.

"Voting Delegate" means a person entitled to vote at a General Assembly in accordance with Article 9 of the Statute.

Good Standing” A Member of the JJAU shall be said to be in ‘good standing’ where the Member is –

- a) Fully paid up with affiliation, membership or any other fees payable to the JJAU and or JJIF and
- b) Has not been cited for a breach of the JJAU Statute, By-Laws, Policies or Regulations, and is not undergoing disciplinary actions or serving a disciplinary sentence.

c) Participates in JJAU Championships

Honorary member – a person that made an impact to Ju Jitsu community and/or greatly contributed to the sport. Candidatures to be proposed by the President/EB and approved by General Assembly

JJAU Championships – Championships organized by the JJAU

Continental Championships – JJAU Championships in Asian Continent

Asian Championship – Asian Ju Jitsu Championship and Asian Ju Jitsu Youth Championship

JJAU events – JJAU events /activities organized by the JJAU (courses, training camps and etc.)

Regional Championships – Ju Jitsu championships, organized in each Asian zone: South Asian Championship, West Asian Championship, South-East Asian Championship, Central Asian Championship, East Asian Championship

National Championships- Championships organised at National level by JJAU members.

Article 2 JJAU NAME, PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES

2.1 Name and Principles

2.1.1. The Ju-Jitsu Asian Union (hereinafter referred to as “the Union” or “JJAU”) and the members comprising JJAU are the affiliated national federations (or any other form of national organizations) regulating jiu-jitsu on the basis of one federation representing each state.

2.1.2. JJAU is the entity regulating jiu-jitsu on the level of the continent. Aside from sports competitions, jiu-jitsu contributes to the development of spiritual, mental and physical characteristics by improving ethics and technical skills, promoting leadership spirit and enhancing personality.

2.1.3. JJAU is a non-profit organization having its headquarters in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

2.1.4. The JJAU headquarters shall be determined by the JJAU Executive Office.

2.1.5. The JJAU officials' liability shall be limited to the cases of negligence.

2.2 JJAU Objectives

- Regulate, manage and develop ju-jitsu on the continental level.
- Promote sportsmanship and fair play and foster the collaboration and friendly relations between the players and federations from Asian states.

- Assist national federations in their activities and provide them with adequate support, as well as to encourage local federations in their participations in continental and international competitions.
- Being the highest continental authority regulating ju-jitsu, JJAU has the right to solve any disputes that may emerge within sports framework between national federations and/ or continental and regional federations associated with the Union.
- Set the continental and regional rules of ju-jitsu and develop the game.
- Organize and control all official continental jiu-jitsu championships.
- Supervise the activities of national and regional federations in accordance with the national and continental regulations of JJAU.
- Participate in the championships featuring ju-jitsu organized by international sports organizations.
- Prevent all forms of racial discrimination in terms of language, religion or politics-related discrimination.
- Cooperate with governmental and non-governmental entities to ensure the successful implementation of JJAU tasks.
- Participate in all events promoting peace and environment protection.
- Develop technical and administrative staff and foster the psychological and technical abilities of Asian players.
- Develop and enhance relations with Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF), Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), International Olympic Committee (IOC), Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and regional and continental/ Associations federations.
- Maintain the independence of JJAU and stand against any political, religious or legal pressure preventing the implementation of the Olympic Charter.
- Participate in the competitions of Asian Executive Office and the JJIF.
- Fight doping and drug dealing, promotion and trading.
- Prevent all practices which may affect integrity and competitiveness or damage the image of JJAU.

Article 3 JJAU LOGO AND FLAG

3.1 Logo:

3.1.1. This is the JJAU logo:



Logo colours: red, green and black

3.2. Flag:

3.2.1. The above logo is the flag of JJAU.

3.3. The JJAU flag and logo are the intellectual property of JJAU and may not be used without obtaining the Union's approval which may be revoked by the union at any time.

3.4. The JJAU has the exclusive right to authorize the production of the Union's logos, symbols, emblem, anthem, medals and similar items

Article 4 GENERAL PROVISIONS

4.1. JJAU is recognized by Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF) and Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) being the sole regulatory authority of ju-jitsu in Asia.

4.2. In the performance of its activities, JJAU follows Olympic ethics and principles.

4.3. Political and religious discussions and activities are prohibited in JJAU and during JJAU events.

4.4. The JJAU supports all initiatives performed by ju-jitsu players to promote peace and compassion.

4.5. The JJAU strives to prevent any discrimination between national federations or states or individuals basing on ethnicity, race, religion, color, nationality or gender or due to political reasons or any other ground.

Article 5 THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF JJAU

5.1. English is the official language of JJAU. All cultures and languages are respected; therefore, representatives of member countries have the right to speak in their native languages and translation expenses shall be covered by such representatives.

5.2. All JJAU reports and publications are issued in English and the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Office and Committee are documented in English.

CHAPTER 2 JU JITSU ASIAN UNION ORGANS

Article 6 JJAU ORGANS

JJAU comprises the following bodies:

- o General Assembly.
- o President
- o Executive Board
- o General Secretariat.
- o Commissions

Article 7 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7.1 General Assembly's General Provisions:

7.1.1. The General Assembly is the supreme and the highest decision making organ of the JJAU

7.1.2. The General Assembly comprises representatives of the full national federations (members with the right to vote) and JJAU members. Only national federations admitted as full members during previous General Assembly who have paid their current membership fees are entitled to participate and vote. A member state may be represented by 2 representatives but has only one vote; such representatives must be citizens or residents of the member state they represent.

7.1.3. Proxy voting is accepted subject to written authorization from the president of the national federation sent to the Secretary General of JJAU 7 days before the General Assembly or extra ordinary assembly.

7.1.4. Members of the EB and Honorary members are not entitled to vote but they can vote as Federation's representative

7.1.5. At the commencement of the General Assembly, a committee of (3) three persons (to be proposed by the **President** and accepted by the General Assembly) verifies identities of representatives and act as auditor of the meeting. The above-mentioned (3) three persons may not be representatives of the states which have proposed nominees to be elected during the same General Assembly meeting.

