

JU-JITSU INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION (JJIF)

The Federation of National Ju-Jitsu Organizations



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1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. NAME, COMPOSITION AND PRINCIPLES

1.1.1. The JU-JITSU INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION hereinafter called “JJIF” is a permanent organization founded in 1987, for unlimited term.

In 1998, the Ju-Jitsu International Federation General Assembly, in order to meet some public relations requirements towards further expansion and recognitions, decided to change the name from International Ju-Jitsu Federation (IJF) to **Ju-Jitsu International Federation** (J.J.I.F. or, more frequently, **JJIF**). The name and initials will be copyrighted.

The Members who compose the JJIF are the affiliated National Federations (or other form of National Organizations) governing the sport of ju-jitsu, on the basis of one federation per country.

1.1.2. The JJIF is the controlling organization of the sport of Ju-Jitsu, worldwide.

Beyond competition, Ju-Jitsu involves the development of the spirit, mind and body, through the development of technical and moral skills, building leadership and rounding characters.

1.1.3. The JJIF is a non-profit organization.

Its current legal seat is in Switzerland, Freienbach, Leutschenstrasse 9, CH 8807. The JJIF Board is entitled to change the headquarters to any other place in the world.

1.2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the JJIF are the following:

1.2.1. To organize, control and develop the sport of Ju-Jitsu worldwide.

1.2.2. To promote sportsmanship and fair play and encourage friendship and cooperation among the National Federations and the athletes from all countries.

1.2.3. To assist the National Federations in their activities, when appropriate.

1.2.4. In its role of the highest authority in ju-jitsu, to resolve disputes that may arise, within the sport frame, between its affiliated National Federations (or other form of National Organizations) and/or Continental and Regional Unions.

1.2.5. To set up the international rules of ju-jitsu and to improve the quality of practices.

1.2.6. To control and regulate all organized international official ju-jitsu events.

1.2.7. To supervise the activities of its Continental and Regional Unions according to the JJIF Statutes, By-Laws and Rules.

1.2.8. To participate in multi-sport events, especially when organized by major international sport institutions.

2. EMBLEM AND FLAG

2.1. EMBLEM

The emblem of the JJIF is as follows:



2.2. FLAG

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

2.3. AUTHORIZED USE

The JJIF Emblem and flag will be copyrighted. The JJIF symbols must not be used without the JJIF's authorization, which could be revoked by the JJIF at any time. Only the JJIF may authorize the production of its emblem, badges, medals, etc.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

3.1. The JJIF is recognized by SportAccord International Federations' Union (former General Association of International Sport Federations - GAISF) and the International World Games Association (IWGA) as the sole body controlling ju-jitsu worldwide.

3.2. In its activities, the JJIF follows the Olympic ideals and principles.

3.3. All political and religious discussions or demonstrations are forbidden within the JJIF.

3.4. The JJIF supports all initiatives by ju-jitsukas for peace and understanding.

3.5. No discrimination is made between continents, countries or individuals for reasons of race, colour, gender, sexual orientation, religion or political opinion.

4. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE JJIF

- 4.1. English is the official language. The JJIF respects all cultures and languages of the world. Therefore, the representatives from any of the affiliated members may speak in their language, translated in English by an interpreter, on their own cost.
- 4.2. All the publications and reports of the JJIF are in English. The proceedings of all JJIF meetings, including its various Boards and/or Committees / Commissions, are held in English.

5. JJIF MEMBERSHIP

5.1. APPLICATION

5.1.1. JJIF membership is open only to National Federations (or other forms of National Organizations) controlling the sport of Ju-Jitsu in their country. Only one National Federation per country can become member of the JJIF. If two or more National Federations (or other forms of National Organizations) exist in the same country, only the one recognized by the Olympic Committee or the Highest Sport Authority, has the right of admission to the JJIF.

5.1.2. Any National Federation (or other form of National Organization) wishing to affiliate to the JJIF must send the following documents to the General Secretary:

- a request for affiliation (standard JJIF form) signed by their President and General Secretary;
- a copy of their Statutes, in English notarized translation;
- the list of their Executive Committee and a description of their organization;
- the list of their activities during the last two years;
- whenever possible, an attestation from their National Olympic Committee or highest sport authority certifying that the Federation (or other form of National Organization) is recognized as the controlling body for Ju-Jitsu in the respective country;
- a one-time non-refundable processing fee of 200.00 Euro (two hundred euro) and a refundable application fee of 200.00 Euro (two hundred euro), which will be returned to the applicant, in case of rejection.

