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To all JJIF National Federations

JJIF Mission and Promise

Our values of authenticity, unity, performance and integrity are at the very heart of who we are. We believe that ju-jitsu is and must remain an excellent sport performed by, enjoyed by and touching the lives of all people far and wide. It is JJIF's responsibility to foster unity within the ju-jitsu world and to use ju-jitsu to promote solidarity, regardless of gender, ethnic background, faith or culture. JJIF must strive to deliver ju-jitsu of the highest quality and as the best possible experience, be it as a player, as a spectacle, or as a major cultural and social enabler throughout the world. We believe that, just as the sport itself, JJIF must be a model of fair play, tolerance, sportsmanship and transparency.

Ju-jitsu is the heart and soul of JJIF. Living in a world rich in natural beauty and cultural diversity, but also one where many people are still deprived of their basic rights, JJIF has a great responsibility to reach out and touch the world society, using ju-jitsu as a symbol of hope and integration. This responsibility does not end with organizing the JJIF World Championships and the various other world and continental competitions; it extends to safeguarding the Laws of the Sport, developing the sport around the world and to bringing hope to those less privileged. This is the essence of fair play and solidarity.

We see it as our mission to contribute towards building a better future for the world by using the power of ju-jitsu. This mission gives meaning and direction to each and every activity that JJIF is involved in being an integrated part of our society.

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Our approach is to improve the sport of ju-jitsu constantly and promote it globally in the light of its unifying, educational, cultural and humanitarian values, particularly through youth and development programs. Ju-jitsu development means investing in people and society at large. Ju-jitsu is a school of life. Take world-class ju-jitsu action and passion at all levels to every corner of the planet through our member associations. The broad range of competitions shows the many faces of ju-jitsu, spearheaded by the JJIF World Championships. Ju-jitsu is no longer considered merely a global sport, but also as unifying force whose virtues can make an important contribution to society. We use the power of ju-jitsu as a tool for social and human development, by strengthening the work of initiatives around the globe to support local communities in the areas of peace building, health, social integration, education and more.

JJIF Convention

Considering that the aim of JJIF is to achieve a greater unity between its members;

Considering that it is necessary to further develop a common global framework for the development of the ju-jitsu sport, based on the notions of pluralist democracy, rule of law, human rights and sport ethics;

JJIF open the Convention registration for all.

Owned by Ju-Jitsu National Federations, JJIF Convention will annually bring together N.F.'s representatives and officials from all over the world, JJIF Convention will attract and bring also sport specialists, university level experts, businesses and all the major sport and social organizations in the development of sport.

In conjunction with the JJIF annual Summer Camp, the JJIF World Open Cup and the JJIF annual General Assembly, JJIF Convention will be the premier annual event at the service of the sport and at the service of the JJIF National Federations Members.

JJIF Convention will be the foundation and the stable base of the JJIF Pyramid Management Structure.

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Presentations at the convention will be grouped around the themes listed here. Submissions are welcomed that cross more than one thematic area. Keywords are only indicative - please add your own keywords as you think necessary. The range of ideas listed in each thematic grouping and associated keywords is continually reviewed and revised by the participants in this knowledge community. Please suggest additions and changes.

Main themes of the JJIF Convention are:

Sporting Cultures and Identities: *Cultures, Identities, Diversity, Community, Psychology, Sociology, Values, Nationalism, History, Human Rights*

It includes the psychology of the sport and the interplay between individual identities and access, equity, and participation in ju-jitsu. Examines the social and sociological aspects of the sport, the impact of cultural traditions and cultural differences on how ju-jitsu is played or viewed, and the influence of the sport on national, ethnic, or community identity.

Individual and group identities (community, cultures, race, gender, ethnicity, etc) and impacts on sport participation - Sport and community building - Historical perspectives on sport and athletes - Values as exemplified by athletes, fans, communities - Psychology or sociology of the sport - Exclusionary and inclusionary practices in ju-jitsu: access, equity and their social benefits - Human rights in the sport.

Sport and Health: *Health Sciences, Wellbeing, Fitness, Injury, Disabilities, Nutrition, Drugs.*

On the relationship of sports participation to physical, mental, or emotional health and wellbeing. It includes the study of health, nutrition, exercise science, sport medicine and biomechanics. It examines the relationships between health/physical fitness and other aspects of life (cognitive abilities, work performance, social interactions).

