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## Abbreviations and general definitions

<b>CAS</b>	Court of Arbitration for Sport
<b>EJJU</b>	European Ju-Jitsu Union
<b>GAISF</b>	General Association of International Sports Federations
<b>IF</b>	International Federation
<b>IJJF</b>	International Ju-Jitsu Federation
<b>IOC</b>	International Olympic Committee
<b>JJAFU</b>	Ju-Jitsu African Union
<b>JJAU</b>	Ju-Jitsu Asian Union
<b>JJEU</b>	Ju-jitsu European union
<b>JJCU</b>	Ju-Jitsu Continental Union
<b>JJIF</b>	Ju-Jitsu International Federation
<b>JJNO</b>	Ju-Jitsu National Organisation
<b>JJOU</b>	The Ju-Jitsu Oceania Union
<b>JJPAU</b>	The Ju-Jitsu Pan-American Union
<b>JJRA</b>	Ju-Jitsu Regional Association
<b>JJA</b>	Ju-Jitsu Alliance
<b>WADA</b>	World Anti- Doping Agency
<b>TWG</b>	The World Games

Wherever from the context it appears appropriate, each term stated in either the singular or the plural shall include the singular and the plural, and pronouns stated in either the masculine or the neuter gender shall include the masculine, the feminine and the neuter.

## 1.0 NAME, HISTORY AND LEGAL STATUS

1.1 The **JU-JITSU INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION** founded in 1987, hereinafter referred to as “**JJIF**”, is an international, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization, of unlimited duration, registered as a sports association under the Swiss law with the Handelsregister Des Kantons Schwyz.

1.2 In 1977, following a joint initiative from Germany, Italy and Sweden, the **EUROPEAN JUJITSU FEDERATION (EJJF)** was founded. Ten years later in 1987, when several more European Countries had become members of EJJF, the scope of this initiative was expanded to the worldwide scenario.

1.3 Accordingly in 1987, a foundation Congress of International Ju-Jitsu members was convened, and the **INTERNATIONAL JU-JITSU FEDERATION (IJJF)** was founded, with the EJJF continuing its activity as one of the Continental Unions within the IJJF, under the new name of the European Ju Jitsu Union [EJJU].

1.4 In 1993 the IJJF was granted recognition as an International Federation [IF] by the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) and in 1994 the International World Games Association (IWGA) admitted the IJJF as a member federation.

1.5 In the 1997 World Games [WG], Ju-Jitsu athletes participated for the first time in a worldwide multi-sport event.

1.6 In 1998 the Ju-Jitsu International Federation General Assembly was convened and in order to meet some public relations requirements towards further expansion and recognition, it was resolved to change the name of the Federation from the International Ju-Jitsu Federation (IJJF) to the **Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF)**. The name and the acronym of the federation will be copyrighted.

1.7 The present legal seat of the JJIF is at Freienbach, Switzerland.

1.8 The location of JJIF headquarters shall be as resolved by the JJIF Executive Board, which is empowered to change the headquarters to any other place in the world as and when necessary.

## 2.0 EMBLEM AND FLAG

2.1. The emblem of the JJIF is as follows:



Colours: red, black, blue, white.

2.2. The flag of the JJIF is the emblem on a white background.

2.3. The JJIF emblem and flag shall remain as the sole intellectual property and trademark of the JJIF and shall be copyrighted. The JJIF emblems shall not be used without the specific written authorization of the JJIF, which could be revoked by JJIF at any time. Only the JJIF may authorize the production or reproduction of its emblem, badges, medals, etc.

#### **By-law to Rule 2**

1. The words "emblem" and "logo" shall have the same meaning hereunder and shall refer to JJIF's "emblem and flag" as provided by the present JJIF Statutes.
2. The JJIF hereby authorises a JJCU to use the JJIF's emblem or logo as part of or as an integral part of the JJCU's official emblem or logo. The JJIF may further authorize a JJCU to register its logo with the relevant Industrial Property Office in the continent to secure the relevant intellectual property rights and protection including registering its logo as a trademark.
3. Wherever the JJIF's emblem shall appear on the JJCU's emblem, JJIF's emblem shall not under any circumstance, be covered whether partially or not or otherwise altered in any manner whatsoever, except and only except as regards the background colour which may not be white. For the avoidance of doubt, no other alteration as regards design, shape, colour, font used or otherwise shall be allowed.
4. The JJCU shall also have the duty to protect its rights over its logo which shall include the JJIF's logo against any misuse or illegal use and shall do the needful including the seeking of legal redress in such a case.
5. At all events, the JJIF's emblem shall remain the sole intellectual property of the JJIF and any given authorisation can be revoked at any time without assigning any reason thereto. In the event of such revocation of authorisation, the JJCU shall immediately cease to use the JJIF's logo in any manner whatsoever.
6. The JJIF Executive Board may adopt specific rules and regulations to clarify the design and options to use flag and emblem.

## **3.0 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE JJIF**

3.1 English is the official working language of the JJIF. As the JJIF respects all cultures and languages of the world, its representatives from any of the affiliated member countries may speak or write in their own language, translated into English by an interpreter, at their own cost.

3.2 All the publications and reports of the JJIF shall be in English. The proceedings of the JJIF Congress, Executive Board Meetings and all JJIF Committee meetings shall be conducted in English.

## **4.0 MISSION, VALUES AND GOALS OF THE JJIF**

4.1. The mission of the JJIF is to continuously develop, improve, promote and propagate the Ju-Jitsu values on a global platform.

4.2 The values of JJIF are as stated in the Ethics Code of the JJIF which is in full conformity to the Code of Ethics of the IOC and the JJIF and its member JJNOs shall:

- a) Conform with and respect the Olympic Charter, in particular Rules 25 and 26.
- b) Be compliant with the Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement, and shall in particular work with transparency and accountability, by publishing its statutes and all applicable regulations on its website.
- c) Ensure women's participation and representation at all levels.
- d) Establish an athletes' commission which follows the IOC guidelines related to the creation of an athletes' commission and by ensuring that athletes participate in the decision-making bodies.
- e) Use acknowledged standards of accounting, having its financial statements verified by an independent auditor and by publishing its annual activity report, audit report and audited financial statements.
- f) Be a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Code and by referring to its application in its statutes, and by conducting an effective anti-doping programme in accordance with the applicable rules, which must be attested by the World Anti-Doping Agency (hereinafter "WADA").
- g) Be compliant with the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions either via specific regulations or by approval of the Code.
- h) Establishing a transparent and enhanced internal dispute resolution-mechanism.
- i) Recognize the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) jurisdiction and the application of the Code of Sports-related Arbitration.