5.1.3. An application for membership implies complete recognition of the Statutes, By-Laws and Rules of the JJIF. After receiving the documents and the payment of the affiliation fee, the Board evaluates and decides about the affiliation of the Federation (or other form of National Organization). This decision has to be ratified by the next General Assembly. In the period between the Board decision and the meeting of the General Assembly the applicant Federation (or other form of National Organization) is granted provisional membership.

5.1.4. A National Federation (or other form of National Organization) may not be affiliated both with the JJIF and other international Organizations claiming international governing functions over the sport of ju-jitsu.

5.2. INITIAL MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS

All National Federations (or other forms of National Organizations), either members of JJIF or seeking membership, must fulfil the following obligations:

- a) Inform the JJIF of all changes in its own statutes and regulations;
- b) Regularly elect their management bodies and inform the JJIF about their election;
- c) Keep the JJIF informed about the developments of ju-jitsu in their country and respond to the JJIF requests, circulars, questionnaires, etc.;
- d) Accept and execute the decisions of the JJIF General Assembly and the Board.

5.3. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS

There are 2 (two) categories membership within the JJIF: Provisional National Member and Full National Member.

In addition, the JJIF may consider as associated members international organizations with compatible objectives, goals and ideals, with which it may collaborate in the future.

5.3.1. Provisional National Member

This level is granted by the Board, subject to ratification by the General Assembly, to an initial applicant which has satisfied the JJIF initial membership obligations: payment of the affiliation fee and submission of all necessary documents.

This status is valid for a maximum term of 4 (four)-years, which is not renewable.

If the Provisional National Member is not able to fulfil the criteria for becoming Full National Member, its membership in the JJIF is terminated and a new affiliation procedure must be started for the acceptance of a national member from that country

Provisional National Members have no voting rights or any right to speak in the General Assembly except on the invitation of the President.

Provisional National Members have the right to be informed regarding all meetings, agendas, news and decisions from official meetings and to participate in the JJIF activities.

5.3.2. Full National Member

A Provisional National Member shall become a Full National Member, upon approval of the JJIF Board and subject to ratification at the next General Assembly, provided it has fulfilled the following conditions:

- Recognition as a Federation/Association by NOC or the Highest National Sport Authority;
- The payment of the annual JJIF membership fees and has no outstanding debts towards the JJIF;
- Compliance with the rules of JJIF;
- Submission of the Status and activity report in own country and all additional information requested by the JJIF with respect to statistics and organization;
- Proof of activity within the country of origin, including organizing National Championships in minimum 2 out of the 3 current JJIF competition disciplines (at present, Duo, Fighting and Ne-Waza);
- Participation with athlete(s) at the World Championships, every year;
- Participation in the JJIF General Assembly, at least once every 2 (two) consecutive years.

In the period between the Board decision to accept a Provisional National member as Full National member, and the ratifying General Assembly, the respective member enjoys the benefits and has the obligations of JJIF Full national Member.

Full National Members have the right:

- a) to be informed about the state of the JJIF;
- b) to propose items for consideration regarding the Agenda of the General Assembly;
- c) to receive the agenda and the relevant documents for the General Assembly;
- d) to be called within the prescribed time to the meeting and exercise the right to vote;
- e) to nominate candidates to the Board of the JJIF;
- f) to participate and to vote during elections;
- g) to call for an Extraordinary General Assembly;
- h) to host the JJIF World Championship;
- i) to participate in any JJIF event;
- j) to exercise any other right arising from the Statute, By-Laws and Rules of the JJIF.

5.3.3. **Associated Member**

Associated Members may be Multinational or International Associations with statutory activities compatible with the JJIF and related to the philosophy and/or practice of ju-jitsu.

Associated Members do not have the right to attend the JJIF General Assemblies, except upon invitation by the President and only for the discussion of matters relating to them. Associated Members can initiate and promote forms of cooperation with the JJIF, which will be approved by the Board and ratified case by case by the General Assembly.

5.4. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

5.4.1. Breach of the JJIF Statutes and By-Laws, established by the Disciplinary Committee, will result in immediate suspension of JJIF membership, through Board decision, ratified in the next following General Assembly.

The breach must be remedied within 3 (three) months from the receipt of notification by the JJIF Board. In particular situations, upon the request of the defaulting member, the JJIF Board may agree with a longer period for remedying the breach. Failure to comply will result in a proposal by the Board to the General Assembly to terminate JJIF membership.