7.1.6. Attendance of the JJAU President, General Secretary and Treasurer (or their duly nominated representatives) is a prerequisite for the validity of all General Assemblies.

7.1.7. During the Assembly, only the topics listed in the agenda may be discussed.

7.1.8. Proposed topics shall be sent to the Secretary General via email not less than (30) Thirty days before the date of holding the General Assembly.

7.1.9. The Secretary General prepares an agenda inclusive of any topics proposed by members not less than (10) Ten days from the date of holding the General Assembly

7.1.10. The final list of agenda topics shall be approved by the **Executive Board** which shall arrange the discussion of such topics.

7.1.11. General Assembly resolutions shall be approved by the majority of votes of attending representatives entitled to vote. General Assembly resolutions become effective on the date

specified by the General Assembly or the **Executive Board**, taking into consideration the repercussions of such resolutions

7.1.12. Majority of at least two-thirds of the votes of attending representatives is required to pass resolutions pertaining to the following:

- Amending internal regulations and technical rules.
- Admitting new federations as JJAU members.

7.1.13. The President or one who acts on his/her behalf shall make sure that the representatives' speeches enable broad participation in discussions from all representatives and do not exceed 5 minutes.

7.1.14. The JJAU General Assemblies are confidential and third parties may only attend by virtue of special invitation from the President

7.1.15. Only federations that are full members in a good standing who have settled JJAU membership fees after being admitted as JJAU members are entitled to vote in the General Assembly, and quorum is considered complete upon the presence of majority of member countries.

7.2. HOLDING THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7.2.1. The JJAU General Assembly shall be held during one of the JJAU major championships annually.

7.2.2. JJAU General Assemblies or Extraordinary Assembly may be held virtually/online, decisions and voting done virtually

7.2.3. The Agenda shall include:

- i) The confirmation of the minutes of the preceding General Assembly and of any other meeting held since that meeting.
- ii) The presentation by the President (or one on his behalf) of the Report of the Executive.
- iii) The presentation by the General Secretary of the Annual Report;
- iv) The presentation by the Treasurer
- v) The appointment of the Independent Auditor of the JJAU where such vacancy is available;
- vi) The confirmation or admission of any new members pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4 of these Statutes.

7.2.4. Reports pertaining to the President, Secretary General, treasurer and heads of commissions shall be prepared and forwarded to national federations not less than (21) twenty one days before the date of holding the General Assembly.

7.3 HOLDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR ELECTIONS

7.3.1. Following Asian Games or during JJAU or World Championship the JJAU holds the General Assembly for the purpose of election, and the Executive Board shall determine the date and venue of such General Assembly.

7.3.2. In addition to the annual General Assembly's agenda, the General Assembly dedicated for election shall take resolutions concerning the following:

- Electing up to eight (8) members of the Executive Board

The General Assembly shall endorse/approve :

- Guidelines on the current important issues in relation to the Ju Jitsu and JJAU mission and strategy.
- Amending the JJAU Statutes

7.3.3. The General Assembly dedicated for elections may be held for two days.

7.3.4. National federations and elected Executive Board members may submit to the General Secretariat proposals on amending the Statutes, internal regulations and technical rules before the deadline specified by the Executive Board.

7.4 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7.4.1. An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened by the Secretary-General when so directed by the Executive Board or upon a written request of not less than 2/3 (two thirds) of National Federations in good standing.

7.4.2. The Notice period for the Extraordinary General Assembly shall not be less than twenty – one (21) days. The Extraordinary General Assembly may however dispense with the requirement for said Notice or agree to a shorter notice period depending on justifiable circumstances.

7.4.3. An Extraordinary General Assembly may be held virtually, decisions and voting done virtually.

Article 8 JJAU EXECUTIVE BOARD

8.1. The Executive Board will meet as often as is necessary to conduct its business but at least once every three (3) months in a year.

8.2. A meeting of the Executive Board will be convened by the Secretary-General in consultation with and or upon a request or instruction of the President, or when seven (7) members of the Executive consider it necessary, and accordingly convene a meeting.

- 8.3. The quorum at a meeting of the Executive will be 51% of the Members of the Executive including the President and the Secretary-General.
- 8.4. Members of the of the Executive Board are entitled to vote on matters during an Executive Board meeting
- 8.5. The decisions at the meetings of the Executive Board shall be by simple majority of the votes cast by the voting members present.
- 8.6. The Chairperson shall have a deciding or casting vote in the event of a tie.
- 8.7. A member of the Executive Board (except the President) that misses three consecutive board meeting without apology shall cease to be a member.
- 8.8. An Executive Board member who is no longer a member of their national federation executive committee shall cease to be a member. [note this]
- 8.9. Meetings of the Executive Board may be held virtually/online and decisions taken virtually.
- 8.10. Subject to the Statutes, the power, management and control of the JJAU will be vested in the Executive Board
- 8.11. The Executive Board will have authority to employ, on terms and conditions determined by it, a Secretariat with salaried officers and staff as are necessary to effectively and efficiently carry out the management and administrative responsibilities of the JJAU
- 8.12. The Executive may make By-Laws, Regulations, Guidelines and Policies as are necessary and convenient to give effect to this Statutes and the proper conduct of Members and persons associated with JJAU, provided however that where any of such By-Laws, Regulations, Guidelines or Policies are inconsistent with this Statutes, then to the extent of such inconsistency, this Statutes will prevail. As a condition of membership, all Members are bound to observe and comply with all By-Laws, Regulations, Guidelines and Policies made by the Executive. The By-Laws, Regulations, Guidelines and Policies shall be presented to the next General Assembly for ratification.
- 8.13. The Executive shall ensure that any JJAU delegates to local and international meetings are appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Statutes and or such other instrument providing for the appointment.
- 8.14. The Executive shall have powers to fill any vacancy that may occur on the Executive by appointment until a By-Election or substantive Election is held at the next General Assembly to fill the vacant position.
- 8.15. The Executive shall appoint members of Commissions and Committees on terms of reference that will be specified, and may dissolve any Commission or Committee, or remove any member therefrom and replace such a member, if deemed necessary.
- 8.16. The Executive shall have powers to take discipline Members and officers of the JJAU and the Executive, in accordance with the Disciplinary Procedures under chapter 3.
- 8.17. As far as JJAU championships are concerned, the Executive Board appoints referees and technical controllers upon the recommendation of the Referees Committee.
- 8.18. The Executive shall ensure compliance with and fulfilment of all provisions of this Statutes

