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MINUTES **of the JJIF Technical Congress** **November 21st 2013– Bucharest, Romania**

Agenda:

1. Report of directors
2. World Ranking List/ Qualification
3. Competition formats in JJIF
4. U15 Competition rules
5. Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu/ Ne-Waza
6. Athletes Commission
7. Referee issues
8. Miscellaneous

Mr. Panagiotis Theodoropoulos, in his welcome speech, mentioned that this will be the last Technical Congress. JJIF will apply the JJIF Convention which will be better organized and will work in groups (Athletes- Referees- Advertisers- Media). This Convention will take place for the first time in summer together with the Summer Camp.

Moreover, Mr. President emphasized that JJIF must work on education for referees and coaches. JJIF must establish an educational system applying to all national federations in which everyone can subscribe.

1. Report Sports Director

Mr. Joachim Thumfart began his speech saying that World referees have done a good job in Europe. He stated that there are no referee seminars in Asia and JJIF must work on ability to organize seminars. He spoke about the development of Ju-Jitsu in Asia and the restructuring of the Asian Union in the near future which is important for JJIF development.



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He also spoke about the preparation and execution of the World Games 2013 in Cali and the SportAccord Combat Games 2013 in St. Petersburg which have had positive results and everyone saw the development.

Mr. Thumfart updated and publishes the JJIF World/ Ranking list in the last years and points out that he expects the created data base to be a big help.

On base of the Board decision of December 2012 regarding the regulation of the official sponsor areas, Patches and stitching had been created.

He also presented that all JJIF activities are published on Google Calendar it is easily possible to add this calendar to different devices like smart phone or Outlook calendar.

Mr. Thumfart runs the JJIF Facebook Site with information, links, and photos so everyone can be informed immediately. Dana Mortelmans, Gunnar Hoffsten, Mr. Lanzoni and the JJIF athletes group is able to create content as well and helps to get more facts online.

2. Ranking List and Qualification

Mr. Joachim Thumfart explains that a change concerning the Ranking List and Qualification is necessary. The 2015 event "World Combat Games" would include the results of 2013 World Games and Combat games. With these points athletes which had not been qualified there will not have a real chance. The proposal was to divide into Ranking List and Qualification List as the current system is not fair with respect to 2015. Ranking List will stay the same system and Qualification List will not have points from World and Combat Games. It is also important to try having continental qualification lists.

Decisions:

This proposal was accepted by the Technical congress!

The qualification period for 2015 World Combat Games will only be the year 2014.

3. Presentation of a general proposal for a renewed competition system:

The level of competitors in JJIF Fighting system constantly grows and there is a continuous increase of participation. The level difference is sometimes big and especially new national federations have problems to follow the development.

Duo System is on a high level and the number of participating nations is very low.

The number of participants in the top sport events (World Games and World Combat Games) is limited on around 100 competitors.

New challenges and competitions might come up, such as Asian Beach Games next year.

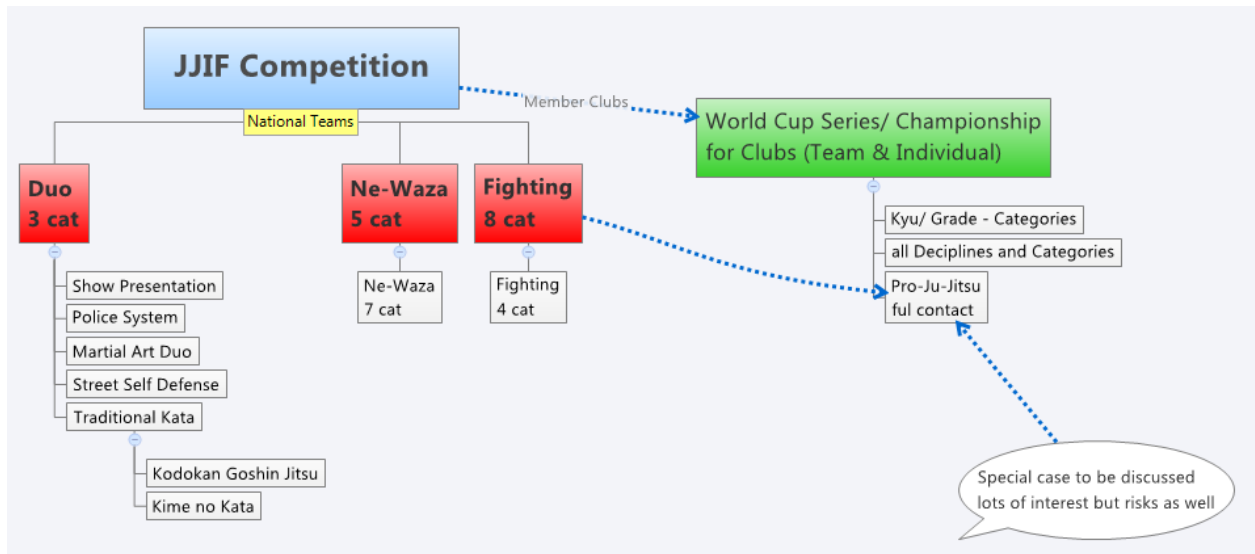
Other federations and companies on the market provide big competition events. These Companies earn money by organizing tournaments. JJIF could get ideas from them (no copy, just ideas).