5.4.2. JJIF membership can be terminated in one of the following situations:

- a) By request of the National Member, notified to the JJIF General Secretary 60 days before the date of the annual General Assembly, accompanied by a decision of their National General Assembly, to this effect. If, for any reason, no annual General Assembly is held, the national member can terminate their membership with effect from December 31th of the year, by informing the JJIF no later than June 30th of the respective year;
- b) De jure (by effect of the law), for the Provisional National Members that, at the end of the 4-year term, cannot upgrade their status to Full National Member;
- c) Through decision of the JJIF General Assembly, upon the proposal from the Board, pursuant to point 5.4.1 of this Statute;
- d) Upon dissolution or declaration of insolvency of the national member or the JJIF.

6. JJIF GOVERNING BODIES

The JJIF is composed of the following bodies:

- the General Assembly;
- the Board;
- the Executive Board;
- the Committees.

7. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7.1. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7.1.1. The highest power within the JJIF is the General Assembly. The meetings of the General Assembly are conducted by the President. In the absence of the President, the Senior-Vice-President will conduct the respective meeting.

If both are absent, the other members of the Board shall designate a member from amongst them to act as President of the meeting.

7.1.2. The General Assembly is composed by the delegates of the JJIF National Members.

Only the compliant Full National Members which have paid their membership fees for the current year and have no outstanding debts towards the JJIF may vote at the General Assembly.

Each member may be represented by two (2) delegates but is entitled to only one vote. The delegates must be citizens or residents of the country they represent. Voting by proxy is not permitted.

The General Assembly is held at least once a year and is convened by the President, through the General Secretary. The first convocation is sent to the members 90 (ninety) days before. The final convocation with a complete agenda including all proposals is sent at least 30 (thirty) days before the date of the assembly.

The General Assembly is legally convened if the above-mentioned conditions have been fulfilled, regardless of the number of attendees.

7.1.3. Extraordinary General Assembly

In special circumstances, an Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened:

- a) by the President with 30 days prior notice;
- b) upon a written request of 20% of the Full National Members. The President or the General Secretary shall convene this Assembly, within 60 (sixty) days from receiving the request.

The Extraordinary General Assembly will only decide on the issue that brought it about. Quorum and decision-making mechanism are the same as for the ordinary General Assemblies.

7.1.4. At the beginning of the General Assembly, a commission made up of three (3) persons (proposed by the President and approved by the General Assembly) verifies the credentials of all the delegates. The same three persons also act as scrutinizers. These persons must not be delegates from countries presenting candidates for election during the same General Assembly.

7.1.5. Only items on the agenda agreed at the opening of the General Assembly may be discussed at the General Assembly.

7.1.6. Propositions to be included in the agenda must be sent to the General Secretary at least sixty (60) days before the date of the General Assembly.

7.1.7. The President and the General Secretary prepare and distribute to the JJIF Members the agenda with the propositions submitted by its Members, the Board and the Committees, at least thirty (30) days before the General Assembly, together with all relevant supporting documents.

7.1.8. At the General Assembly, relevant information concerning the World Championships must be one of the items in the Agenda.

7.1.9. The Board must approve the final list of items and the order of the discussions of the agenda.

7.1.10. Decisions of the General Assembly are made with simple majority (half plus one of the present members with the right to vote). The decisions will come into force on the date decided by the General Assembly, taking into consideration the relevant implications.

Decisions on special issues must be passed with a qualified majority of the votes of the delegates in attendance. In such cases the assembly is legally convened if at least 2/3 of the members with voting rights are present. If this quorum is not met, a second General Assembly will be convened, at least 15 days later. In this second General Assembly there are no quorum requirements.

The special issues are:

- Change of the JJIF Statutes, which requires at least 2/3 of the votes of the delegates in attendance;
- Dissolution of the JJIF, which requires at least 4/5 of the votes of the delegates in attendance.

7.1.11. The President must ensure that the duration of the speeches allows to have a broad participation to the discussions by the various delegates.

7.1.12. The sessions of the JJIF General Assemblies are private. External parties may attend only after specific invitation.

7.1.13. The disciplinary decisions of the General Assembly are final and there can be no appeal at a subsequent General Assembly, unless new evidence is presented.

7.2. ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7.2.1. The Annual General Assembly of the JJIF is organized in conjunction with the World Championship or a major JJIF international event, during the year.