4.3 The goal of the JJIF as an active participant of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building of a more peaceful and better world by educating our youth through the sport of Ju-Jitsu, practiced in accordance with the values of Olympism.

4.4 The JJIF also has the following additional main goals:

- a) To become one of the leading recognized International Sport Federations;
- b) To implement JJIF's mission;
- c) To include the sport of Ju-Jitsu in all IOC Multisport International Events;
- d) To encourage and support the promotion of ethics and good governance in the sport of Ju-Jitsu;
- e) To educate our youth through the sport of Ju-Jitsu and to dedicate its efforts to ensure that the spirit of fair play prevails, and that violence is banned;
- f) To grant access to Ju-Jitsu for all and provide a platform for inclusive sport.
- g) To encourage and support the organization and development of Ju-Jitsu and coordination of Ju-Jitsu competitions, ensuring the regular organization of the World, Continental, and Regional Ju-Jitsu Championships;
- h) To cooperate with the competent public or private organizations and authorities in the endeavour to place Ju-Jitsu at the service of humanity and thereby to promote global peace;
- i) To resist and act against any form of discrimination, and to encourage and support the promotion of women in sport at all levels and in all structures with a view to implementing the principle of gender equality;
- j) To protect the rights of Ju-Jitsu athletes and the integrity of the sport by actively enforcing the fight against doping;
- k) To take action to prevent any form of manipulation of Ju-Jitsu competitions and related corruption thereof;

- l) To oppose any political or commercial manipulation or abuse of Ju-Jitsu and its athlete.
- m) To encourage and support measures relating to the medical care and health of Ju-Jitsu athletes;
- n) To encourage and support the efforts of sports organizations and public authorities to provide for the social and professional future of athletes;
- o) To encourage and support, the development of sports for all, the initiatives blending sport with culture and education and a responsible concern for environmental issues.

#### **By-law to Rule 4**

1. The JJIF Executive Board may grant JJIF patronage, upon such terms and conditions as it may consider appropriate to any international multisport competitions – regional, continental or worldwide – on condition that they take place in compliance with the JJIF Statutes, Rules and Regulations and are organized under the control of JJIF or JJCUs or JJRAs or JJNOs or organisations recognized by JJIF and its constituent bodies.
2. The JJIF Executive Board may grant JJIF patronage to other events, provided such events are in keeping with the goal of the Olympic Movement.

## **5.0 COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE**

5.1. Under the supreme authority and leadership of the JJIF Congress of affiliated JJIF National Organizations [JJNOs], the JJIF is composed of member organizations, athletes and other persons who all undertake to be abiding by and be guided by the JJIF Statutes, Rules and Regulations.

5.2 The main constituents of the JJIF are, the Ju-Jitsu National Organizations (JJNOs), the JJIF Continental Unions (JJCUs), and the JJIF Regional Associations (JJRAs).

5.3 In addition to its main constituents the JJIF also comprises of Ju-Jitsu clubs and individuals associated to the JJNOs, particularly the athletes, whose interests are fundamental to the JJIF, as well as Ju-Jitsu judges, referees, coaches and the other sports officials and technicians. It also includes other organizations, institutions and foundations as may be recognized by the JJIF and its constituent bodies.

5.4 Any individual person or organization affiliated or associated in any capacity whatsoever to the JJIF is hereby bound by the provisions of the JJIF Statutes, Rules and Regulations.

5.5 The JJIF is structured as under with powers being exercised by its main organs as below:

- The JJIF Congress
- The JJIF Executive Board.
- The JJIF President.
- The JJIF Commissions.

## 6.0 THE JJIF CONGRESS

6.0.1 The highest power within the JJIF is the JJIF Congress. The Congress is convened once in every year. The JJIF Executive Board decides on the date and venue of the JJIF Congress.

6.0.2 The JJIF Congress is chaired by the JJIF President, duly assisted by the Senior Vice President of the JJIF or in case of the latter's absence, by any other Vice-President chosen by the President.

6.0.3 The JJIF Congress shall comprise of the delegations of the Full Members JJNOs. Only the JJNOs which have been admitted as Full Members and fulfil all the JJIF Membership obligations including financial obligations may participate and vote at the Congress.

6.0.4 Each member JJNO may be represented by maximum two (2) delegates but is entitled to only one vote. The delegates must be members of the JJNO with right to represent the JJNO (as specified in the JJNO Statutes) and must be citizens or permanent residents of the country they represent. Voting by assigning proxy to any other person is not permitted.

### 6.1 The powers of the JJIF Congress

6.1.1 The Powers of the JJIF Congress are:

- a) To adopt or amend the JJIF Statutes and the JJIF Ethics Code.
- b) To elect the President of the JJIF and to ratify the nomination of the five Vice Presidents, the three appointed board members and the two athletes' representatives, with a simple majority vote of the delegates present and voting who all cannot be citizens or permanent residents of the same country. The order of precedence of this voting is as follows: The Vice-Presidents, the appointed board members and the athletes' representatives.; For the avoidance of doubt, this rule is not applicable for the post of President.
- c) To elect the Members of JJIF Ethics Commission, according to the Ethics Commission By-laws.
- d) To decide upon the dissolution of JJIF.
- e) To remove / to expel JJNO members.
- f) To remove the President or any Board Member or the entire Executive Board.
- g) To appoint an honorary President and other honorary members of JJIF.
- h) To withdraw the status of honorary President and other honorary members.
- i) To approve and ratify the annual report, accounts, and annual budget of the JJIF.
- j) To ratify the JJIF's auditors.
- k) To decide on the grant of full JJIF membership to JJNOs.
- l) To decide on the grant, suspension and removal of membership of JJIF members, including Associations of JJNOs, Club Members and Individuals and other organizations.

- m) To resolve and decide upon all other matters assigned to it by law or by the JJIF Statutes.
- n) To ratify the decisions of the Executive Board wherever applicable.

6.1.2 The JJIF Congress can ratify any provisional suspension or disciplinary measures initiated against any Full Member JJNOs by the JJIF Executive Board.

6.1.3 Adoption of decision

- a) The JJIF Congress makes decision by the simple majority of votes of the delegates duly convened, present and voting, if not otherwise indicated in these Statutes.