Exercise, fitness and physical wellbeing - Sport and recreation in psycho-social wellbeing - Sports medicine and health sciences - Drugs in sport - Exercise science, sport biomechanics, functional anatomy - Sports injury---prevention, identification, rehabilitation - Sports nutrition and exercise metabolism - Health and fitness in the workplace – Sport and disabilities.

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Sports Education: *Health Education, Physical Education, Coaching, Youth Sports, College Sports, Student Athletes*

On learning about and through sport. It includes physical and health education in clubs, schools and communities, teaching and coaching techniques, competition behavior. Examines how sports programs in clubs, schools and communities promote learning, tolerance, social cohesion, and community development. Physical and sports education - Health education in schools and communities - Community based youth sports - Sports programs in clubs, schools, colleges, and universities - Coaching and instructional, motivational strategies.

Sports Management and Commercialization: *Management, Marketing, Finance, Economic Impact, Professions, Commercialism, Media, Governance, Referring, Policies and Regulations.*

On sports organizations, leadership, and management. Considers sports and sporting events as commercial activities. Explores the impact of sports and sporting events on communities, nations, international relations. Includes sports as a profession and the roles of professionals (athletes, coaches, media and marketing professionals) within it. Examines policies, rules and regulations, and laws related to governance and participation.

Management of sports organizations and sporting events - Marketing, branding, and building a fan base - Communications and media coverage of sports - Sponsorship, licensing and advertising in sport - Commercialization, commoditization and privatization of sport - Professionals in sport - Sports facilities: design and management - Adjudication, refereeing, rule making and game governance.

Sport and Development: *Peace, Development, Human Rights, Reconciliation, Global Relationships, Politics.*

On sport as a mechanism of development. Considers sports and sporting events as opportunities for global cooperation and development goals across a range of areas. Explores the impact of sports and sporting events on communities, nations, international relations.

Poverty and sport - Relationship of BRIC countries to sport - Urban Sport - Sport for Peace - Sport for Human Rights - Sport for Development - Sport for Reconciliation - Sustainability and Sports Development - Ethics, Values, and Morality - Partnership Building - The Millennium Development Goals - NGO's and

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Sport for Development - Gender and Sports Development - Disability and Sports Development.

Special Focus for 2014

Convention on Referee Education and Organization

Considering the need to:

Improve the quality of referees and refereeing specialists at all levels by incorporating specific rules aimed at standardizing and enhancing their status and education as well as the way refereeing is organized within the JJIF members;

Define the legal status of referees and ensure that the refereeing organizations within the JJIF members remain uninfluenced by other bodies such as governments or clubs;

Promote the role of referees in ju-jitsu at both international and national level and recognize the essential role that they have to play in order to uphold the values of fair play and protect both the players and the competition;

Maintain and improve refereeing from National level upwards;

Recognize the responsibility of the JJIF members to appoint reliable and suitably qualified referees and refereeing specialists for their competitions and education and development programs,

The JJIF convention aims to:

Guarantee a unified level of education for referees and refereeing specialists by setting minimum standards to ensure a comprehensive set of education and development programs running from national to international ju-jitsu;

Continuously improve the quality and status of referees and refereeing specialists by using appropriate tools and measures for that purpose;

Establish a refereeing organization within the JJIF members that is not controlled or influenced by other bodies such as governments or clubs;

Provide a framework for defining the legal status of referees in the JJIF members

JJIF Convention on the mutual recognition of the coaching education and qualifications

It is clear and likewise agreed that the future quality of ju-jitsu to a large extent lies in the hands of the coaches.

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JJIF aims to raise standards of Coach Education and performance through the delivery of high quality and bespoke training and educational programs; to measure the quality of coaching and the impact that this has on the development of ju-jitsu athletes; to train and provide career progression and educational pathways for each ju-jitsu discipline and thereby increasing the numbers of qualified practitioners e.g. Coach Educators, Coaches, Referees and Teachers. JJIF will be responsible for producing the international standard guidelines of the coach education system while the N.F's will continue to contact their own training programs, providing that they are consistent with the objectives set by the JJIF Development and Technical Committee responsible for the JJIF Coaching Convention.

JJIF is responsible to give the necessary directives and appoint the High Coach Education Panel (HCEP) consisting of experienced ju-jitsu teachers, dedicated to coach education.

JJIF N.F's Members are invited to sign this Convention and become a Convention party.

Each convention party must appoint a technical director and/or a coach education director with the necessary qualifications and experience in coaching matters. The convention parties will be responsible to organize a yearly coaching course for all courses offered by the convention party (JJIF coaching diploma courses and further education courses) and to publish it on the JJIF website. This marks the start of a new JJIF Coach Education Program cycle and introduces a new JJIF coaching diploma with clearly defined minimum requirements.