7.2.2. The following items must be on the agenda:

- a) Examination and approval of the annual reports about the activities of the Board and Committees;
- b) Development of Continental Unions;
- c) Financial Statement of the last year plus financial balance of the running year and the budget for the following year (all expressed in Euro), followed by the Board's exoneration of liability with respect to the budget execution;
- d) Affiliation of new members;
- e) Filling of vacancies on the Board and the Committees;
- f) Information on the preparation of the forthcoming World Championships and multi-sport events;
- g) Ratification of modifications of By-Laws, Technical Rules or Financial Rules approved by the Board.

7.2.3. The respective annual reports of the President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and the Committees' Chairpersons are prepared and sent to the national members no later than 30 (thirty) days prior to the General Assembly.

8. THE JJIF BOARD

Between the meetings of the General Assembly, the Board administers the JJIF. The Board decides on all matters concerning the content of ju-jitsu and its organization in the best interest of the sport. It is also responsible for ensuring adequate personnel and facilities for the efficient operation of the JJIF and for making decisions on financial matters concerning the governance of the JJIF.

The elected members of the Board and other JJIF Officers offer their services without pay. However, their travel and direct expenses, when in duty, are covered by the national member which proposed their candidature or by the JJIF structure for which expenses are encountered.

The elected members of the Board:

- cannot be first degree relatives or spouses;
- cannot be associates or partners in the same or related business organisation;
- cannot have an employer – employee relationship;
- should not have been convicted of any criminal offence including fraud, dishonesty, sexual related offences or of any serious criminal offence against a person, such as murder or manslaughter;
- should have a proper education level.

The Board may nominate retired members with extensive service on the Board and with high moral and ethical standing as JJIF Honorary Members. The General Assembly ratifies these nominations.

8.1. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

8.1.1. The JJIF Board shall consist of 9 officials, who are elected every four (4) years at the annual General Assembly and 2 members appointed by the Board.

The Board is composed of:

- The President;
- The General Secretary;
- The Treasurer;
- 5 Vice-presidents coming from the Continental Unions, proposed by their respective Continental Unions. Only one candidate can be proposed from each JJIF Continental Union. No individual member federations can propose candidates for the position of JJIF Vice-president. These vice-presidents will automatically become Continental Union Presidents. In case the JJIF has no union established in one continent, the corresponding Vice-president place is left unoccupied;

- 1 Board member. In case there are no other female candidates elected in the Board, this Board member shall be female.

There shall be a Senior-Vice-President, who shall be appointed by the President, from amongst the Vice-Presidents.

The elected members have the right to vote. In case of equality of votes, the President has the casting vote.

The elected Board members shall not come from the same Country and there shall be maximum 3 (three) elected members from the same continent.

- Sports Director;
- General Manager.

The Sports Director and the General Manager shall be appointed by the Board. They are members of the Board without the right to vote.

The Board shall consist of minimum 20% women.

8.1.2. The President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Senior Vice-President, the General Manager and the Sports Director constitute the Executive Board. In case of equality of votes, the President has the casting vote.

8.1.3. Appointed members

When deemed necessary, the Board may make special appointments, provided that the National Federation of the person(s) concerned agrees with the appointment. The basic selection criterion is that the appointee must have an expertise in the area for which he/she is being appointed and must have a continuous history of serving the JJIF on the Board or the Committees. An Appointed Member has no voting right.

8.2. FUNCTIONING OF THE BOARD

8.2.1. The meeting of the Board are private and confidential. Members of commissions or National Delegates who may be invited by the President to attend the meetings have no voting rights or any right to speak, unless they are asked by the President.

8.2.2. Decisions are made by the simple majority of votes. Voting is by roll call. Minutes of the meeting of the Board are kept in file and the General Secretary must inform all Members about main decisions made.

8.2.3. The Board must meet at least once a year in person with at least 5 (five) members, besides frequent consultations via e-mail or other communication technologies.

8.2.4. Between General Assemblies, the Board has the authority to change or modify the Technical Rules, Financial Rules and By-Laws, when it is considered necessary and desirable. However, such changes or modifications must be presented to the following General Assembly for their ratification.

8.2.5. For the World Championships, the Board approves the recommendations from the Referee Committee, with respect to the selection of the technical controllers and the referees.

