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STATUTES OF THE JU-JITSU EUROPEAN UNION (JJEU)

(The Federation of European Ju-Jitsu Organizations)

NOTE: ~~strike text~~ – taking out or changed or put into other sections of Statute
Yellow bolded – changes or updates or harmonization with JJIF

Comment by the General Secretary: this is a draft proposal for new JJEU Statutes. Comments and suggestions are welcome up to 26.2.2016 (JJEU Board meeting). It is based on the statute from 2008 (valid at the moment but not yet harmonized with 2015 version of JJIF).

Of course members may propose changes from 26.2.2016 up to the 17.3.2016 as amendments (requires text of proposal with short explanation). Some changes may apply after JJIF evaluation of the text also as they need to approve our Statutes.

JJEU General Assembly will evaluate and discuss proposals and changes with aim to have wide support of our new Statutes. Please read carefully, your suggestions and comments are highly appreciated.

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CHAPTER 1 THE EUROPEAN JU JITSU UNION

1.1 BACKGROUND

In 1977, following a joint initiative from Germany, Italy and Sweden, the European Ju Jitsu Federation (EJJF) was founded. Ten years later in 1987, when all main European Countries were already members of EJJF the scope of the initiative was expanded to the world- wide scenario.

In fact in 1987 the International Assembly founded the International Ju Jitsu Federation (IJJF) EJJF continued its activity becoming one of the continental Unions within IJJF, as EJJU.

After the recognition received by the General Association of International Sports Federations in 1993 and the first participation to world-wide multi-sport event (IWGA 1997), the Ju Jitsu International General Assembly of 1998, in order to meet some public relations requirements towards further expansion and recognitions, decided to change the name from International Ju Jitsu Federation (IJJF) to Ju Jitsu International Federation (JJIF) and Ju Jitsu European Union (JJEU).

JJEU by definition and in respect to this Statutes link and combine sport and martial arts clubs, associations and organisations practicing, which in principle label same or similar sport and martial arts, respectively named as ju-jitsu, jiu-jitsu, ju-jutsu, modern ju-jitsu, traditional ju-jitsu, self-defence etc.

~~The JJEU statutes were written and approved for the first time by the General Assembly in Maribor (May 2004), and revised in Madrid (November 2004)~~

1.2 THE MISSION

1.2.1 The mission of the Ju-Jitsu European Union is to gather ~~jutsukas~~ national unions and federations from all European Countries, and to develop a spirit of friendship ~~and interaide~~, fair play, peace and understanding among formal Ju-Jitsu organisations all over the continent. Beyond competition, Ju-Jitsu involves the development of spirit, mind and body, through the development of technical and moral skills, practical application of ju-jitsu to everyday life, building leadership and rounding characters.

1.2.1 JJEU, in coordination and approval of JJIF and within the capabilities, assists, support and help developing ju-jitsu worldwide with the knowledge, expertise and personal.

1.2.3 JJEU co-ordinates European activities of Ju-Jitsu, within the JJIF frame work, establishes technical and organisational rules, organises and controls European events, represents Ju-Jitsu Europe wide and makes decisions on possible controversial matters. JJEU assists the National Federations in their activities, support and develop regional and club organisation, cooperation and activities within members and in compliance with JJIF framework and this Statute.

1.2.4 JJEU is a non-political and non-profit organisation and does not differentiate or discriminate countries, National Federations or individuals for reasons of race, colour, gender, sexual orientation, religion or political opinion. ~~faces and religions~~. The JJEU is the European forum where the National Official Sport Authorities can debate issues related to the practice of Ju-Jitsu in order to establish European Programmes and Activities, and in order to elect the institutions which will implement them.

1.2.5 JJEU may exert limited gainful activities within its programme, approved by the Board, in support of the JJEU main activities, member's assistance, promotion of activities, development of sport and martial arts and for particular projects in which JJEU participates or assist (such as donors and sponsor contracts, advertising, organisation of travels, booking activities, publishing books, magazines, publications, bulletins, website and social media advertising, organisation of training and other camps, social events and other sport activities...).

1.2.6 JJEU shall work as transparent non-government organisation, provide transparency in decision making, provide accounting transparency, provide regular information to members and public about

activities and programmes (by annual meetings, social media, internet, e-mail, press conferences etc.).