For the purpose of the convention the following diplomas should be defined:
JJIF Coach National Diploma – C, issued by JJIF Coaching Convention National Course or equivalent C – license issued by National Authorities, which comply with the JJIF's minimum requirements.

JJIF Coach International Diploma – B, for JJIF Coach Diploma-C holders with at least one year's experience as coach or at least six years as athlete.

JJIF Coach International Diploma – A, for JJIF Coach Diploma – B holders (or equivalent B – license issued by National Authorities, which comply with the JJIF's minimum requirements) with at least two years coaching experience as JJIF Coach – B.

JJIF Coach International Diploma – Elite, for JJIF Coach Diploma – A holders (or equivalent A – license issued by National Authorities, which comply with the

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JJIF's minimum requirements) with at least four years coaching experience as JJIF Coach – A.

Diploma requirements on theory and practice will be set up by the High Coach Education Panel in detail covering all the necessary theory and practice units according to the JJIF Directives.

JJIF Convention on the Dan- Degree Awards

A system of Homologizing and Awarding Dan-Degrees by JJIF will be analyzed and discoursed. JJIF will appoint the Dan-Degree Awarding Panel, consisting of person with long history and work in JJIF, appreciated and accepted by the majority of JJIF Members.

This panel will establish clearly defined minimum requirements for all Dan-Degrees.

JJIF Convention on the Structure of the Federation

The dynamic and rapid development of ju-jitsu is driving JJIF to reconstruct the management structure in order to be more effective and be represented by all parts of the world.

A centralization of the elections and the elected JJIF Board Members should be applied and a decentralization of responsibilities and operations should employ. For this reason the number of JJIF Board Members should be increased (with a good increase of female members) to the necessary number that covers all positions (members of the board should be chairmen's of all JJIF Commissions), all continents should be represented with at least two members and all board should be elected by the JJIF General Assembly.

JJIF Convention on the Database, Event Management and Statistics

A professional advanced program of Personal Identity Cards issues and Total Event Management including registration, drawings, on-line information and statistics will be presented and tested. Presentation will be by a professional company.

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JJIF Convention on the Social Responsibility

Considering the need to:

To promote sport at all levels, as a means to contribute to the positive development of society;

To develop specific services for JJIF Members, and provide them with assistance, training and support in harnessing the power of sport to contribute to positive social change and to help achieve the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

To stimulate CSR investment in sport programs that contributes to positive social change and helps achieve the MDGs.

The JJIF should work on special projects in areas within which sport has a unique role in creating positive social change. Areas like Sport and Peace, Sport and Youth development, Sport and Child, Sport and the Environment, Sport and Health, Sport and Persons with disabilities and Sport and Gender. JJIF should establish specific policies and regulations related to all areas, create the corresponding commissions and present programs that can be described as 'Best Practice Examples' as they are defined by the United Nations and the international community at large as successful initiatives which: Have a demonstrable and tangible impact on improving people's quality of life.

JJIF Convention on Self-defense for All, Military and Police Programs

Two commissions should be established under the corresponding JJIF Department.

The Self-defense for All commission with special programs for civilians (children, women etc) and special programs on "How to Survive".

The Military and Police commission aiming to establish links with national authorities from all over the world by signing protocols with Ministries of Defense and Ministries of Internal Affairs; implementing ju-jitsu as a basic preparation sport in the Military and in the Police; and to facilitate the growth of military sport activities, by implementing a management system oriented toward training camps, clinics, courses, studies and by providing specific informative instructions and guidance to athletes and trainers. Prepare the participation of Military and Police athletes in the major ju-jitsu events organized by the JJIF.

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JJIF Convention on Professional Ju-Jitsu

Is professional expression of ju-jitsu part of JJIF and if yes how it can be performed?

Shall JJIF organize professional World Cups?

What disciplines are more attractive to professionals?

Shall JJIF organize Club Team Competition from Regional level to World Finals?

Shall JJIF organize Pro-Ne-Wasa world Championships?

Shall JJIF organize Professional Semi-contact or Full contact fights?

Presentations will be in the Convention.

Dear Friends,

All the above information is what the JJIF President and the JJIF Board are suggesting as working material for the JJIF Convention.

The Convention floor is open to all of you and your active participation, your ideas and your proposals should be the foundation of the future development of ju-jitsu. Without you JJIF has not meaning, because JJIF is you.

Best regards



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