8.2.6. The Board has the right to appoint special commissions to address and cover specific tasks.

8.2.7. The Board assigns the World Championships and its decision must be ratified by the General Assembly.

8.3. ELECTIONS OF THE BOARD

8.3.1. In addition to the Board members, in the absence of an independent audit office performing the annual audit of the JJIF accounts, the General Assembly will also elect 3 (three) members to act as Auditors' Committee.

The candidacy submission and the voting procedure for the Auditors' Committee are explained in detail in the JJIF By-Laws.

8.3.2. Candidatures for the various positions must come from Full National Members and must reach the JJIF General Secretary by regular post mail or electronic mail at least 60 days before the date of the General Assembly. The candidates who miss this date are not eligible for election. An official acknowledgement from the General Secretary will validate their nomination.

8.3.3. National Members may only propose bona fide candidates. These candidates must be citizens or residents of the country they represent.

8.3.4. A person may be a candidate for a number of positions within the JJIF but may only be elected to one. On being elected, the name of that person will be withdrawn from any further candidature list. Unsuccessful candidates are not automatically eligible for elections to another position. Nominations must be made specifically for each position to be contested.

8.3.5. Any member of the Board with a minimum of 12 years of service may be a candidate in his/her own right to any position provided that his/her nomination is supported by a minimum of 20% of the JJIF National Members. Proof of support from the JJIF National Members must be confirmed in writing (print or electronic mail) and presented with the candidature.

8.3.6. The 3 scrutinizers elected according to point 7.1.4 hereinabove distribute, collect and count the ballots, unless the ballot is carried out electronically.

8.3.7. When two or more candidates obtain an equal number of votes, another ballot is held. An unlimited number of ballots will occur, until the tie is broken.

8.3.8. Each of the JJIF Full National Members is entitled to only one vote. The vote must be expressed by the National Member President, personally, or, if the President does not attend the elections General Assembly, the National Member will appoint a delegate with voting rights, of the same nationality or holding residence in the same country. The appointment letter, signed by the president, must be presented in original at the General Assembly.

Voting by proxy is not allowed.

8.3.9. Elections are carried out by secret ballot, except when there is only one candidate for a position.

8.3.10. The order of the election is as follows:

- the President;
- the General Secretary;
- the Treasurer;
- the Vice-presidents;
- the Board member;
- the Auditors' Committee, if applicable.

8.3.11. The election is by simple majority, i.e. the person who has obtained the highest number of votes is elected.

8.3.12. The JJIF President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer must be elected by absolute majority of the delegates with voting rights, attending the meeting. In the case of more than two candidates, the one with the lowest number of votes will drop out in each round until one of the candidates receives the above-mentioned majority.

8.3.13. Only the ballot papers which carry votes for a number of candidates not higher than actual vacancies, are valid.

8.3.14. In the case of a vacancy for the President the Senior-Vice-President shall fill in the vacancy until the next General Assembly.

In case of vacancy of the Senior-Vice-President, the President will appoint a new person to this position.

In case of vacancy of the other Board member positions, in the interim period, before the elections for this particular position (extraordinary General Assembly), the remaining Board members shall appoint one of them to fill in the vacancy.

All the members elected to fill vacancies must fulfil their functions for the period remaining until the next elections.

8.3.15. The functions and responsibilities of the JJIF Board are established in the By-Laws approved by the JJIF General Assembly.

9. THE COMMITTEES - GENERAL PROVISIONS

9.1. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE COMMITTEES

The JJIF has the following established committees and commissions:

- the Technical Commission (approved by the Board);

- the Medical Committee (appointed by the Board);
- the Disciplinary Commission (elected by the JJIF General Assembly);
- the Auditors' Committee (elected by the JJIF General Assembly, in the absence of an independent external auditor);
- the Ethics and Fair-Play Committee (appointed by the Board);
- Women's Committee (appointed by the Board);
- Athlete's Commission (elected by active athletes and approved by the Board);

Other committees and/or commissions may be established at any time.

When appointing the members of the committees/commissions, the JJIF Board will take into account fair continental representation.

The specific regulations regarding the establishment, functioning and duties of the JJIF Committees and/or Commissions are found in the JJIF By-Laws.

10.CONTINENTAL UNIONS

10.1. The JJIF recognizes 5 (five) Continental Unions: the African, Asian, European, Oceania and Pan-American Unions.

Each Continental Union may differentiate its territory in different "Regions" to adapt the jujitsu diffusion and management to local traditions and requirements

10.2. Before the Statutes and Rules of a Continental Union are valid or have any effect, they must be submitted to the JJIF for approval. The Statutes and Rules shall come into effect only after the JJIF Board certifies them as fully compliant with the JJIF Statutes, Rules and By-Laws.

