

JU JITSU PAN AMERICAN UNION STATUTE

[UNION PANAMERICANA DE JU-JITSU]

1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 The terms defined in the statutes of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation approved on 04.25.16 ("JJIF Statutes") shall have the same meaning in these statutes.

1.2 These statutes are based on article 11 of the JJIF statutes (latest version 1.22.0 in force since January 1, 2021)

2.0 NAME AND STATE

2.1. The Ju-Jitsu Pan American Union (JJPAU) shall be the Pan-America Continental Ju-Jitsu Union (JJCU) of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation ("JJIF"). JJIF is registered as a sports association in Switzerland under Swiss law with Handelsregister Des Kantons Schwyz.

2.2. Therefore, the JJPAU will adjust to the Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Resolutions and Policies of the JJIF, in the event that the JJPAU Statutes remain silent on a particular matter, the JJIF Statutes and the principles contained therein will be used.

2.3. In the event of any inconsistency between the JJIF Statutes and the JJPAU Statutes, the JJIF Statutes shall take precedence to the extent of such inconsistency.

2.4. The JJPAU will be a non-profit, non-governmental organization, under the authority of the JJIF Congress and the JJIF Executive Board.

2.5. The JJPAU must preserve its autonomy from third parties and resist all created pressures of any kind, including, among others, political, religious or economic pressures.

2.6. The registered office of JJPAU will be in the place decided by the Executive Board of JJPAU. If this is possible, the JJPAU Executive Board will have the JJPAU registered as a legal person/entity.

2.7. The official languages are Spanish and English. Proceedings will be held in both languages. Anyone can speak in the language of their choice, but must have the assistance of an

interpreter. All documents must be in Spanish and English and approved by a certified interpreter. In case of inconsistency the English version of a document prevails.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP AND REGIONS

3.1. The JJPAU will consist of National Ju-Jitsu Organizations (JJNO) in the Americas that are already members of JJIF and who, at all times, maintain their membership with JJIF.

3.2. The JJPAU will be composed of four Regions as provided in the JJIF Statutes, namely: South America, North America, Central America and the Caribbean. The Regional Associations may be formed by JJNO from each region.

4.0 EMBLEM AND FLAG

4.1 The emblem of the UPJJ / JJPAU is the following:



Colors: Red, yellow, black and green

Description of the logo: The flag of the JJPAU is the emblem on a white background.

4.2 The JJIF logo on the JJPAU emblem will remain the exclusive and intellectual property of JJIF. The JJPAU must comply with the rules of the JJIF Logo.

JJPAU may register the JJPAU logo with the consent of JJIF in a patent and trademark office in 1 or more countries in Pan-America. The JJPAU will have the duty to protect its rights on the emblem of the JJPAU. However, the JJIF logo will at all times remain the exclusive intellectual property of JJIF.

5.0 OBJECTS, OBLIGATIONS, MISSION AND FUNCTION

5.1 The objects, obligations, mission and role of the JJPAU will be:

- a) Develop, promote and protect the fundamental principles and values of the JJIF in the Pan-American continent, in the fields of martial arts and self-protection, as well as in sports and education in accordance with the JJIF Statutes, the Codes and the JJIF Rules and Regulations;
- b) Promote the JJIF mission, values and objectives as provided in Article 4 of the JJIF Statutes and uphold and ensure compliance with the JJIF Statutes, JJIF Codes, Rules and Regulations on the continent America;
- c) Promote, organize, supervise and assist in the development of Ju-Jitsu events, including the Championships of the Pan-American continent, technical and referee seminars, as well as sports for all;
- d) Adopt, implement and enforce the WADA Code and the JJIF Anti-Doping Rules;
- e) Act against any form of illicit and illegal discrimination and violence in sports;
- f) Promote fair play, tolerance, peace and understanding through and within sport and the ethical values of sport in the broadest sense, in sporting activities and in everyday life.
- g) Promote and support measures related to the medical care and health of Ju-Jitsu athletes;
- h) Formulate proposals to the JJIF and participate in the composition and activities of the commissions of the JJIF;
- i) Submit a written annual report, including a financial report, to the JJIF Executive Board on its Ju-Jitsu development activities.
- j) Organize, supervise and attend, together with the JJIF, the Championships of the Pan-American continent once a year. The JJNOs in each region can host regional events and contests, including open contests.
- k) The JJPAU will seek or maintain affiliation with the respective Continental Olympic Committees and other appropriate continental sports authorities and will represent the JJIF in these organizations.
- l) The JJPAU will seek or maintain its inclusion in Continental Multisport events.
- m) The JJPAU may affiliate associations or other entities that are recognized by their Continental Olympic Committees and may participate in activities directed or sponsored by their Continental Olympic Committees, including continental and regional Games.