6.1.4 Qualified majority

- a) Amendment of JJIF Statutes

Any amendment of the JJIF Statutes and the Code of Ethics, must be voted upon and approved by at least 2/3rd of the delegates present, entitled to vote and voting.

- b) Removal of President or any Executive Board member

The removal of the President or any Executive Board member must be voted upon and approved by at least 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the delegates present, entitled to vote and voting upon a motion of no confidence of at least 50% of the delegates present, entitled to vote and voting.

- c) Dissolution of JJIF

The dissolution of JJIF member must be voted upon and approved by at least 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the delegates present, entitled to vote and voting upon a request of at least 50% of the delegates present, entitled to vote and voting.

6.1.5 In the event of a tie in voting, the JJIF President has the additional casting vote.

## 6.2 Procedures for the JJIF Congress

Procedures for the JJIF Congress:

- a) Prior to the commencement of the JJIF Congress, a commission made up of three (3) persons (proposed by the President and approved by the Congress) shall verify the credentials of each participating JJNO delegate; the same three persons shall also act as the ballot scrutinizers. These three persons must not be delegates from countries presenting candidates for election during the same Congress.
- b) The JJIF President shall attend JJIF Congress.
- c) Only items on the Congress agenda may be discussed at the Congress.
- d) Proposals for inclusion of items in the agenda must be sent to the JJIF Secretariat at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Congress.
- e) The JJIF President shall direct the Executive Board to prepare and convey to all member JJNOs, the agenda for the Congress with the proposals submitted by its members, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Congress, together with all relevant supporting documents.

- f) The JJIF Executive Board must approve the final list of items and the order of the discussions of the agenda.
- g) The JJIF President decides the number and the duration of the speeches allowed and allocated to the JJNO delegates.
- h) The sessions of the JJIF Congress are private. External parties may attend the JJIF Congress subject to their specific invitation being approved by the JJIF President.

#### By-law to Rule 6

1. The JJIF Executive Board is responsible for the organization and preparation of the Congress, including all financial matters relating thereto.
2. The JJIF Congress is formally convened by order of the President.
3. Notice of the convening of an ordinary JJIF Congress shall be given to all JJNOs (members) at least three months prior to the Congress.
4. Notice of convening an Extraordinary Congress shall be given by the President thirty days prior, together with an agenda which must state the items to be dealt with at the meeting. If an Extraordinary Congress is requested by 1/3 of the full members, it shall be so convened by the JJIF Executive Board within sixty days of such request.
5. The President, or, in his absence or incapacity, the Senior Vice-President chairs the JJIF Congress.
6. All resolutions of the JJIF Congress come into effect immediately, unless otherwise decided by the Congress.
7. A matter which is not listed on the agenda of a Congress may be discussed only if one third of the members so requests and if the Chairman authorizes it.
8. Any matter of procedure concerning the JJIF Congress and votes, which are not covered by the JJIF Statutes, are determined by the Chairman.
9. In case of any urgency, a request for a resolution or decision may be submitted to a vote by correspondence, including via fax or via electronic mail, to the voting members of the JJIF Congress by the JJIF President or by the JJIF Executive Board. Such a resolution or decision shall be valid as if it has been passed at a JJIF Congress where the resolution or decision is approved by not less than fifty per cent (50%) of all voting members.
10. Minutes of all meetings and other proceedings of the Congress are established under the authority of the President.

## 7.0 THE JJIF EXECUTIVE BOARD

7.0.1 The JJIF Executive Board shall initially consist of eleven (11) voting members:

- a) The President.
- b) The five (5) Vice-Presidents, one (1) of them in the position of Senior Vice President appointed by the President.
- c) The three (3) additional members appointed by the JJIF President in consultation with the JJIF Vice-Presidents for each Continent. In appointing these members, the President shall take into careful consideration the skills, competencies, experience, gender balance and diversity of the Executive Board as a whole.
- d) The two (2) representatives (one male and one female, each of different nationality drawn from different continents) of the JJIF's Athlete's Commission

7.0.2 Additional Executive Board members may be inducted as and when required, by a majority resolution of the JJIF Executive Board and ratified subsequently by the next JJIF Congress.

7.0.3 No more than two members of the JJIF Executive Board can be citizens or permanent residents of the same country. This rule does not apply to the President of the JJIF.

7.0.4 On the recommendation of the President and ratified by the Executive Board initially three ex officio non-voting Members shall be appointed as under:

- The General Director; ex-officio, as a non-voting member.
- The Sports Director; ex-officio, as a non-voting member.
- The Administration Director; ex-officio, as a non-voting member.

7.0.5 The Executive Board shall also include the Chairpersons / Directors of such other Commissions as the Executive Board may decide who all shall be ex officio, non-voting members.

7.0.6 Additional ex officio non-voting Board members may be inducted as and when required, by a majority resolution of the JJIF Executive Board and ratified subsequently by the next JJIF Congress.

## **7.1 Executive Board Elections and Terms of Office**

7.1.1 The President of the JJIF Executive Board is elected by the JJIF Congress for a period of office of four (4) years, by a secret ballot, by a simple majority of the votes cast.

7.1.2 The five (5) Vice-Presidents are the corresponding Presidents of their respective JJCUs, duly elected by their General Assembly and whose nominations are ratified by the JJIF Congress. In case of temporary or permanent unavailability of an elected Continental President/JJIF Vice President a substitute as declared in the Continental Statutes is accepted.

7.1.3 When not able to attend, the elected Vice-President may appoint a Board member from his/her JCU to participate at the JJIF Executive Board and related meetings with all rights, associated to a Vice-President's position (including the right to vote). The substitute shall have a written testament (proxy), signed by the JJIF Vice-President, the President of the JCU.

7.1.4 The Senior Vice-President of the JJIF is nominated by the JJIF President from amongst the five (5) Vice-Presidents.

7.1.5 The three (3) additional Executive Board members are appointed by the JJIF President in due consultation with the JJIF Vice-Presidents, for tenure of office of four (4) years, and whose nominations are ratified by the JJIF Congress.

7.1.6 The two representatives of JJIF's Athlete's Commission on the JJIF Executive Board are members elected directly by the JJIF Athlete's Commission for tenure of office of four (4) years, and whose nominations are ratified by the JJIF Congress.