The Continental Unions cannot have Financial Rules different than those of the JJIF or any other kind of rules that are not fully compatible to the JJIF documents.

10.3. Only the National Federations (or other form of National Organization) already affiliated with and recognized by the JJIF may affiliate to Continental Unions.

10.4. The JJIF President and the General Secretary may attend the Board meetings and the General Assemblies of the Continental Unions, but they cannot vote.

10.5. The Continental Unions are advisers to the JJIF on matters involving their National members or new candidates from their territories. They assist the JJIF in the supervision of any international event held on the given continent and report to the JJIF on these events.

10.6. Continental Union elections (for all Board positions) will be held every 4 (four) years, on the same year as the JJIF elections. Quorum conditions and voting procedure are the same as for the JJIF.

10.7. The candidature procedure for accession to a Continental Board is the same as for the JJIF. Candidates to the Continental Union Board must be citizens or residents of countries affiliated to that respective Union.

10.8. The Continental Unions must invite a JJIF delegate to their elections General Assembly. The delegate has the right to fully participate in the debate at the General Assembly. If the budget allows, the host Continental Union must pay the travel and accommodation costs of the JJIF delegate.

10.9. The Continental Unions must submit a written annual report, including a financial report, to the JJIF Board regarding their activities.

10.10. The Continental Unions must inform the JJIF, not later than the 30th of June of the preceding year, of the dates and locations of their continental events for these to be included in the JJIF Calendar of the following year.

10.11. At all Continental Championships or events organized jointly with the JJIF, the JJIF Statutes, By-Laws and Rules apply. This include advertising, TV rights etc.

10.12. Continental Unions may organize and supervise continental championships. The continental championships must be in all JJIF competition systems, in all age groups and both genders. The organization of those competitions must be in conformity with the Statute, By-Laws and Rules of the JJIF.

10.13. Continental Unions cannot suspend National Members but may propose such action to the JJIF Disciplinary Committee. Only the JJIF General Assembly has the power to ratify the suspension of a National Member.

10.14. At the Continental Championships, Continental Unions must apply and enforce the JJIF Anti-Doping Rules and policy. The Continental Unions must ensure that a minimum number of anti-doping tests (depending on the total number of participants) will be performed by authorized personnel.

10.15. JJIF National Members have the right to form regional groups based on common shared interest and may organize regional tournaments and seminars.

11. OPERATIONAL FEES

11.1. The annual membership fee is equal for all the members of the JJIF. At the date of approval of these Statutes the annual fee is 500.00 Euro (Five Hundred Euro), subjected to change by the General Assembly.

11.2. The membership fee is due in March of every year. Any country not paying its fee for the current year may not participate with vote at the various meetings of the JJIF. Their athletes may not take part in competitions or meetings organized under JJIF Rules. A reminder is sent by May of every year, from the General Secretary, to every National Member that has not paid its membership fee.

11.3. A fee must be paid to the JJIF to organize World Championships and events under the patronage of JJIF, according to the JJIF Financial Rules. Possible situations not covered by the Financial Rules will be dealt with on case by case scenario, by the Executive Board.

12.FINANCIALS

12.1. The JJIF accounting year is from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

12.2. The JJIF Treasurer prepares every year the year-end accounts for the previous year and the budget for the following year, which he/she submits for approval to the Board and then to the General Assembly.

12.3. The yearly fiscal declaration is made to the taxation authorities at the JJIF headquarters.

13.JJIF DISSOLUTION

13.1. The JJIF may be dissolved in one of the following ways:

- a) decision of the General Assembly, in the conditions of point 7.1.10;
- b) court final order, according to the legal provisions.

13.2. In case of JJIF dissolution, the General Assembly or the court, as the case may be, appoint one or more liquidators. The liquidator(s) collect(s) all JJIF assets and pay(s) all JJIF liabilities. The remaining patrimony (if any) will be transferred to a similar non-profit organization, in the conditions of the law.

14. FINAL DISPOSITIONS

14.1. In case of any inconsistency between the Statutes and any other JJIF By-Laws or Rules, the 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 General Assembly.

14.2. 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 Statutes.

The present updated Statute has been presented and approved by the JJIF General Assembly held in Kamena Vourla, Greece, on July 25th, 2015 and is operational from the same date.