8.19. **Executive Board's Formation:** The President and Secretary General will be elected for a tenure of 8 years. Members of the Executive Board will be elected for a tenure of 4 years

8.20. The JJAU Executive Board comprises:

- President: elected by the JJAU General Assembly;
- Senior Deputy President: elected by JJAU Executive Board
- Secretary General : elected by the JJAU General Assembly;
- Treasurer: Elected by the JJAU General Assembly
- 5 Vice Presidents – each of them is a Zone President – elected by the General Assembly
- Executive Board members: elected by JJAU Executive Board
- 2 Athletes representatives

8.21. The Executive Board may c-opt special appointments as it deems necessary, subject to the approval of the national federation of such appointee(s); in such event, the primary criterion for selection is the appointee's specialized knowledge and expertise in the field where he/ she is to be appointed, as well as having a record of providing services to JJAU. Appointees under this paragraph are not entitled to vote

8.22. No country will have more than two (2) members entitled to vote in the Executive Board

8.23. The Executive Board selects and awards hosting rights of the JJAU championships subject to the approval of the General Assembly

8.24. In its meeting, the newly elected Executive Board shall carry out required appointments and elect members to assume the various operational positions in the various commissions as per regulatory rules. (by-laws)

Article 9 COMMISSIONS

9.1. The JJAU has following commissions:

- Ethics commission (approved by the Executive Board)
- Safeguarding commission (approved by the Executive Board)
- Athletes Commission (elected by athletes during JJAU Championship)
- Technical and Referee Commission (approved by the Executive Board)
- Women Commission (approved by the Executive Board)
- Media Commission (approved by the Executive Board)
- Medical and Tue Commission (approved by the Executive Board)
- Anti-Doping Commission (approved by the Executive Board)
- Education Commission (approved by the Executive Board)

9.2. The Executive Board may create additional commission as they deem appropriate.

9.3. Athletes Commission

There shall be established an JJAU Athletes' Commission that shall be comprised by

- i. Eight (8) members directly elected by the athletes belonging to the JJAU Member Federations in good standing;

- ii. Two (2) athletes to be appointed by the JJAU Executive. The two (2) appointed athletes shall be female and male;
 - iii. To be eligible for election or appointment to the Athletes' Commission a person must be
 - a) At least eighteen (18) years of age and must not have been sanctioned for a doping or any other offence during his or her sports career; and
 - b) Without a criminal conviction for an offence involving moral turpitude.
 - iv. Election of members of the Athletes' Commission will be conducted according to the procedure provided for in Guidelines to be prepared by the Executive Board
 - v. Each person elected and or appointed pursuant to this Article will hold office for a period of four (4) years from the date of their appointment
- 9.4. The additional rules, terms of references for commissions shall be stipulated in separate regulations pertaining to the commissions

ARTICLE 10. ELECTIONS

10.1. Notification and Nomination Procedure for Candidates

Notification and nomination for candidates for a position on the Executive Board will be conducted in accordance with the following procedure:

- (1) An electoral commission or body will be appointed by the Executive Board to oversee and manage the elections.
- (2) A candidate for a particular elective position on the Executive Board whose National Federation is in good standing shall notify the Secretary-General of the elective position they intend to stand for, in writing not less than two months to the elective General Assembly.
- (3) In the event that the Secretary-General intends to stand for any position, the Secretary-General shall notify the President as above.
- (4) A candidate for an elective position on the Executive shall be nominated by one (1) Federation in good standing and shall submit his or her nomination documents to the JJAU Secretariat at least sixty (60) days before the elective General Assembly.
- (4) The electoral commission or body will carry out a verification of the candidates and the documents submitted. This will include submitting the candidates to the Ethics Commission for vetting. . The General Secretariat shall support the electoral commission.
- (5) The full list of all the nominated candidates and the positions they intend to vie for, shall be communicated to all JJAU Members and published by the Electoral Commission or body This communication will be upon completion of verification of all the documentation relating to the candidates.
- (6) Members of national federations shall submit nominations for applicable elective positions and/or commissions. The nomination shall be sent by either the President of Secretary General of the nominating national federation.
- (7) Nominees must be citizens or residents of the states they represent and their national federations must cover the expenses related to nominees' participations in official meetings.

(8) Each person may be nominated to several positions in JJAU, but may be elected to assume only one position. Once elected, the nominee's name shall be withdrawn from any other nomination list. Nominees who have been elected will automatically lose their eligibility to be elected to another position. Nominations shall be made specifically to each proposed position. Members of the Executive Board may be nominated and hold positions on any of the Commissions.

10.2. Rules for Electing the Executives

The election of each member of the Executive will be decided in accordance with the following rules –

- (1) An election shall only take place once a quorum consisting of two-thirds of the JJAU Member National Federations in good standing are present.
- (2) Elections shall be conducted by the Electoral Commission or body to ensure that they are free and fair.
- (3) Nominated Candidates may where practicable be accorded an opportunity to address the General Assembly for a period as may be decided by the Returning Officer conducting the election.
- (4) A duly nominated candidate who is not present during the election for justifiable reason shall not be disqualified by virtue of his or her inability to personally attend the General Assembly at which the election is conducted.
- (5) Except in cases where there is only one nominee for a position, voting for elective positions on the Executive shall be by secret ballot. This includes online voting.
- (6) If after a ballot has been conducted and there emerges no winner for a given position, the two (2) candidates with the highest number of votes will hold a run – off election. Where the votes of two (2) competing candidates are a tie, the election will be repeated amongst the candidates until a winner emerges.
- (7) At the conclusion of the voting, the electoral commission or body will declare the result of each ballot in the following manner, namely, a statement of the number of ballot papers issued with respect to each ballot, the number of formal votes cast in each ballot and the number of votes received by each candidate.