7.1.8 In the case of a Vice-President being unable to fulfil the duties of his office, another JJCU Vice-President in office replaces him by the majority vote of the Executive Board, until the Vice-President has recovered his ability or, if he is in a condition of permanent disability, until a new Vice-President is elected at the next Ordinary General Assembly of corresponding JJCU. This new Vice-President is elected for the rest of the four years' period.

7.1.9 An Extraordinary JJIF Congress may be convened by the President or upon the written request of at least one third of the full member JJNOs.

7.1.10 The Executive Board must convene the Extraordinary Congress within (60) days after receiving such official request.

7.1.11 Minutes of all meetings and other proceedings of the JJIF Congress are prepared under the authority of the President and shall be communicated to all JJIF members in a timely manner.

## 7.2 Powers of the JJIF Executive Board

The powers of the JJIF Executive Board are as follows:

- a) The JJIF Executive Board adopts, enforces and implements the decisions and resolutions of the JJIF Congress.
- b) The JJIF Executive Board assumes the general overall responsibility for the day-to-day administration of the JJIF and the management of its affairs. In particular, it performs the following duties:
  1. Monitors and enforces the observance and compliance of the JJIF Statutes.
  2. Approves all internal governance regulations relating to its organization.
  3. Prepares an annual report including annual financial report and the proposed annual budget, which it submits to the JJIF Congress, together with the auditors' report.
  4. Submits a report to the Congress on any proposed change of the JJIF Statutes, Rules & Regulations.
  5. Establishes and supervises the procedure for accepting bids and selecting host nations responsible for hosting and organizing the JJIF World Championships.
  6. Prepares the agenda for the JJIF Congress.
  7. Initiates disciplinary measures against any errant JJIF Board member or JJIF Commission Member, or any JJNO, or any other entity or person which shall be subsequently resolved by JJIF Congress as the case may be and wherever applicable.
  8. The Executive Board may suspend or take penal action against a JJIF Board member or a JJNO or a JJCU pending the final resolution of the Congress.
  9. Upon the recommendation / nomination of the President, the Executive Board has the authority to appoint or dismiss the General Director, the Sports Director, the Financial Director, and the Administration Director. The

JJIF President shall decide on their compensation / remuneration for such appointees and has the authority to impose sanctions.

10. Provides for the safe keeping of all minutes, accounts and other records of the JJIF in compliance with the law, including minutes of the meetings of all JJIF Congresses, JJIF Executive Board meetings and any other JJIF Commission or working group meetings.
11. It takes all decisions, and issues Rules and Regulations of the JJIF, which are legally binding on all Members, in the form it deems most appropriate, such as, for instance, codes, rulings, norms, guidelines, guides, manuals, instructions, requirements and other decisions, including, in particular, but not limited to, all regulations necessary to ensure the proper implementation and enforcement of the JJIF Statutes and the organization of all the JJIF official events.
12. It creates and confers honorary distinctions and titles to members of the JJIF and other individuals.
13. To adopt or amend the JJIF Technical Rules and Regulations.
14. To decide on the host country /city, date and venue for the JJIF World Championships.
15. To approve the annual JJIF program / calendar of events.
16. To decide the date and venue for holding an ordinary JJIF Congress with the JJIF.
17. It exercises all powers and performs all duties not attributed by law or by the JJIF Statutes to the Congress or to the President.

### **7.3 Delegation of powers**

The JJIF Executive Board may delegate powers to one or more of its members, to JJIF Commissions, to members of the JJIF administration, to other entities or to third persons.

#### **By-law to Rule 7**

1. The President is responsible for the organization and preparation of all JJIF Executive Board meetings. He may delegate all or part of his powers to that effect to the Senior Vice President or the General Director.
2. The JJIF Executive Board meets when convened by the President or at the request of the majority of its members at least ten days before the meeting is held. The notice must state the items on the agenda to be dealt with at the meeting.
3. The President, or, in his absence or incapacity, the Senior Vice-President chairs the JJIF Executive Board meetings.
4. The quorum required for a JJIF Executive Board meeting is a simple majority of the occupying positions of the Board.
5. Decisions of the JJIF Executive Board are taken by a majority of the votes cast.
6. Each member has one vote. Abstentions and blank or spoiled votes are not taken into consideration in the calculation of the required majority. Voting by proxy is not allowed, but the Vice-Presidents, elected Presidents of their JJCUs, may be represented by a substitute with the right to vote, pursuant to the article 7.1.3 of the Statutes.
7. Voting is held by secret ballot if so required by the JJIF Statutes, or if the Chairman so decides or upon the request of at least a quarter of the members present. In the event of a tie in voting, the Chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote.

8. Any matter of procedure concerning JJIF Executive Board meetings which is not covered by the JJIF Statutes is determined by the President.
9. The JJIF Executive Board may hold meetings in the form of teleconferences or videoconferences.
10. In case of urgency, a resolution or decision may be submitted to a vote by correspondence, including by fax or electronic mail, of the members of the JJIF Executive Board by the President. Such a resolution or decision shall be valid as if it has been passed at a JJIF Executive Board meeting where the resolution or decision is approved by not less than fifty per cent (50%) of all voting Executive Board members.
11. Minutes of all meetings and other proceedings are established under the authority of the President.

## 8.0 THE JJIF PRESIDENT

8.1 The President represents the JJIF at all times and presides over all its activities.

8.2 The President may take any action or decision on behalf of the JJIF when circumstances prevent it from being taken by the JJIF Congress or the JJIF Executive Board. Such action or decision must be submitted promptly for ratification by the competent JJIF organ.

8.3 If the President is unable to fulfil the duties of his office, the Senior Vice-President replaces him until the President has recovered his ability or, if he is in a condition of permanent disability, until a new President is elected at the next Congress. If the Senior Vice President is unable fulfil his duties to replace the President, and then the Executive Board shall nominate one of the other Vice Presidents to fulfil this duty by a simple majority of votes, until a new President is elected at the next Congress.

### By-law to Rule 8

1. Candidates for the JJIF President position should be declared and supported by their own JJNO, which must be a full JJIF member, by official letter to the JJIF Executive Board, or otherwise be declared and supported by twelve (12) other JJNO's at least from three (3) continents, which also must be full JJIF members by official letter to the Executive Board.
2. Candidatures for the election of the President must be declared three months prior to the date of the JJIF electoral Congress.