There was also a presentation on JJIF competition, categories that run the high level and additional competitions. Competition for all members (World Cup series/ Championship) in which can participate individuals and teams and has different levels and categories (belts). Full contact competition must finance itself.



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No decision. The idea found good reply by the delegates which expressed interest in the further development.

For the rules of the Jujitsu Fighting, Mr. Horvath proposed for a Full Ippon for the winner 100 pts. For the moment, on the score board, we put 14 pts. We have to put forward the Full Ippon compared with the victory by accumulation of Ippon in one only one or two parts.

We are going to organize on the Paris Tournament (on the 4th May after the individual competition) a competition by team of Nation with Eugène's proposition: mixed team (of women -62Kg and +62Kg and men -62Kg, -69Kg, -77Kg, -85Kg, +85Kg).

For the calendar to come we have to exchange to define a relatively fixed calendar with the official championships and the tournament entering the ranking list. He suggested that it would be good that we have one year before the calendar. It becomes imperative for the program and the construction of the budget for every country. Maybe we can exchange about the various modalities of qualifications for the World Games 2017.

There was a proposal from Argentina that our need is to consider granting score to regional sporting events, the American continent is vast and our economic conditions in South America do not allow them to travel to participate as much as we would like. Perhaps if the regionalization in North America, Central and South America will be awarded points to these competences, the conditions for our athletes would be more equitable.

A proposal was made by Mr. Domagata, regarding the +15 competitions, suggesting that for the progressive evolution of the interests of our fighters in Ne-Waza Ju-jitsu said Brazilian, JJIF should gradually increase the weight categories, 5 currently, to 9, for competitions next year. It is desirable that we are gradually in consistency, with the categories of the combat system. (Athletes participate in two combat systems).

Female: -55Kg, - 62Kg, - 70Kg, + 70Kg



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Male: -62Kg, - 69Kg, -77Kg, 85Kg, + 85Kg.

With this solution we will have also 3 x 4 pairs medalists at the free trial.

For the evolution of our sport event of technical expression in couple, he propose that we add a free trial of 2 minutes to the current test that gives satisfaction to some nations who do not want a radical change in this test.

For the Paris World Championships, he proposed that we add a competition by teams of nations in Combat we could label, 'first WORLD CUP NATIONS. First, he proposed the following composition: mixed team (women's under 62 kg and more than 62 kg, male - 62 k, - 69 k, - 77 k, -85 k, + 85 k.). This formula would provide teams of 4 fighters to a minimum, and we can leave a great freedom for replacements of a tour to another, subject to registration at the time of weighing.

No further decision on these matters.

4. Rules for Juniors U15

A proposal was made by Denmark that it would be easier for the Referee to have a list of which techniques are not allowed than have a list with the allowed techniques. The criterion that makes them not allowed is the risk of injury. They also stated that some techniques are very similar and it is hard to detect. Mr. Klaus Tobiasen and Niclas Sjöberg proposed that there should be no special names on techniques. Clarify that Makikomi and throws where Tori lands on the opponent are prohibited. We must protect the youth but bring them to an international level. Rules must be easy for referees.

A proposal was made by Mr. Dimitris Georgantidis that is based that all new countries will learn the same system (little kids up to 9 years old)

Reduction in fighting time as they are little and they cannot fight for 3 minutes. It is better to reduce the time to 2 minutes.

A Proposal was made from Germany:

In Duo system there are 4 sectors a, b, c, d. (3 attacks, 3 attacks, Random attacks with pre- attacks) Germany suggests that d should be out, and b reduced on 3 sectors with the neck-holds out.

They proposed that there should be no protection for breast, but obligation of dental and groin protection, no techniques to the head, which hit the athletes, permission of throws by feet, permission of all throws except tsuru goshi, ushiro goshi, kata guruma and uki otoshi and permission or prohibition of all arm-bars for easier judging and coaching.

Concerning the frequency of U15 and U18 & U21 World Championships, the proposal was: U18 and U21 World Championships every two years in the second quarter of the year, because it has been proven and there are no difficulties with Seniors World Championships in the second half of the year. U15 tournaments are a good idea for funded youth exchanges in addition to the system of high-performance sports.

Decision:

The discussion showed the need of further preparations in a committee. As JJIF offers U15 Championship, elementary points had been voted:



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A vote was done by the attendants that in U15 rules, the general JJIF fighting rules are valid. Additional:

Part 1: it is allowed to execute Kicks and punches to the head but they must have no contact to the head,

Part 2: in general all throws are allowed and restrictions on dangerous sacrifice techniques and makikomi techniques shall be defined by need.

Part 3: The execution of locks (arm) and strangulation is allowed but the referee must stop the technique it is good enough to have effect. The referee shall not wait for the tapping but announce the "Ippon Part 3". No leg locks allowed

Duo System U15:

Series A-B-C shall be executed with random drawn attack and pre attacks.