10.3. The President and Secretary General shall notify the JJIF of the dates and the location of the elections, and shall provide the JJIF with the Resolutions of the elective Assembly no later than thirty (30) days after conclusion of the General Assembly.

10.4. Each member national federation is entitled to one vote only.

10.5. Voting is conducted according to the following order:

- President
- Secretary General
- Treasurer
- 5 Vice Presidents (each from dedicated zone)

10.6. Elections follow the principle of simple majority; the person with the largest number of votes is elected.

10.7. In the elections of JJAU President, General Secretary and Treasures, majority is followed and in the case of multiple nominations, the nominee with the lowest number of votes after each round of voting shall be eliminated so that a single nominee gains the majority of votes

10.8. If voting ballots include a number of votes exceeding the number of actual vacancies, such papers will be deemed invalid.

10.9. In the event of vacancy in the position of President, the Senior Vice President shall assume the positions respectively until the date of the following General Assembly meeting as the General Assembly regulates the appointment process. In the event of other vacancies in In the event of vacancy in the position of President, the Senior Vice President shall assume the positions respectively until the date of the following General Assembly meeting as the General Assembly regulates the appointment process. In the event of other vacancies in the Executive Board, replacements shall be appointed in the following General Assembly meeting, and the members appointed to assume the vacant positions shall remain in office throughout the Executive Board's remaining tenure.

Article 11 FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

11.1. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

I. Subject to the Statutes, the power, management and control of the JJAU will be vested in the Executive Board

ii. The Executive board will have authority to employ, on terms and conditions determined by it, a Secretariat with salaried officers and staff as are necessary to effectively and efficiently carry out the management and administrative responsibilities of the JJAU

iii. The Executive Board may make By-Laws, Regulations, Guidelines and Policies as are necessary and convenient to give effect to this Statutes and the proper conduct of Members and persons associated with Ju Jitsu, provided however that where any of such By-Laws, Regulations, Guidelines or Policies are inconsistent with this Statutes, then to the extent of such inconsistency, this Statutes will prevail. As a condition of membership, all Members are bound to observe and comply with all By-Laws, Regulations, Guidelines and Policies made by the Executive. The By-Laws, Regulations, Guidelines and Policies shall be presented to the General Assembly for ratification.

iv. The Executive Board shall ensure that any JJAU delegates to local and international meetings are appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Statutes

v. The Executive Board shall have powers to fill any vacancy that may occur on the Executive Board by appointment until a By-Election or substantive Election is held at the next General Assembly to fill the vacant position.

vi. The Executive Board shall appoint members of Commissions and Committees on terms of reference that will be specified, and may dissolve any Commission or Committee, or remove any member therefrom and replace such a member, if deemed necessary.

vii. The Executive Board shall have powers to discipline Members and officers of the JJAU and the Executive, in accordance with the Disciplinary Procedures under Article 9 of this Statutes.

viii. The Executive Board shall ensure compliance with Statutes and fulfilment of all provisions of this Statutes and the JJIF Statutes by all organs of the JJAU

11.2. DUTIES OF OFFICERS ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

11.2.1. The President

The President will represent the JJAU and will preside over each meeting of the JJAU and the Executive Board

11.2.2. The Secretary-General

i. The Secretary-General will be responsible for the efficient and effective operation of JJAU Secretariat.

ii. The Secretary-General will be responsible for the JJAU Secretariat and shall ensure that they perform effectively and efficiently, and will perform such duties as are determined from time to time by the General Assembly or the Executive board

iii. The Secretary-General will be secretary to the General Assembly, the Executive board and will be responsible for maintaining an accurate record of all meetings and proceedings of all meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Board

iv. Except as otherwise provided in this Statutes, the Secretary-General will keep in his or her custody or under his or her control the Register of Members, all records of meetings, books and other relevant documents of the JJAU

v. The Secretary General in consultation with the President shall convene meetings.

11.2.3. The Treasurer

i. The Treasurer shall be responsible for handling the funds of the JJAU, assuring their safety and prudent use. He or she shall be responsible for:

- a) Paying or causing the payments of JJAU obligations;
- b) Assuring expenditures of the JJAU are in accordance with the budget approved by the Assembly;
- c) He or she may recommend, and with the approval of the Executive Board, invest or cause the investment of JJAU funds;
- d) He or she shall serve as the Executive Committee contact for Audit Committee, if one is appointed, and may be assigned responsibility as the Executive Board Committee liaison for other Commissions or Committees. 1

ii. The Treasurer shall further be responsible for

- a) Maintaining a positive balance in the account.
- c) Initiating an audit of the accounts of JJAU by the Independent Auditor.
- d) Maintaining the JJAUs accounts in a bank or savings institution

g) Ensuring tax compliance of the JJAU, and seeking tax exemptions

where applicable; and

h) Any other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board from time to time.

11.2.4. Other Members of the Executive Board

i. All other Members of the Executive Board will duly attend meetings of the Executive and carry out any specific duties as assigned by the President and/or the Executive Board from time to time.

CHAPTER 3 DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS AND INDIVIDUALS

Article 12 DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS AND INDIVIDUALS

12.1. Where –

a) A National Federation ceases to satisfy the requirements set out in Chapter 4 of this Statutes or

b) A Recognized Organization (if a Member):

i) Ceases to be affiliated to JJAU, JJIF or OCA or

ii) Is removed from membership by the General Assembly; or

Then such bodies would cease to be a member of the JJAU from the period when such events happened subject to prior consultation with the relevant body concerned and a final decision made by the JJAU General Assembly.