6.0 STRUCTURE

- 6.1 The JJPAU will consist of 2 bodies:
 - a) The General Assembly of the JJPAU
 - b) The Executive Board

7.0 THE JJPAU GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 7.1 The supreme body within the JJPAU is the General Assembly with full powers to decide on the affairs and affairs of the JJPAU.

7.2 The General Assembly of the JJPAU will be composed of the delegates of the JJNO. Only JJNOs who are members in good standing of JJIF (i.e. having JJIF full member status) and who are members in good standing, in particular, with respect to the financial obligations of JJIF membership, are eligible to participate and vote in the General Assembly.

Powers of the General Assembly

7.3 The powers of the JJPAU General Assembly will include:

- a) Subject to (c) and (d) below in this sub-clause, decide, approve or ratify all other matters submitted to it with a simple majority vote;
- b) Elect the President, the Vice President and the other members of the Executive Board of the JJPAU, except the Athlete Representatives, with the vote of the simple majority of the delegates present and with the right to vote.
- c) Remove the President or any Director or the entire Executive Board with a majority vote of at least 2/3 of the delegates present and entitled to vote in a motion of censure upon request of at least 50% of the Plenary. JJNOs members with the right to attend and vote. In the event of such a request, the Executive Board will convene an Extraordinary General Assembly for such purpose within 30 days following receipt of the request;
- d) Approve or amend the JJPAU Statutes with a majority vote of at least 2/3 of the delegates present with the right to vote.

General Assembly Minutes

7.4 The General Assembly is convened once a year and the electoral General Assembly will be convened once every four years. The Executive Board decides the date and place of the JJPAU General Assembly.

7.5 The Secretary General will convene the annual meeting of the General Assembly by notifying the JJNOs at least 90 days in advance. The items on the agenda will include the audited financial statements, the budget, the annual reports and the calendar of activities and, if applicable, the election of the Executive Board of the JJPAU.

7.6 Proposals for the inclusion of items on the agenda must be sent to the Secretary General at least sixty (60) days before the date of the General Assembly.

7.7 The Secretary General will communicate the final agenda of the General Assembly with the proposals presented by the JJNOs, at least thirty (30) days before the date of the General Assembly, together with all the pertinent supporting documents.

7.8 A JJPAU Extraordinary General Assembly may be called by the Secretary General at the request of the President or by written request of at least one third of the JJNO full members or in the case of a motion of censure to remove any member of the Board or the entire Executive Board, upon request of 50% of the JJNO full members. The Executive Board shall convene said General Assembly within 30 days following receipt of such request.

7.9 At the General Assembly, only the items on the agenda may be discussed.

7.10 Each member JJNO can be represented by a maximum of two (2) delegates, but is entitled to only one vote. Delegates must be members of the JJNO with the right to represent the JJNO (as specified in the JJNO Bylaws) and must be citizens or permanent residents of the country they represent. If the President is not personally present, any representative who is required to be a member of the JJNO must be duly authorized in writing to represent the President.

7.11 Resolutions will be considered valid in the presence of at least one third of the Member Federations or their delegates. The General Assembly decides by majority vote. The decision on special issues must be in consistency with JJIF statutes, rules and decisions and approved by qualified majority:

a) In case of modification of the Statutes, the presence of at least 2/3 of the Members is required and the decisions are made with 2/3 of the votes of the delegates present; b) The dissolution of the JJPAU requires at least 2/3 of the Members and at least 4/5 of the votes of the delegates present.

7.12 If the quorum is not reached, a second General Assembly will be convened, at least 15 days later and a maximum of 45 days later. In this second General Assembly, there are no quorum requirements. The Board indicates the place and date of the second General Assembly. There will be no quorum requirements at a duly called General Assembly.

7.13 The members of the Executive Board of the JJPAU will attend the General Assembly and present the reports or decisions that must be approved or ratified.

7.14 The General Assembly may also be held or incorporated through means of audiovisual communication (videoconference) through which the participating members can hear and see each other simultaneously during the meeting, except in matters that must be submitted to a secret vote such as the election of the members of the JJPAU Board and a motion of censure unless the videoconferencing system allows such a secret vote.