1.3 ESSENCE

1.3.1 Ju-Jitsu is Art, Philosophy, Education, Sport and certainly cannot be limited to this last concept; therefore attention is attributed to the Ethical aspects of this ancient Martial Art and dedicated bodies address these aspects within JJEU. JJEU authorities, bodies and officials encourages trust and values of Ju-jitsu Ethics Code and Code of Ethics of International Olympic Committee (IOC).

1.3.2 The governing bodies of JJEU will monitor the various proposals coming from the JJIF, the National Members and institutional committees within JJEU. The governing bodies must assure that all members respect of codes and aims of JJEU and JJIF.

~~1.3.3 It will be possible for the JJEU General Assembly to raise, at any time, the matter of “persona non grata” for serious legal/moral/ethical behavioural issues regarding any JJEU representative. At that point the Assembly will be called to vote on the continuation of the mandate regardless that this has reached the end of its term (in respect to the section 3.1.14).~~

1.4 HEAD OFFICES, LANGUAGE, LOGO AND FLAG

~~1.4.1 The official addresses of the JJEU are respectively were the President, the Secretary General or the Treasurer are located, unless decided differently by the Assembly. Board proposes and General Assembly decides where the official address as current legal seat (registered office) and headquarters of the JJEU will be.~~

Nevertheless JJEU may have a branch addresses as operational headquarters' address for particular activities inherent to the JJEU, if so decided by the Board.

Yearly fiscal declaration is made to the taxation authorities at the JJEU legal seat.

1.4.2 The official language of the JJEU is English.

1.4.3 The official logo of JJEU is, for the internal part, the same as the JJIF one. In the circular line around the outer part of the logo are seven yellow stars on the each side, with text “JU-JITSU” on the top of the circle and “EUROPEAN UNION” on the bottom of the circle. Text is in dark blue colour, background is in the light blue colour.

1.4.4 The JJEU flag has got the background in light blue, with the JJEU logo in the centre.

1.4.5 JJEU logo and flag are copyright protected. JJEU Board accepts the Rule with details about logo and flag, for use, protection and directions for external application.

CHAPTER 2 MEMBERSHIP, CONDITIONS, SPORT ACTIVITIES

2.1 MEMBERSHIP

~~2.1.1 Any National Organisation Federation of Ju-Jitsu in Europe can apply for membership to the JJEU.~~

~~2.1.2 JJEU will evaluate and give recommendations to JJIF. After being approved as a Member of JJIF, the candidate also becomes a member of JJEU.~~

~~2.1.3 The Statutes of the National Organisations which apply must be in harmony with the Statutes of JJIF/JJEU ones.~~

~~2.1.4 – If two or more National Organisations exist in the same country, only the one recognised by the National Olympic Committee and/or the highest sport authority of that country, or the one proving to be the most active in that Country, has the right of admission to JJEU.~~

2.1.1 Membership is open 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 National Olympic Committee or the Highest Sport Authority in that country, has the right of admission to the JJIF.

2.1.2 Conditions and obligations of membership are subject to JJIF Statutes and By-laws.

2.1.3 When national ju-jitsu federation from Europe (or other form of national organization or regional organisation) is registered and proper recognized by the JJIF it ex-officio becomes affiliated to JJEU (JJEU member).

2.1.4 JJEU may however (under special circumstances and when in the interest of ju-jitsu) propose and JJIF may approve membership of organization to be affiliated to JJEU even if country of origin is beyond European continent.

2.1.5 JJEU may cooperate and organise joint activities with organisations and other sport entities and associations on local, regional, continental or worldwide level (per example EU organisations and divisions, UN agencies, European Council and its agencies, multinational sport and other organisations and agencies etc.) when in the interest of ju-jitsu in Europe (in respect to the national members, this Statute and JJIF Statute).

2.1.6 JJEU shall give JJIF advisory opinion relating candidate coming from Europe. JJEU assists JJIF in matters involving National Members or candidates for members (information about status, activity etc.)