## 9.0 THE JJIF COMMISSIONS

9.1 Any number of JJIF Commissions may be created for the purpose of advising the JJIF Congress, the JJIF Executive Board or the President as the case may be. The President has the authority to establish any permanent commission or other standing or ad-hoc commissions and working groups whenever it appears necessary.

9.2 Except where expressly provided otherwise in the JJIF Statutes or in specific regulations established by the JJIF Executive Board, the President establishes the rules and regulations of all commissions, appoints, and removes its members and decides on its dissolution once he determines that such a commission has fulfilled its mandate.

9.3 No meeting of any commission or working group may be held without the prior approval of the President, except where expressly provided otherwise in the JJIF Statutes or in specific regulations established by the JJIF Executive Board.

9.4 All JJIF Commissions are advisory in nature and other than the JJIF Athletes Commission and the JJIF Ethics Commission; they must submit their findings and recommendations to the JJIF Executive Board for approval and implementation.

9.5 The JJIF shall initially constitute the following Commissions, whose activities shall be bound by the corresponding JJIF By-Laws, which shall be in conformity to applicable IOC Guidelines:

- a) The Athletes' Commission.
- b) The Ethics Commissions.
- c) The Medical & Scientific Commission.
- d) The Technical Commission including the Referee sub-commission.
- e) The Women in Sports Commission.
- f) The Disciplinary Commission.
- g) The Differently Abled Commission.

### **By-law to Rule 9**

#### **The JJIF Athletes' Commission**

##### **1. MISSION**

The mission of the JJIF Athletes' Commission is to:

- a. Represent the views and opinions of the athletes and ensure their voice is heard within the JJIF.
- b. Inform athletes about the JJIF activities (i.e., educational tools, rules, and regulations).
- c. Work with and support the JJIF in its mission to develop and promote the sport.

##### **2. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the JJIF Athletes' Commission are to:

- a. Consider issues related to athletes and provide advice to the JJIF.
- b. Engage actively with initiatives and projects that protect and support clean athletes on and off the field of play.
- c. Represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations,
- d. Consult with athletes in the evaluation of the rules and regulations of ju-jitsu and subsequently provide feedback to the JJIF; and
- e. Maintain contact with the IOC Athletes' Commission.

##### **3. COMPOSITION OF THE JJIF ATHLETES' COMMISSION**

- a. The Commission should have a minimum of five members and so far, as practicable they should emanate from different countries and different continents. They should be at least 18 years of age,
- b. Commission members must have never received any sanction in relation to the World Anti-Doping Code.
- c. The Commission should be composed of a majority of athletes who, at the time of their election/nomination, are participating at international level or have done so within the previous four years. The composition should reflect all disciplines of the JJIF.
- d. Both genders should be represented within the Commission.
- e. The majority of the members of the Commission should be elected by their peers.

- f. The Commission members should elect their Chair from among those members who have been elected to the Commission by their peers, and the Chair may serve in this role for up to four years.
- g. The term of office of Commission members can be for up to four years, or less in the case of filling a casual vacancy. The Chair and members may be re-elected/renewed if they meet the eligibility criteria.
- h. The timing of the elections of Commission members and their Chair has to be within the same year as the election of the JJIF Executive Board.

#### 4. REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION WITHIN THE JJIF

The Commission should be represented within the JJIF Executive Body by its Chair and one other elected member from amongst the Commission members (the “Athletes’ Commission’s Representatives). The 2 Athletes’ Commission’s Representatives must be of different gender (one male and one female) and must be from different countries drawn from different continents.

#### 5. MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION

- a. The Commission should meet at least once a year.
- b. The JJIF Executive Board should be responsible for ensuring, within its means, that the Commission is able to meet.

#### The JJIF Ethics’ Commission

1. The JJIF Ethics Commission is charged with defining and updating a framework of ethical principles, including a Code of Ethics, based upon the values and principles enshrined in the Olympic Charter of which the said Code forms an integral part. In addition, it investigates complaints raised in relation to the non-respect of such ethical principles, including breaches of the Code of Ethics and, if necessary, proposes sanctions to the JJIF Executive Board.
2. The Chair and the members of the JJIF Ethics Commission are elected by the JJIF Congress, in a secret ballot, with a simple majority vote of the delegates present and voting.
3. The composition and organization of the JJIF Ethics Commission are provided for in its Statutes.
4. Any modification of the Code of Ethics, the statutes of the JJIF Ethics Commission and any other regulation and implementing provisions emanating from the JJIF Ethics Commission is submitted for the approval of the JJIF Executive Board.

## 10.0 THE JJIF CONTINENTAL UNIONS (JJCU)

10.0.1 The JJIF recognizes five (5) Continental Unions with twenty-one (21) Regions as under:

- The Ju-Jitsu African Union [JJAFU] with five regions.
- The Ju-Jitsu Asian Union [JJAU] with five regions.
- The European Ju-Jitsu Union [JJEU] with five regions.
- The Ju-Jitsu Oceania Union [JJOU] with two regions.
- The Ju-Jitsu Pan-American Union [JJPAU] with four regions.

10.0.2 All JJCUs shall function as continental non-governmental, not-for-profit organizations, in the form of an association under the authority and leadership of the JJIF Congress and the JJIF Executive Board.

10.0.3 Before the Statutes and Rules and Regulations of a Continental Union are considered to be valid or considered to have any effect, they must be submitted to the JJIF Executive Board for approval.

10.0.4 The JJCU Statutes and Rules and Regulations shall come into effect only after the JJIF Executive Board certifies that these Statutes and Rules fully conform to the JJIF Statutes, JJIF Codes, Rules and Regulations.

#### **By-law to Rule 10**

1. The approval of a JJCU's statutes by the JJIF Executive Board is a condition for recognition. The same condition applies to any subsequent change or amendment to the statutes of a JJCU. Such statutes shall, at all times, comply with the JJIF Statutes to which they must refer expressly. If there is any doubt as to the signification or interpretation of the statutes of a JJCU, or if there is a contradiction between such statutes and the JJIF Statutes, the latter takes precedence.
2. The withdrawal or lapse of recognition of a JJCU entails its forfeiture of all rights conferred upon it by the JJIF Statutes, or the JJIF Congress.