7.15 The President of the Executive Board of JJPAU will preside over the proceedings of the General Assembly.

7.16 Before the beginning of the JJPAU General Assembly, a commission composed of two (2) people (proposed by the President and approved by the General Assembly by simple majority of votes) will verify the credentials of each participating JJNO delegate; the same 2 people will also act as ballot tellers. In the electoral General Assembly, these 2 people must not be delegates of the JJNOs that present candidates for election to the Executive Board, unless it is impossible to comply.

7.17 In the event of a tie in the voting on decisions, the President will have the casting vote.

7.18 The President of the JJPAU decides the number and the duration of the speeches allowed and assigned to the delegates of the JJNO.

7.19 The General Assembly is private. Outside parties may be invited to attend and speak subject to the approval of the JJPAU president.

7.20 The minutes of all meetings and other proceedings of the General Assembly are prepared by or under the authority of the Secretary General and will be communicated to all JJPAU members in a timely manner.

8.0 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

8.1 ELECTED by General Assembly - candidacy as LIST

President

Vice president

General secretary

CHOSSEN by athletes

- male athlete (voting member)
- female athlete (voting member)

The president may appoint directors:

- General Director (voting member)
- Sporting Director (non-voting)
- Referee Director (non-voting)
- Financial Director (non-voting)

Comment: Guidelines for the leadership structure of the JJPAU

Various appointed board members with specific tasks (JJ4G, Para,...) and to balance the gender ratio

Appointed by the president approved by the board of directors, as a voting member;

1) The General Director

Appointed by the president approved by the board of directors, as a non-voting member;

1) The Sports Director

2) The Referee Director

3) The Financial Director

8.2 The members of the Executive Board with voting rights cannot be:

- a) Citizens or permanent residents of the same country; (except for the President and representation of athletes)
- b) Spouses whether they are civilly married or who live together or are relatives in the first degree;
- c) Associates or partners in the same or related business organizations;
- d) In an employer-employee relationship.

8.3 The President shall appoint an Auditor who shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of the Executive Board.

8.4 The Executive Board may, as it deems appropriate, appoint Commissions and the Directors of such other Commissions shall be, non-voting members of the Executive Board.

8.5 The President may appoint Regional Coordinators for each Region, who shall be ex officio non-voting members of the Executive Board. The regional coordinators of each region will be responsible for the development of Ju-Jitsu within their Region and will work closely with the President and Executive Board and Commissions.

Executive Board Elections and Terms of Office

8.6 The members of the Executive Board, except the Athletes' Representative, are elected by the General Assembly for periods of four (4) years, by secret ballot by simple majority of the votes cast by the delegates present and entitled to vote.

8.7 The Athlete Representative will be chosen in accordance with the JJIF statutes.

8.8 Any member of a JJNO is eligible to stand as a candidate for any position on the JJPAU Executive Board.

8.9 Only JJNOs who meet the Full Membership requirements are entitled to vote and nominate candidates for elected positions on the JJCU Executive Board.

8.10 People who:

a) have been convicted of any crime involving dishonesty, hate crime, sex-related crime, felony assault or any crime and sentenced to imprisonment for more than 6 months;

b) have been suspended or banned by JJIF;

c) have been suspended or prohibited under the WADA Code or the JJIF Anti-Doping Rules

will be ineligible to present themselves as candidates. Persons convicted under (a) will be eligible 5 years after the conviction or term of imprisonment. Persons under (b) and (c) will be eligible immediately after the period of suspension or prohibition.

8.11 The Secretary General will inform the NOCs of the elections and the electoral process at least 30 days before the electoral General Assembly. A person wishing to run as a candidate for a position on the Executive Board must submit their nominations to the Secretary General at least 30 days before the election (along with their JJNO letter of support). No candidacy will be accepted more than 30 days before the election. The Executive Board will communicate the list of candidates 15 days before the elections.

8.12 A person may be a candidate and nominate themselves for more than one position on the Executive Board, which must be indicated at the time of submitting their

application/nomination document, but they may be elected to only one position. In the event that he is not elected to one office, he is eligible to be elected to the second office or other appointed offices.

8.13 The order of election of the different positions will be:

- a) The President with a list of proposed directors
- b) The President appoints directors
- c) Approval of athlete representatives

8.14 In the event that there are more than 2 candidates for a position, several rounds of voting will be held as necessary. The nomination with the least number of votes will be eliminated until there are 2 nominations left.

