



# **JJIF** *Ju-Jitsu International Federation*

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To all National Federations

**DECISION**  
**of the JJIF Board**  
**(taken through e-mail consultations, today, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014)**

**Agenda:**

1. Discussion of the petition of several NF's regarding the allowing of younger athletes to compete in the World Championship for seniors in Paris

The JJIF Board, after intensive consultations via electronic mail, decided the following:

The Ju-Jitsu International Federation Board **upholds the existing rules and regulations of the JJIF**, fully supporting the decisions made during the Technical Congress of 2010 and the Board Meeting completing the above-mentioned decisions.

Therefore, **no athletes having the age of less than 18 years old will be allowed to participate** in the seniors' World Championship of the JJIF. The minimum age for competing in the 2014 championship allows participation to all athletes born in 1996 or before.

Below is an extras of the Decision of the Technical Congress of 2010:

"The **45 technical delegates** attending the JJIF Technical Congress, **representing 25 countries**, on the proposals made by the JJIF Board, made the following decisions, to be subjected to the attention and approval of the JJIF General Assembly:

**1. On the proposal to change the age categories (unanimous decisions):**

- 1.1. Children 8-9 years old and 10-11 years old are not in the attention of JJIF, since there are no international events for these ages. However, the JJIF should have guidelines and recommendations for the national federations with respect to these athletes.
- 1.2. For the creation of the Veterans category, a Working Group will be created at the JJIF level, which will decide on the details (such as specific age, conditions/criteria for participation etc.). The members of the WG will be nominated later.
- 1.3. The ages for the Seniors, Juniors, Aspirants remains as they are. The cadets category will comprise athletes with ages between 12 and 14.
- 1.4. With respect to the ages of the athletes making up a **Duo couple**: the age difference between the partners is not important, provided that:

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- \* the age is considered according to the year of birth, not the actual birth date of the competitor
- \* if the two couple members belong to different age categories, the couple will be registered for the highest age category (example: one 15 years old athlete (Aspirant) + 18 years old athletes (Junior) will participate in Juniors)
- \* the athlete can compete in one higher age category – goes for fighting system and duo system (Aspirant can compete with Juniors, Juniors can compete with Seniors). **However, a team (duo) made up of one Aspirant and one Junior can only compete in Juniors, not also in Seniors (the Aspirant, although member of a Junior team, cannot jump over two age categories and compete with the Seniors)**
- \* the entire Junior category (of proper aged-athletes) can participate in the Senior category”.

Best regards,



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