2.2 SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

2.2.1 Pursing JJIF Statutes JJEU Board may propose to JJIF to suspend and/or terminate membership of the National Member when:

- a) Breach of the JJEU Statutes and By-Laws, established by the General Assembly, Board or JJEU/JJIF Disciplinary Committee. The breach must be remedied within 3 (three) months from the receipt of notification by the Board. In particular situations, upon the request of the defaulting member, the Board may agree with a longer period for remedying the breach. Failure to comply will result in a proposal by the Board to the JJIF to terminate membership;
- b) Upon dissolution or declaration of insolvency of the national member;
- c) Longer time of inactivity (no organisation of events, not participating at JJEU events – including assembly, board and committee work when applicable etc.), established by the General Assembly on request of the Board. Members shall remedy status within 3 (three) months from the receipt of notification by the Board. In particular situations, upon the request of the defaulting member, the Board may agree with a longer period for remedying inactivity. Failure to comply will result in a request by the Board to the General Assembly to propose to JJIF to terminate membership;

2.2-CONDITIONS

~~2.2.1.– The National Organisation or the Associated Organisation which intends to become member of the JJEU must apply directly to the JJEU Secretary General with all necessary documents required in the application form to demonstrate its technical, organisational importance, and competition activity. The General Secretary studies the request and presents it to the Board.~~

~~2.2.2 – The JJEU Board will examine the application in view of a temporary affiliation and may recommend to submit it to the following General Assembly, which can approve or not the membership to the JJIF.~~

~~2.2.3 The vote to grant affiliation will be made by the Board only if the candidate country or association is officially represented at the same General Assembly.~~

2.3 SPORT ACTIVITIES

2.3.1 In order to guarantee proper co-ordination, any sport activity involving three or more Member-Nations must be notified to the competent ~~organ~~ **authority** of the JJEU.

2.3.2 National Member-Federations cannot have sport relationships either with dissident Organisations operating in JJEU Member Countries or with National Member-Federations suspended.

A National Member-Federation doing so, can immediately be suspended and referred to the General Assembly which will decide upon necessary disciplinary sanctions, **following JJEU and JJIF rules.**

2.3.3 ~~On the other hand,~~ in the interest of developing Ju-Jitsu and raising its technical level in every country, friendly sport relationships **and cooperation** with Countries not yet Members of the JJEU are authorised and generally encouraged.

2.3.4 JJEU Board members and Committee Directors may attend any Member's activity event without prior notice. They must be granted free access to all areas related to the event. JJEU Board may appoint observer or a delegate to the events (such as tournaments, camps, championships, general assembly's etc.). JJEU members are obligated to grant same access to JJIF Board members and Committee directors or officials appointed by the JJIF to enforce particular task in relation to the event.

2.3.5 JJEU shall inform about and grant access JJIF Board to continental activities in respect to previous paragraph (championships, general assembly meetings...). JJEU invites the President of JJIF to General Assembly sessions and European championships.

CHAPTER 3 THE GOVERNING BODIES

The Governing Bodies in JJEU are:

- 3.1 The General Assembly;
- 3.2 The Board;
- 3.3 The President;

3.1 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly is the highest governing body within JJEU.

3.1.1 The General assembly meets normally every year. It is composed of:

- The members of the JJEU Board;
- The delegates of JJEU Members;
- The observers;
- The Honorary members;
- The Invited persons;
- **Auditors Committee.**

3.1.2 Each Member can be represented at the General Assembly by no more than two representatives, with only one having the right to vote.

3.1.3 The delegates must have an official document (proxy) signed by the President of the National Federation they represent, showing the name of the delegate of the same nationality having the right to vote. A proxy is not necessary when a Federation is represented by its own President who in any case must have a document proving his status **(or his/her status is recognized by the Board).**

3.1.4 A delegate of a member country cannot have proxy from another member country to have the right to vote during the General Assembly.

3.1.5 The observer and invited people of non-Member Countries have the right to speak (upon authorisation by **the Chairperson** ~~the President of the General Assembly~~) but not to vote.

3.1.6 National Organisations (including regional representatives etc...) and/or affiliated organisations which are not member may be invited to special activities as Observer, provided that their country is not already represented.