### **10.1 The role of the JJIF Continental Unions**

10.1.1 The role of the JJIF Continental Unions (JJCU) are as under:

- a) To develop, promote and protect the fundamental principles and values of the JJIF in their continent in the fields of sport and education, in accordance with the JJIF Statutes, JJIF Codes, Rules and Regulations.
- b) To uphold and ensure compliance of the JJIF Statutes, JJIF Codes, Rules and Regulations in their continent.
- c) To encourage the development of high-performance Ju-Jitsu events, technical and referee seminars as well as sport for all.
- d) To act against any form of discrimination and violence in sport.
- e) To adopt and implement and enforce the JJIF Anti-Doping Code.
- f) To encourage and support measures relating to the medical care and health of Ju-Jitsu Athletes.
- g) To advise the JJIF on matters involving their JJNOs or new candidates from their territories.
- h) To assist the JJIF in the supervision of any international event held on the given continent and report to the JJIF on these events.

10.1.2 The JJCUs shall comprise of JJNOs which are already affiliated with and recognized by the JJIF. They shall hold a General Assembly of its members at least once a year, in accordance with the JJCU's statutes. All JJCUs shall, in particular, include on the agenda of their General Assemblies the presentation of annual reports and audited financial statements and, as the case may be, the election of officers and members of the executive body.

10.1.3 The officers and members of the executive body of a JJCU including elected representatives of Athletes' Commission shall be elected in accordance with the JJCU's

statutes, for a term of office specified by the JJCU's statutes; they may be eligible for re-election.

10.1.4 Election results will not be ratified unless at least fifty per cent (50%) plus one vote is cast by the Representatives of the affiliated National Federations physically participating in the JJCU's Electoral Congress.

10.1.5 Any Board member of a JJNO from the same Continent may apply to be a candidate in his own right for election to any position in the JJCU Executive Board, provided that his candidature is supported by his JJNO affiliated to the concerned JJCU. Proof of support for such a candidature from the concerned JJNO must be submitted in writing along with the candidature application.

10.1.6 Only Full Member JJNOs have the right to vote and nominate candidates to the elected positions in the JJCU Executive Board.

10.1.7 The JJCU must invite a JJIF delegate to observe its Electoral Congress. The delegate has the right to fully participate in the debate at the Congress. The host JJCU must pay the travel and accommodation costs of the said JJIF delegate.

10.1.8 All JJCUs must preserve their autonomy and resist all vested pressures of any kind, including but not limited to any political, religious or economic pressures.

10.1.9 The JJCUs have the exclusive authority to sanction Continental events and to select and designate the country and the city which will host and organize Continental and Regional championships and events in their continent.

10.1.10 The JJCUs may organize and supervise continental Ju-Jitsu championships in all JJIF disciplines, in all age, gender and event categories. The organization of those competitions must be in conformity with the JJIF Statutes, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the JJIF. In these events the JJCUs have the authority to suspend competitors or officials for any misconduct and for any breach of JJIF directives, informing the country of origin of the persons concerned and the JJIF Secretariat, for consequent disciplinary actions.

10.1.11 The JJCUs cannot suspend or terminate the membership of any Member National Federations but may propose such action to the JJIF Executive Board.

10.1.12 The JJCUs can affiliate associations or other entities which are recognized by the IOC or by their Continental Olympic Committees and may take part in activities led or patronized by the IOC and by their Continental Olympic Committees, including continental and regional Games.

10.1.13 The JJCUs can formulate proposals to the JJIF and participate in the composition and the activities of the JJIF commissions.

10.1.14 The JJCUs must submit a written annual report, including a financial report, to the JJIF Executive Board on their Ju-Jitsu developmental activities.

10.1.15 JJCUs can organize continental or regional events

10.1.17 The JJCUs must inform the JJIF, not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of August of the preceding year, of the dates and venues of their continental events for these to be included in the JJIF Calendar of the following year.

10.1.18 The JJIF National Members have the right to form Regional Ju-Jitsu associations under the authority of the JJCUs and may organize regional Ju-Jitsu championships and seminars.

10.1.19 Other than the measures and sanctions provided in the case of infringement of the JJIF Statutes, Codes, Rules and Regulations, the JJIF Executive Board may take any appropriate decisions for the protection of JJIF's rights and interests in the continent of any JJCUs, including suspension of or withdrawal of recognition of such JJCUs, subject to subsequent ratification by the JJIF Congress.

10.1.20 The JJIF Executive Board may suspend or withdraw the recognition of a JJCUs subject to subsequent ratification at the next JJIF Congress, if any laws and any regulations in force in the continent concerned, or any political act or other act by any governmental or other body impedes the independence of the JJCUs or its activities or the expression of its free will.

10.1.20.1 The JJIF Executive Board shall offer such JJCUs an opportunity to be heard before any such decision of suspension or withdrawal of recognition is taken.

## **11.0. JJIF REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (JJRAs)**

11.1 The JJIF is supporting and encouraging organisation of the regional associations (JJRAs), comprising of the JJNOs already affiliated and recognized by the JJIF, which are countries of a specified geographical or common interest regions within a continent. That being said it is understood any JJRA shall follow JJIF and JJCUs Statutes and by-laws and coordinate activities with the JJIF and JJCUs respectively.

11.2 The role of the JJRAs is to promote ju-jitsu and assist JJNOs in their activities with closer collaboration, joint ventures and education and to adapt the Ju-Jitsu diffusion and management to local traditions and requirements.

11.3 They shall hold a General Regional Assembly of their members at least once in every two years, in accordance with the JJIF's/JJCUs's statutes. They shall include on the agenda of their Assemblies the presentation of annual reports and audited financial statements (if they have joint budget etc.).

11.4 JJRAs may organize regional championships and seminars, following JJIF and JJCUs rules and regulations.

### **By-law to Rule 11**

The JJIF five (5) Continental Unions consist of twenty-one (21) Regions:

**The African Union, with five Regions:**

- a. East Africa Region,
- b. Middle Africa Region,
- c. North Africa Region,
- d. South African Region
- e. West African Region.

**The Asian Union, with five Regions:**

- a. East Asia Region,
- b. Central Asia Region,
- c. South-East Asia Region,
- d. South Asia Region,
- e. West Asian Region.

**The European Union, with five Regions:**

- a. East Europe Region,
- b. Central Europe Region,
- c. North Europe Region,
- d. South Europe Region,
- e. West and South-West Europe Region.

**The Oceania Union, with two Regions:**

- a. Australia, Melanesia, and Micronesia Region,
- b. New Zealand and Polynesia Region.