12.2. Composition of the Disciplinary Commission

The Disciplinary Commission may be constituted by the Executive Board whose composition and chairperson will be determined by the Executive Board, bearing in mind the rules of fairness and appropriate seniority of the members, PROVIDED that the members of the Commission are not less than 3 (three) and not all from the same gender

12.3. Appearance before the Disciplinary Commission

The Chairperson of the Disciplinary Commission will ensure that the Commission causes the individual due to appear before it for a disciplinary hearing, as soon as it is availed with the relevant details and information.

12.4. Disciplinary Proceedings

12.4.1. Where an individual is suspected of having violated this Statutes, By-laws, Regulations or Guidelines issued under this Constitution, disciplinary procedures will be implemented without unnecessary delay, after proper investigations are completed, where necessary.

12.4.2. Where a decision to implement a disciplinary procedure is undertaken, the Secretary General shall at the first opportunity.

- a) Inform the individual, in writing, of the violation(s);
- b) Remind the individual of his or her right to prepare and submit a written explanation, and to appeal any decision;
- c) Give the individual a reasonable length of time to prepare a response or defence to the allegations against him or her;
- d) Inform the individual of the form the disciplinary proceedings will take; and
- e) Disciplinary hearings will be held in camera and will be confidential.

12.5. Rules of Disciplinary Hearings

The following will be the Rules of Procedure for Disciplinary Hearings –

- a) The Chairperson will chair the hearing and direct the proceedings assisted by other members;
- b) The Disciplinary Commission or judicial body will appoint a Secretary, who will be responsible for keeping the record and the handling of all administrative matters;
- c) Members of the Disciplinary Commission or judicial body will be given an opportunity to raise any concern over conflict of interest at the earliest opportunity, which will be considered and ruled upon by the Commission;
- d) Statement of facts: The Chairperson will deliver or direct a member of the Commission to read the facts constituting the alleged violation(s) to the individual or entity in question;
- e) Taking of Plea: After reading the facts, the Chairperson will invite the individual or entity to plead to the facts;
- f) Burden of Proof: The burden of proving the violations will rest on the JJAU;
- g) Standard of Proof: The standard of proof shall be on comfortable satisfaction of the commission;
- h) Failure to attend a hearing by an individual: Where an individual fails to turn up for a hearing, having received adequate notice of the hearing and without any justifiable reason fails to appear, the Disciplinary Commission will decide whether to proceed with the hearing and consider only the written defense submitted by the individual.
- i) The Hearing: The proceedings of the Disciplinary Commission shall be formal and shall in any case not be constrained by technicalities provided the technicalities do not prejudice or lead to a miscarriage of justice. They will be conducted in a the most convenient manner that ensures clarity of issues;
- j) The Decision: The Commission will deliberate on the issues in absence of the individual, and will report its recommendations to the Executive.
- k) The Commission will conduct its hearings in English, keep a record of its proceedings and ensure fairness and natural justice during the hearing.

12.6. Measures and Sanctions

In the case of any violation of this Statutes, the JJIF Statutes, OCA Statutes, Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code, By-Laws or any other regulation, as the case may be, the measures or sanctions which may be taken by the General Assembly, the Executive or the Disciplinary Commission referred to under this Article are –

12.6.1. With regard to the President, the Vice Presidents and any other member of the Executive –

- a) A reprimand;
- b) A fine or refund of any specified amount of money, in case of financial loss or failure to account for funds, where appropriate;
- c) Suspension for a specific period. The suspension may be extended to all or part of the rights, prerogatives and functions deriving from the membership of the person concerned;
- d) Expulsion from the Executive and or Membership of the JJAU;
- e) A ban for a specified period from participation in activities of the JJAU or
- f) Any other appropriate sanction.

The above-mentioned sanctions may be combined. They may be imposed on Members of the Executive who, by their conduct, jeopardize the interests of the JJAU also regardless of any specific violation of this Statutes, By-Laws, Regulations or the JJIF /OCA Statutes and Regulations.

12.6.2. With regard to Member Federations and subject to prior consultation with the International Federations concerned –

- a) Withdrawal of provisional recognition and suspension from participation in JJAU and JJIF/OCA activities (Executive); and
- b) Withdrawal of full recognition (General Assembly).

12.6.3. With regard to other recognized associations and organizations, and subject to prior consultation with the International Federations concerned –

- a) Withdrawal of provisional recognition (Executive);
- b) Withdrawal of full recognition (General Assembly).

12.6.4. With regard to individual competitors and teams: Temporary or permanent ineligibility or exclusion from all JJAU/JJIF/OCA Championships, disqualification or withdrawal of accreditation; in the case of disqualification or exclusion, the medals and diplomas obtained in relation to the relevant infringement shall be returned to the JJAU/JJIF/OCA. In addition, at the discretion of the Executive Board, a competitor or a team may lose the benefit of any ranking obtained in relation to other events at the Games at which he or it was disqualified or excluded; in such case the medals and diplomas won by him or it shall be returned to the JJAU (Executive Board);

12.6.5. With regard to officials, managers and other members of any delegation as well as referees and members of the jury: temporary or permanent ineligibility or exclusion from the Championships or/and a ban for a specified period from participation in activities of the JJAU (Executive Board);

12.6.6. With regard to all other accredited persons: Withdrawal of accreditation (Executive Board) and or membership (General Assembly).

12.6.8. Before applying any measure or sanction, the competent JJAU body may issue a warning.

12.6.9. All sanctions and measures shall be taken without prejudice to any other rights of the JJAU and of any other body.

12.6.10. Any inquiry relating to facts that may lead to any measure or sanction is conducted under the authority of the Executive, which may delegate all or part of its authority to that effect.

12.6.11. Throughout any inquiry, the Executive may provisionally withdraw from any concerned person or organization all or part of the rights, prerogatives and functions deriving from such person's or organization's membership or status.

12.6.12. Any individual, team or any other individual or legal entity has the right to be heard by the JJAU body competent to apply a measure or sanction to such individual, team or entity. The right to be heard in the sense of this provision includes the right to be acquainted with the charges and the right to appear personally or to submit a defense in writing.