8.15 In case of a tie between 2 candidates, there will be a second round. In case of a new tie, a draw will be made.

8.16 The JJPAU will invite a delegate from the JJIF to observe its General Election Assembly. The JJIF delegate has the right to fully participate in the debate of the General Assembly without the right to vote.

8.17 A JJPAU Board member whose JJNO is suspended or expelled by the JJIF Board or Congress will lose their position as a member of the JJPAU Board and their position will be declared vacant.

Powers of the Executive Board.

8.18 The affairs of the JJPAU will be administered or will be under the direction or supervision of the Executive Board and the Presidency. The Executive Board will have all the necessary powers to administer, direct, supervise and create regulations to order and regulate the management of the affairs of the JJPAU.

8.19 In the exercise of their powers, the Executive Board will observe the principles of good governance. You will also observe the principles of natural justice, that is, the principle that a person has the right to be heard and the principle that no one should be a judge in his own cause.

8.20 The powers of the Executive Board include:

8.21 The adoption, fulfillment and implementation of the decisions and resolutions of the JJPAU General Assembly;

8.22 The preparation of the agenda of the General Assembly of the JJPAU;

8.23 The monitoring, execution, observance and compliance with the statutes and regulations of the JJIF and the JJPAU, the IOC and the continental Olympic organizations.

8.24 For the avoidance of doubt, the UPJJ may take disciplinary measures, prior notification and authorization of the JJIF, which may be revoked by the JJIF if it deems it pertinent, these measures will never affect the membership of the JJNO.

8.25 The generation of internal regulations.

Executive Board Minutes

8.26 The JJPAU Executive Board may meet as often as necessary and must be convened by the President or by the Secretary General at the request of the President, with notice of at least 10 days to the members of the Board. In urgent matters, the meeting may be convened with 5 days notice. 3 Executive Board members may also request the President to convene an Executive Board with an agenda and the President will do so as soon as possible.

8.27 All members with the right to vote will be called. Members without the right to vote may be summoned when necessary.

8.28 Meetings may also be held by means of auditory or audiovisual communication (videoconference) by means of which the participating members can hear or hear and see each other simultaneously during the entire meeting that is held, except on matters that must be submitted to a secret vote unless the videoconferencing system allows for such a secret ballot.

8.29 There will be no quorum requirements at a duly called meeting.

8.30 At meetings, decisions are made by majority vote of the voting members present and entitled to vote.

8.31 The President will have the casting vote in the event of a tie in any decision put to the vote.

8.32 Decisions may also be made by unanimous written resolution of the members of the Executive Board.

8.33 In the event of any vacancy on the JPPAU Executive Board, the other members of the Executive Board may replace said vacancy until the next General Assembly when the vacancy will be filled by holding an election for said vacant position.

8.34 When the Athlete Representative is unable to attend, the Athlete Representatives may designate another member of the athletes commission to participate in the JJIF Executive Board and related meetings with all rights associated with the position of Athlete Representative. Athletes (including the right to vote).

9.0 THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

9.1 The President represents the JPPAU at all times and presides over all its activities.

9.2 The President may carry out all the functions of the Secretary General if the latter fails to perform them.

9.3 The President may take any action or decision on behalf of the JPPAU on urgent matters when circumstances prevent the JPPAU Executive Board from making such a decision. The President shall inform the other voting members of the Executive Board as soon as reasonably possible and submit such decision for ratification. If the decision is not ratified by the Executive Board, the decision will be annulled to the extent that it is reversible.

9.4 The Vice President will generally assist the President in his functions, but in the absence of the President, he will replace the President and will exercise the same powers and rights, and will assume the same responsibilities as those of the President.

10.0 THE SECRETARY GENERAL

10.1 The Secretary shall:

- a) Work closely with the President and, in general, assist the President in his functions;
- b) Convene all meetings of the Executive Board of the Presidency and General Assembly;

- c) draw up the minutes of all meetings or have them drawn up under his authority and supervision;
- d) have custody of the records of the JJPAU except the financial records that will be kept by the Vice President or the person in charge of Finance;
- e) maintain a record of JJNOs who are members of JJPAU with sufficient details and update it from time to time to add new members admitted by JJIF and remove members who have been suspended or expelled by JJIF.

These JJPAU Statutes will become effective on the date they are approved by the JJPAU General Assembly, which will be convened as soon as possible, subject to prior review by the JJIF Executive Board.

Any modification of the JJPAU Statutes will be in accordance with the Executive Board of the JJIF.