**The Pan-American Union, with four Regions:**

- a. Caribbean Region,
- b. North America Region,
- c. South America Region and
- d. Central America Region.

## 12.0 JJIF Alliance (JJA)

12.1 The JJIF is supporting and encouraging organisation units with special aspects of cooperation like heritage, origin, geographic specialities or cultural and language similarities. . Comprising of the JJNOs already affiliated and recognized by the JJIF but as well organisations representing the respective target group. That being said it is understood any JJC shall follow JJIF Statutes and by-laws and coordinate activities with the JJIF respectively

## 13.0 THE JJIF NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (JJNO)

National Ju-Jitsu Federations / National Ju-Jitsu Organizations [JJNOs] are the recognized national bodies governing Ju-Jitsu in their respective nations, which by affiliation, constitute the membership of the JJIF.

## 13.1 JJIF Membership Application

Any National Ju Jitsu Federation / Organization wishing to affiliate to the JJIF must send the following membership application documents to the JJIF Secretariat:

- a) An application for affiliation signed by their President / Secretary General.
- b) A declaration letter signed by the President / Secretary General, undertaking to uphold and abide by the Statutes, By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of the JJIF, and the By-Law to Rule 12.
- c) An attested copy of the Constitution of the Federation / Organization in English.
- d) A detailed list of their Executive Committee Members.
- e) A description of their organization with details of state/provincial affiliates.
- f) The list of their Ju-Jitsu activities during the past two years.
- g) Whenever possible, an attestation from the National Olympic Committee or highest sport authority of the Nation, certifying that the applicant National Federation is recognized as the governing body for Ju-Jitsu in their country.

13.1.1 Upon receipt of the membership application and supporting documents, the JJIF Executive Board shall evaluate the merits or demerits of the said application and shall then decide on the grant of affiliation to the applicant National Federation / Organization as a Provisional Member of the JJIF.

13.1.1 A National Ju-Jitsu Federation / Organization may not be affiliated with both the JJIF and any other International Ju-Jitsu Organization claiming to have international governing functions over the sport of Ju-Jitsu.

13.1.3 Co-operation of the JJIF with other sports which are governed by their own International Federations can be considered, but the two international organizations must keep their own separate identities and functions.

### By-law to Rule 13

Declaration of complete recognition of the Statutes, By-Laws, and Rules of the JJIF:

"We hereby irrevocably affirm and certify that our National Ju-Jitsu Federation/Organization, is a duly affiliated sole National Member of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF) and that we have undertaken to abide by and uphold by the Statutes of the JJIF and the JJIF Rules and Regulations, and that we have undertaken to abide by and enforce all the resolutions of the JJIF Congress and that of the JJIF Executive Board and other JJIF Commissions and Organs.

We also affirm and certify that we have undertaken to uphold the JJIF Code of Ethics, which is in compliance to the Code of Ethics of IOC, and that we shall uphold and enforce the JJIF Anti-Doping Rules, which are in full compliance with WADA Rules.

In addition, we hereby confirm and undertake that we recognize and accept the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS) at Lausanne, Switzerland and that we recognize

and shall accept the application of the Code of Sports – related Arbitration and the submission to the CAS of all sports related disputes, which cannot be settled amicably or through local arbitration or mediation.”

## 13.2 JJIF Membership Status

The JJIF may grant Full National Membership, Provisional Membership, Associate Membership, Club Membership, and Individual memberships as provided herein.

### 13.2.1 Full JJIF National Member

The status of a full JJIF Membership is granted by the JJIF Congress to a member National Federation / Organization which has fulfilled and satisfied all the requisite membership obligations of JJIF.

13.2.1.1 Full JJIF National Members have following rights:

- a) To be informed about the state of affairs of the JJIF.
- b) To propose items for consideration of inclusion in the Agenda of the JJIF Congress.
- c) To receive the agenda and the relevant documents for the JJIF Congress.
- d) To have voting rights and to nominate candidates as the JJIF President and to the elected positions in the JJIF Executive Board and in the JJIF Continental Union’s Executive Board.
- e) To have voting rights and to nominate candidates to the elections of Representatives of JJRAs.
- f) To participate in any JJIF official event.
- g) Full National Members can select and propose their national athletes for participation in all International Multisport Games wherein JJIF is participating.
- h) To exercise any other right arising from the Statutes, Regulations, Directives and Decisions of the JJIF.

### 13.2.2 Provisional JJIF National Member

13.2.2.1 Provisional JJIF National Members have following rights:

- a) Provisional National Members have no voting rights, other than the right to vote in the elections of Representatives of JJRAs.
- b) Provisional Members have no right to vote and no right to nominate candidates as JJIF President and to the elected positions of JJIF Executive Board and the JJIF Continental Union’s Executive Board.
- c) Provisional Members have no right to speak in any official JJIF Meeting except on the invitation of the President of the JJIF Organ or his substitute.
- d) Provisional Members do have the right to speak in the JJRA meetings.
- e) Provisional National Member that becomes eligible for Full JJIF Membership may not necessarily be physically represented at the JJIF Congress where its application for full membership is being considered, unless so invited to reply to specific questions, related to its elevation to the status of a Full Member of the JJIF.

- f) Provisional National Members have the right to be informed regarding all meetings, agendas, news and the decisions of all official meetings. and have the right to participate in all JJIF official events other than International Multi Sport Games & Events.
- g) Provisional National Members have the right to participate in all JJIF events other than the JJIF World Championships, except upon invitation from JJIF board
- h) Provisional National Members cannot propose or select their national athletes to participate in all International Multisport Games & Events where JJIF is participating, except upon invitation or admission of wild-cards from JJIF Executive Board.

### **13.2.3 Associate Membership**

13.2.3.1 Associate Membership of the JJIF may be granted to any Multinational or International Associations / Organizations or any legal entities with statutory activities compatible with that of the JJIF and related to the philosophy and/or practice of Ju-Jitsu.

13.2.3.2 Associate Members have no voting rights; they have only the right of evaluation and promotion of forms of co-operation with the JJIF through conventions or specific initiatives to be ratified case by case by the JJIF Executive Board.

13.2.3.3 Associate members must satisfy the JJIF membership obligations, including payment of Membership fees.

### **12.2.4 Club Membership and Individual Membership**

12.2.4.1 Ju-Jitsu Clubs and Individuals who undertake to abide by and be guided by the JJIF Statutes, Rules and Regulations may be eligible to apply to be become JJIF Club Members (JJCM) or JJIF Individual Members (JJIM).