12.6.13. Any measure or sanction decided by the General Assembly, the Executive or the Disciplinary Commission referred to herein shall be communicated in writing to the party concerned.

12.6.14. All measures or sanctions shall be effective forthwith unless the competent body decides otherwise.

12.15. Records of Violations and Actions

The Secretary-General shall keep a record of the nature of any violations and consequential actions taken, the reasons for the action, the lodging of an appeal and outcome of such appeal, and any other developments.

12.16. Appeals Against Disciplinary Decisions

Where applicable, appeals shall lie against a disciplinary decision to an appeals tribunal appointed by the General Assembly. The tribunal will be constituted by a person or persons legally qualified and competent to handle such appeals. The decisions of the Appeals Tribunal will be final.

12.17. A Member may resign as a member of the Executive Board or JJAU by giving thirty (30) days written notice thereof to the Secretary-General, provided that such resignation will not affect the rights and duties of the Member as at the date of resignation.

12.18. The Executive may provide in the By-Laws, detailed procedures with respect to disciplinary and related matters under this Article.

Article 13 DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

13.1. Notice of Dispute

Any Member may give written notice to the Secretary-General of a dispute under this Statutes (not being a disciplinary matter within the meaning of Article 9) between –

- a) A Member and another Member; or
- b) A Member or Members and the JJAU or any of its organs.

The Secretary-General will, as soon as practicable, but within seven (7) days, forward written details of the dispute to the President and all parties to the dispute, requiring the parties to meet to discuss and attempt to resolve the dispute in good faith, within fourteen (14) days of the notice of dispute being forwarded to all parties or such other time as the parties agree.

13.2. Dispute Resolution Through Mediation

13.2.1. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting referred to in Article 13.1 (b), or if any party fails to attend that meeting, or the meeting does not occur, then, unless all parties agree to continue attempts to resolve the dispute in good faith, the parties shall proceed to mediate or arbitrate the dispute through a specific mediation or arbitration body set up for that purpose within the JJAU. The Parties may jointly appoint a single arbitrator, or three (3) arbitrators with each party appointing one. Where the Parties agreed on 3 (three) arbitrators, each party shall appoint an arbitrator each and the 2 appointed arbitrators shall appoint the President of the panel. In the event that there is no agreement on the single arbitrator or after 14 (fourteen) days, the single arbitrator will be appointed by the Executive or, if there is any conflict of interests or any objection, by the General Assembly. In the event that there is no agreement on the appointment of the third arbitrator by the 2 appointed arbitrators, or after 14 (fourteen) days following appointment of the 2 arbitrators, the third arbitrator and president of the panel will be appointed by the Executive or, if there is any conflict of interests or any objection, by the General Assembly. The Code of Sport Related Arbitration adopted by the Court of Arbitration for Sport will be adopted as applicable, to resolve the dispute.

13.2.2. Any sports-related disputes affecting the JJAU shall be resolved through these processes and by doing so, any party to the dispute surrenders any right they may have to commence proceedings in a court in relation to any such dispute or to file any appeal, review or recourse to any state court or other judicial authority from any arbitral award, decision or ruling issued by the mediation or arbitration body. In particular, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the Member or other person concerned will have no right of appeal.

13.2.3. Any final decision made by the mediation or arbitration body as per Article 10 above which relates to a dispute of an international nature, may be submitted exclusively by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of Sports Related Arbitration. The time – limit for appeal is twenty –one days (21 days) after the reception of the decision concerning the appeal.

CHAPTER 4 MEMBERSHIP, FEDERATIONS AND FEES

Article 14 JJAU MEMBERSHIP

14.1. Application Submission

14.1.1. JJAU membership is available only to national federations (or any other lawful form of national organizations) regulating Ju Jitsu in each state. Only a single national federation of each state can be a Ju Jitsu Asian member; if there was two or more national federations in the same state, only the national federation recognized by the National Olympic Committee or a higher sports body will be admitted as a JJAU member.

14.1.2. Each national federation willing to join JJAU is required to provide the General Secretariat with the following documents:

- Application for membership to the JJAU signed by the Chairperson/ President and the Secretary General.
- Copy of the articles of association (English version).
- Statement of the Executive Board and description of the organizational structure.
- Statement of the activities the national federation has conducted in the last two years.
- List of membership

When applicable, endorsement of the National Olympic Committee in the state (or a higher sports body) confirming that the federation is recognized as the Ju Jitsu regulatory authority in the state.

14.1.3. Membership application implies a full acknowledgment of the JJAU rules and internal regulations. After receiving the above-mentioned documents, the Executive Office evaluates the membership application and take decision in this respect, and the Executive Board's decision shall be approved by the General Assembly.

14.1.4. A national federation may not be a member of JJAU and at the same time a member of another international organization claiming to be the continental Ju Jitsu regulatory authority.

14.1.5. JJAU always considers cooperation with other sports regulated by national federations, without prejudice to the independent identity of each sports.

14.1.6. Only national federations which are members of JJIF are entitled to the membership of JJAU

14.2. Membership Classes (Categories)

Memberships fall into three (3) classes on the national level and one (1) class for multinational societies:

14.2.1. Full national member:

- This class includes members who have completed two (2) or less years as provisional national members and fulfilled their obligations as JJAU members including fees.
- A full national member is entitled to:
 - Being briefed on JJAU status,
 - Propose topics to be considered and listed in the General Assembly agenda,
 - Receive the agenda along with General Assembly meeting-related documents,
 - Receive invitation within specified deadline to attend the meeting and vote,
 - Name nominees to the elected positions of JJAU (President, General Secretary, and Treasurer)

- Name nominees for other positions in the JJAU Executive Board,
- Take part and vote in elections,
- Being invited to extraordinary General Assembly meetings,
- Practice such other rights as specified in the JJAU Articles of Association, internal regulations, decrees and resolutions,
- Host official world championships, and
- Participate in all JJAU events.