No series D (Weapons)

5. Ne-Waza/ BJJ

Mr. Joachim Thumfart stated that both names Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu/ Ne Waza Ju-Jitsu are official and legal parts of sports authorities. The situation is different in some NF. Sweden for Example is not allowed to use the name Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu for Austria and Germany it is very important that it is mentioned like this the have clear position in the National Olympic Committee so we must use both names in order to be approved by the Olympic Committee.

Moreover, he stated that Brazilian ju-jitsu and Ne Waza, are not so different, and that a lot of Brazilian Ju- Jitsu might like to come in JJIF.

The sports director also proposed we should check the trademark registers. He also posed the question of having more categories in Ne Waza.

The categories are: Women – 55 -62 -72 +70

Men -62 -69 -77 -85 -94 +94

Mr. Thumfart proposed that we should make categories identical to the fighting system, except superlight and if there is not the minimum amount of athletes in this category, it will be out.

JJIF must give Ne-Waza space in World and Combat Games. Brazilian Ju-Jitsu exists but is not recognized by federations.

Mr. Christian Horvath proposed that we shall cut the number of referee decisions by written rules. He supported that it is important for JJIF to have written rules and make the rules same as they do not accept Ne Waza because it has a different rulebook.

Regarding the Ne-Waza system, the JJIF opted from the beginning of the Ne-Waza for 5 categories:

- To the women:--58kg, -70kg

- To the men: --70kg, -85kg, +85kg

He supported that is necessary to increase gradually the number category. With only 5 categories, we interest only very few fighters. Numerous fighters can turn to BJJ which offers them a very consequent number of weight categories and also a level by belt.



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Now, our quality organizations attract many competitors.

The proposition will be:

- For the women: -55Kg, -62Kg, -70Kg, +70Kg
- For the men: -62Kg, -69Kg, -77Kg, -85Kg, +85Kg

We are going to try for experimentation for Jujitsu Ne-Waza some fights of 4 minutes on the Orleans tournament.

Decision:

The weight categories of Ne-Waza/ BJJ will be the same as for fighting system.

The following weight categories will be utilized in the World Championships and continental competitions held under the auspices of the JJIF for men and women:

Women: -49kg, -55kg, -62kg, -70kg, +70kg

Men: -56kg, -62kg, -69kg, -77kg, -85kg, -94kg, +94kg

Regarding the time, we leave it as it is (6), for now we will just test if the test is successful on 2015 we will change the time from 6 to 5 minutes.

For technical reasons the points for a win by submission shall be 99:0

There was a proposal made by Mr. Horvath, Ne-Waza committee of JJEU, to have a similar format of the rules of Fighting, Duo and Ne-Waza/ BJJ.

This idea was accepted by the assembly but no changes to the rules shall be done.

6. Athletes' Commission

A proposal was made by the Athletes' Commission, that in order to attract sponsors and cities interested in organizing/hosting events, we need a standardized programming system regarding the events.

This means that the JJIF approved tournaments will be organized in the same period every second year.

Every second year, the JJIF will give its patronage to the following events:

World Championships (WC) (seniors + juniors/aspirants)

- Seniors – second half of November
- Juniors – second half of September

In in the year without a WC there will be Continental Championships (seniors + juniors/aspirants)

- Seniors – last week of May – first week of June
- Juniors – last week of February – first week of March

With 2 years periodic circle, the JJIF would increase the importance of these events. The total amounts of Category A and B events for an athlete will be reduced to the half. This guarantees a high presence of Athletes.



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In the years 2012/2013 the Combination of a late WC (Dec 2012), the EC (June 2013), the World Games (Jul 2013) and the SportAccoord Combat Games (Oct 213) had a high density of high level events for the Athletes from Europe. The Athletes from other Continental Unions had a very similar situation. This leads to the absence of many athletes at the last competition the SportAccord Combat Games (Oct 2013) in Russia. This absence was due to many injuries which are coming from the missing recovery time in between the high level events. A decrease of these events will lead to a higher quality of the single events.

Furthermore, athletes from small federations often have to pay their costs on their own. For them tournaments with such a high frequency are not affordable. In the spirit of the sports attitude, everyone should have the same chances to become i.e. WC. With an expansion of the period in between the tournaments this will become more likely.

No decision was made.

7. Referee issues

There were no referee issues brought forth before the delegates of the Technical Congress.

8. Miscellaneous

The JJIF President indicated that JJIF must stop the glory of World Championship as it is big and has no future. Furthermore, the World Championship is not possible to have participants from all over the world and Mr. President suggested, that the international cups will take place in the country that the majority of athletes who will participate in the Cup, will be able to travel.

Mr. President proposed that we must exclude totally the CH U15.

He also stated that is important each national federation to look after the special treatment, food and accommodation of the athletes very carefully.

He emphasized that JJIF's policy is to educate. It is time to educate the referees and give kids the opportunity to work on techniques, as JJIF must not treat them as grown-ups. We must protect them from injuries, not push them to work hard just for a title. Moreover, JJIF must promote ju-jitsu out of EU. Concerning the Open CH in Paris on 2014, we must fix the days earlier, because JJIF needs organization.

We must motivate the athletes to go for duo.

No debate existed on these issues and no decision was made.

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