12.2.4.2 All details of membership procedures are determined by the JJIF Executive Board.

12.2.4.3 Club and Individual Members have no right to vote or participate in any official JJIF Meeting. They have the right to participate in the JJIF Convention and in the JJIF Club and JJIF Individual events.

12.2.4.4 Club Members and Individual Members must satisfy the JJIF obligations determined by the JJIF Executive Board, including payment of corresponding membership fees.

## **12.3 Obligations of the JJNOs**

12.3.1 To inform the JJIF Executive Board of all changes in its own statutes and regulations and to regularly conduct elections of their Executive Board members and to inform the JJIF of the results of such elections.

12.3.2 To propagate and promote the sport of Ju-Jitsu in their country and conduct annually their national Ju- Jitsu championships for all age categories. Results of these championships must be sent to the JJIF Executive Board in a timely manner.

13.3.3 Similarly, when acting as the organizing Federation of JJIF events, they must forward results to the JJIF Executive Board, to be posted at official JJIF website and media, together with detailed information:

- a) The complete names of the finalists/winning athletes, listed by age category and weight category and event category.
- b) The nationality of each winning athlete.
- c) The date of birth of each winning athlete
- d) Names of the officials and referees at the event.

13.3.4 Pay the annual membership fee to the JJIF as may be determined by the JJIF Executive Board and as ratified by the JJIF Congress.

13.3.5 Keep the JJIF Executive Board informed and updated about the developments of Ju-Jitsu in their country and responds and complies to JJIF requests, circulars, questionnaires, etc.

13.3.6 Submit to the JJIF Executive Board proposals for the modification of the JJIF Constitution, Technical Rules and By-Laws whenever requested.

13.3.7 Accept, adopt, and execute the decisions of the JJIF Congress, and the JJIF Executive Board.

13.3.8 Attend the JJIF Congress whenever possible.

13.3.9 Participate in Official Events organized by JJIF whenever possible.

13.3.10 Any JJNO or Associate or Club or Individual member who wishes to resign or relinquish its JJIF membership must send an attested notice of such intent or decision to the JJIF Executive Board at least one month prior to the date of the JJIF Congress. The JJIF Congress shall reserve its rights to take any appropriate action including legal recourse it may deem necessary in this regard to protect its interests. The concerned JJNO or Associate or Club or Individual member shall at all events remain answerable and liable for any act or omission committed at all material times whilst the said entities or person was a JJIF member, in accordance with the present Statutes.

## 14.0 MEETINGS AND ONLINE MEETINGS

14.1 Meetings of the organs of the JJIF, namely the JJIF Congress, the JJIF Executive Board and also meetings of the JJIF Continental Unions (JJCUs) (General Assemblies and Boards) and the JJIF Regional Associations (JJRAs) shall generally be held where the interested parties assemble physically at a prescribed location. They may also be held by means of audio and visual communication using online meetings applications or systems with video capabilities by which members participating can simultaneously hear and see each other throughout the meeting held ("Online Videoconferencing").

14.2 Meetings may also be held whereby some interested parties assemble physically at a prescribed location and some interested parties attend by Online Videoconferencing.

14.3 Whenever it is required to vote upon an item of the agenda by secret ballot in accordance with the present Statutes, the Online Videoconferencing application or system should also have a secure secret ballot voting component or facility.

14.4 The elections of the office bearers of JJCUs' Boards, and any motions of no confidence of the JJIF Executive Board and the JJCUs' Boards shall also be held by secret ballot.

14.5 The JJIF Executive Board shall approve the Online Videoconferencing application or system to be used, having first ensured that the application or system is secure, reliable and simple to use.

14.6 As regards the meetings of JJIF Congress, and the JJIF Executive Board, the JJIF Executive Board shall decide whether these meetings shall be held by Online Videoconferencing.

14.6.1 As regards the JJCUs' General Assemblies and JJCUs' Boards, the respective JJCUs' Boards shall so decide whether these meetings shall be held by Online Videoconferencing.

14.6.2 The general rule shall be for the holding of such meetings whereby interested parties assemble physically at a prescribed location. When such physical assembly is not possible or not practicable or where there is an urgency as shall be determined by the JJIF Executive Board or the JJCUs' Board, the meetings may be held by Online Videoconferencing.

14.7 Whenever an election of the JJIF President or other JJIF Executive Board members is held by Online Videoconferencing, as an alternative to the appointment of 3 scrutineers as ballot scrutineers or ballot tellers, the JJIF Executive Board may appoint a respected, independent scrutineer, such as but not necessarily a lawyer, a judicial officer or a notary, to ensure confidentiality, to monitor the voting process, and to count the votes. The same shall apply for the election of a JJCUs' President or other JJCUs' Board members where the JJCUs' Board may so decide.

14.8 A vote once cast cannot be changed or withdrawn.

14.9 The General Meeting concerned (Congress, General Assembly of JJCUs...) may resolve after the declaration of any ballot that the ballot papers be destroyed by the ballot scrutineers or tellers, or the electronic record erased under the supervision of the scrutineers.

14.10 The Ju-Jitsu National Organisations (JJNOs) shall decide for themselves whether they may conduct their meetings by Online Videoconferencing having regard to their local laws and facilities.

## 15.0 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

15.1 In case of any inconsistency between these present Statutes and any other JJIF By-Laws or Rules, these present Statutes shall prevail. The Board shall do all acts, matters and things as may be necessary or desirable to cure any such inconsistency in the other documents, which shall then be approved whenever applicable by the JJIF Congress.

15.2 Each provision of these Statutes shall be considered severable and if for any reason any provision is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable and contrary to existing or future applicable laws, such invalidity shall not impair the operation of or affect the other provisions of these present Statutes.

## 16.0 COMMENCEMENT

16.1 These present JJIF Statutes herein shall come into force on the day of its adoption by the JJIF Congress.

16.2 The JJCUs and JJRAs shall do whatever is necessary including amending their current statutes to conform and be in full compliance with these present JJIF Statutes herein, within six calendar (6) months from the publication of the present JJIF Statutes by the JJIF Congress.

16.3 Pursuant to section 2 of these Statutes (Emblem and Flag) and by-laws all entities under JJIF shall align and adopt when applicable the appropriate use of the JJIF logo within one year after publication of this Statutes.

Bangkok (THA), November 4, 2025

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