14.2.2. Provisional national member:

This class is granted by the Executive Board, and shall be approved later by the General Assembly, to applicants who have fulfilled initial obligations of JJAU membership.

This status continues for not less than two (2) years and no more than four (4) years, and this duration is not renewable. The duration of this status may be reduced by the Executive Board.

The provisional national member may neither vote nor deliver a speech in the General Assembly, except upon the invitation of the President or who acts on the President's behalf.

The provisional national member applying for official national membership is not necessarily required to be represented in the General Assembly during which such application is being evaluated, unless the applicant is invited by the General Assembly to reply to certain questions related to promotion to the JJAU official membership.

The provisional national member is entitled to be notified of General Assembly-related information, such as the agendas and news and the resolutions passed in official meetings, as well as to participate in JJAU activities.

14.2.3. Associate member:

Associate members can be multinational or international associations/ federations practicing regulatory activities in line with JJAU practices and philosophy.

Associate members are not entitled to vote. Associate members are only entitled to evaluate and promote the methods of cooperation with JJAU through specific agreements or initiatives to be endorsed by the General Assembly on a case-by-case basis.

Associate members are required to fulfill JJAU membership obligations including fees.

Article 15 NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

National federations are the Ju-Jitsu national regulatory bodies which, by joining JJAU, constitute the members of JJAU.

15.1. Duties of JJAU-listed national federations:

- Inform JJAU of any changes in their articles of association and internal regulations, and regularly elect their executive offices and inform JJAU of the results of such elections.
- Regulate Ju-Jitsu on country level, including national championships which are preferred to be organized annually, and send the results of such championships to JJAU in order to report correct information to those engaged in sports sector. Similarly, when the national federation acts as the regulatory federation of JJAU championships, the federation shall send the results to the General Secretariat in order to publish the same on JJAU's website, including the following details:

- Full names of the finalists, and names of the winners categorized according to age and weight classes.
 - Players' nationalities.
 - Players' birth dates.
 - Names of officials and referees
- Settle the annual fees of JJAU membership
 - Inform JJAU of the latest updates on the efforts to develop Ju-Jitsu in the State where the federation regulates the game, as well as to respond to JJAU's requests, circulars, surveys and others.
 - Promote and follow the system certifications and degrees granted in accordance with the rules of JJAU, which shall bear the logos of the Union and the national federation requesting the documents.
 - Submit suggestions for the amendment of the articles of association, technical rules and laws of JJAU upon request.
 - Accept and implement the resolutions issued by JJAU's General Assembly and Executive Board
 - Attend annual General Assembly
 - National federations desirous to leave JJAU are required to provide JJAU Executive Board with the local federation's General Assembly resolution to this effect not less than 4 months to annual general assembly of JJAU; if the JJAU General Assembly was not held due to any reason whatsoever, the national federation may terminate its membership as of the 31st of December by informing JJAU of the same not later than the 30th of June, and the general Assembly of JJAU shall decide regarding the use of all legal rights against the federation's resolution and/ or request financial compensation.
 - The national federation shall invite a representative of JJAU to attend the General Assembly dedicated for elections; such representative has the right to fully participate in general assembly deliberations, and the host national federation is required to cover the expenses of travel and residence incurred by the JJAU representative
 - The national federation shall submit an annual report in writing, inclusive of a financial report and audit report, on the activities of JJAU office by March of the following year.
 - The national federation shall inform JJAU before June 30 of the schedules and venues dedicated for next year's national Ju Jitsu activities so that the same is listed in JJAU agenda for the following year.

15.2. JJAU Duties towards national federations:

- Keep national federations informed of all the internationally important matters, such as Ju-Jitsu-related international developments, event agenda, major championship results, international lists issued by the JJAU for Dan holders, elections, membership, referee registration and others
- Inform national federation of the resolutions issued by JJAU General Assembly and Executive Office
- Prepare the JJAU Statutes, internal regulations and technical rules and distribute them among national federations. Issue and distribute technical information to improve Ju Jitsu globally
- Strive to solve the matters of dispute between national federations if requested

- To serve national federations by providing them with information and administrative and technical support via the General Secretariat
- Provide guidance and support to national jiu-jitsu organizations in order to develop jiu-jitsu locally, increase the number of participants and expand the scope of participations in JJIF initiatives

15.3. The President and Secretary General of JJAU or their representatives are entitled to attend the meetings of Executive Board and General Assembly of national federations, but they are not entitled to vote.

15.4. National federations may cooperate and assist JJAU in supervising and continental activity and reporting such activities to JJAU and JJIF.

Article 16 CHAMPIONSHIPS

16.1. The national federation may organize and supervise national championships, and national championships may include all age groups and both genders. Continental championships shall be organized in accordance with JJAU internal regulations and rules.

16.2. As far as continental championships are concerned, JJAU has the right to suspend the participation of competitors or officials due to misconduct and violation to JJAU instructions; in such event, JJAU is required to inform the state to which concerned players belong, together with JJAU General Secretariat in order to take disciplinary actions.

16.3. National federations are required to implement and effect JJAU's anti-doping policy in national championships. The national federation organizing championships is required to cover the full fees of travel, residence and participation of the doping controller appointed by JJAU, as well as the expenses of conducting doping tests and analysis.

16.4. National federations who are members of JJAU have the right to constitute regional zone groups taking into account the joint interests, and may also organize regional championships and forums under the JJAU approval

Article 17 OPERATIONAL FEES

17.1. Annual membership fees are equal for all JJAU members and as of the date of these articles of association, annual membership fees are USD 400.00 (four hundred United States Dollars)

17.2. Membership fees are payable in January. Any member that has not settled the fees payable towards membership in the current year is not entitled to vote in any of JJAU meetings, and the players from such defaulting state are not entitled to participate in the meetings or discussions regulated under the rules of JJAU. In this respect, the General Secretariat may send a reminder in February to each defaulting member.

17.3. The fees of:

- JJAU Championships
- JJAU training camps
- Any other JJAU events

Shall be determined by the JJAU Secretariat or EB taking into account their association with the strategic requirements and international considerations.

17.4. Participation fees shall not be over priced and are non-refundable for awarded participants. Fees paid by participants who have not been awarded shall be returned to them within 30 days from the date of the Executive Board's resolution. Fees are non refundable for participants has been awarded but non-shown in the event.

17.5. Private contracts and associated fees shall be negotiated with awarded participants and stakeholders in terms of the rights of TV broadcasting, online broadcasting or sponsorship of initiatives and agreements.

17.6. Amending Fines and Fees

The amounts specified in the JJAU statutes of association concerning fines and fees may be changed, amended or updated by virtue of resolutions issued by the Executive Board and approved by the General Assembly of JJAU.

CHAPTER 5 QUALIFICATION AND NATIONALIZATION

Article 18 QUALIFICATION

18.1. All Ju Jitsu members who are recognized by the JJAU but not recognized by the NOC are not eligible to participate in the OCA events and games such as Indoor Games, Beach Games, Asian Games and Youth Games.

18.2. Provisisnal members may take Members who are recognized by JJAU and JJIF but not officially recognized by their NOC can only be part of World Championship, Asian Championship and any other events organized by JJAU.

18.3. Executive Board may suspend and not allow a member to participate Indoor Games, Beach Games, Asian Games and Youth Games members who are recognized by NOC and did not participate and join in Asian Championship and World Championship for two consecutive years.

The next Executive Board Meeting of JJAU, will be the decision whether to continue or to terminate the suspension of Members

18.4. Player's Qualification

18.4.1. In order to be qualified to participate in JJAU competitions, players are required to comply with the rules issued by the Union which has the authority to evaluate the players' qualification to participate in JJAU championships and other activities organized by JJAU.

18.4.2. In order to represent a different state in international champions, the concerned player is required to change his/ her citizenship. In the case of changing citizenship for the second time, the concerned player may participate in JJAU championships only after the lapse of four (4) years from obtaining his/ her new citizenship.

18.4.3. In order to represent a state, the player is required to hold the citizenship of such state. In the event where a player holds two citizenships, he/ she may not represent more than a single state within four years unless approved by JJAU and the respective national federation

Article 19 NATIONALIZATION

19.1. Only the citizens of a state member in JJAU are entitled to represent such state in all continental and international Championships.

19.2. A nationalized player's participation in all JJAU championships is subject to the lapse of 4 (four) years from date of nationalization, and JJAU shall be notified in writing of the same. This lapse can be reduced by Executive Board decision.

19.3. If a player does not hold any citizenship, he/ she shall provide evidence that he has always complied with Ju-Jitsu qualification requirements. A player who has previously represented a state in Asian Games may not represent another state if his/ her country of birth or previous place of birth was annexed with another state or if he/ she has played for the previous state as the national Olympic committee or the higher sports body in the home country of such player was not a member of the Asian Olympic Council or was not a member of JJAU at that time.

19.4. Players born to parents who are the citizens of another state may represent such state, subject to the provision of required evidence and confirm that they have never previously represented the state where they were born.

19.5. Competitors' participation is subject to the following requirements:

- Represent the states where they born, unless they have acquired another citizenship.
- Represent their state of which there are citizens and in which they have lived for a continuous period of not less than 4 years.
- Lose the citizenship which they represent and in which they have permanent residency.
- Born to Asian parents, fulfill the above requirements and have not lost the citizenship of a state outside Asia.
- Female players born outside Asia can participate if they obtained the citizenship of any Asian state after marriage.
- Players born outside Asia are not qualified unless they meet the above-mentioned requirements.

19.6. Unless JJAU and OCA resolve otherwise, there are no age limits for participants in Asian Games.

Article 20 JJAU AWARDS

20.1. JJAU has three categories of awards granted to the persons who have provided outstanding services, namely:

- o JJAU Pin.
- o JJAU Excellence Award.
- o JJAU's National Federation Award

20.2. JJAU Pin: this award is granted to the members elected, chosen or appointed who have provided service to the JJAU Executive Board or Commission for three (3) consecutive tenures (twelve years), and have been elected, chosen or appointed for a fourth.

20.3. JJAU Excellence Awards: this award is granted to those who provided exceptional services for the development of Ju-Jitsu.

20.4. JJAU's National Federation Award: this award is categorized into gold, silver and bronze:

- Golden pin upon the completion of sixteen (16) years of continuous membership and work;
- Silver pin: upon the completion of twelve (12) years of continuous membership and work;
- Bronze pin upon the completion of eight (8) years of continuous membership and work;

CHAPTER 6 OTHER MATTERS

Article 21 DISSOLVING JJAU

In the event of dissolving JJAU, the Union's rights and properties shall be distributed among JJAU's members upon its dissolution by the Executive Board.

Article 22 ENFORCEABILITY

22.1. These Statutes were referred to the JJAU General Assembly held in Abu Dhabi on May 4, 2024 and have been approved by the General Assembly. These Statutes are effective and enforceable as of the above-mentioned date. **[note, we need to change this]**

22.2. Before these articles and regulations come into force, the same shall be submitted to JJIF for approval. These articles and regulations will come into force only after the issuance of approval by JJIF stating that these articles and regulations are in full compliance with JJIF regulations and rules

22.3. These JJAU articles and regulations apply to all continental championships organized in association with JJAU, including advertising, broadcasting and other marketing matters.

Article 23 AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES

23.1. A request to amend and /or revise this Statutes may be initiated by

- a) JJAU member National Federations supported by a petition signed by three-fourths of the JJAU member National Federations all of who, shall be in good standing; or
- b) A motion of the Executive Board

23.2. All amendments and or reviews to the Statutes must be approved by a majority at an General Assembly/Extraordinary Assembly called for the purpose.

23.3. Amendments to the Statutes certified as true copies by the President and the Secretary General will be communicated to the JJIF with a request for approval.