3.1.7 The JJEU Secretary General and the JJEU Treasurer will check the proxies and power to vote before the official opening of the General Assembly. In case of contestation, the JJEU Vice President will submit the case to the General Assembly.

3.1.8 **In principle** the General Assembly will be chaired (**the Chairperson**) over by the President of JJEU or, in his/her absence, by a Vice President. He is helped by the JJEU Secretary General or, in his absence, ~~by the JJEU Vice President~~ **by any other present member of the Board or appointed official.** **President may give the power to chair the General Assembly to General Secretary or Board member approved before. The President has opening and concluding speech.**

3.1.9 There will be only one call to the meeting. **In principle the session of the General Assembly is private (General Assembly may decided differently at the beginning of the session, proposed by the Board or at least three full members with the right to vote). External parties may attend when invited. The minutes of the General Assembly and financial documents (budget, balance) however are public afterwards and published at official website.**

3.1.10 Decisions made will only be valid in presence of at least one third of the Member-Federations or their delegates. **The General Assembly decides by majority of votes.** Decision on special issues must be passed with a qualified majority:

- a) **In case of modification to the Statutes the presence required is at least 2/3 of the Members ~~or Delegates~~ and with 2/3 of votes of the delegates in attendance;**
- b) **Dissolution of the JJEU requires at least 2/3 of the Members and at least 4/5 of votes of the delegates in attendance.**

If the quorum is not met, a second General Assembly will be convened, at least 15 days later but at least 45 days later. In this second General Assembly there are no quorum requirements. Board indicated place and date of second General Assembly.

3.1.11 The Members of the JJEU Board have no right to vote at the Assembly. If they represent officially a national Federation ~~with a regular proxy~~ **(in respect to the section 3.1.3)**, they can vote on behalf of that Federation.

3.1.12 ~~The General Assembly decides by majority of votes.~~ Generally speaking, the vote is given by nominal call. For elections, for peculiar or delicate matters, proposed by the President, or whenever a Member (supported by at least 3 other Members) of the General Assembly requires it, the vote is held secretly.

3.1.13 If there is only one candidate the vote is **can be** done by acclamation. If there are more than two candidates there is a first vote by candidate. The candidate(s) with the less votes is (are) ignored, and there is a final vote for the two remaining candidates.

In the event of a tie, the final decision is made ~~by the President~~ **by the Board in respect to this Statute and JJEU/JJIF regulations.**

3.1.14 If a vote of "non confidence" towards a member of the Board is asked by minimum five **full national members** ~~participants of the Assembly~~, **General Assembly will vote on that proposal in respect to the section 3.1.10.a). 2/3 of the votes are required to get the resignation of this member.** If the "non confidence" is voted the rights and obligations of the respected position are suspended immediately.

3.1.15 The General Assembly meets where the previous General Assembly has decided. An even rotation among the Member-Countries is taken in consideration.

In case the ~~country~~ **organiser** designated cannot cope with the organisation, then the General Assembly meets at another ~~country~~ **place and time** chosen by the JJEU Board.

3.1.16 The General Assembly:

- elects the Members of the JJEU Board, ~~by secret vote,~~
- approves the Statutes and Regulations, proposed by the JJEU Board and modifying them, if necessary,
- rules as a last resort upon any matters connected with Ju-Jitsu **in Europe,**
- ratifies and discusses policies undertaken by Members of the JJEU Board, including applications for affiliations and proposals presented by the Member-Federations,
- **gives proposals to JJIF Board and JJIF General Assembly (relating any activity within JJIF/JJEU and general),**
- ~~and~~ decides on any other general matter.

3.1.17 The General Assembly can only rule items on the agenda.

3.1.18 At least ~~three months~~ **90 days** before the scheduled date of the General Assembly meeting, the Member-Federations can propose items to be included in the agenda.

3.1.19 At least ~~one month~~ **30 days** before the scheduled date of the General Assembly meeting, the JJEU Secretary General sends to every Member-Federation and applicant-Federation and, when appropriate, to Observers, the agenda, based on items presented by Member-Federations or by the JJEU Board.

3.1.20 The items not included in the agenda, but proposed to the General Secretary at the beginning of the General Assembly meeting can be discussed as last item of the Agenda provided the majority consents. In case of lack of time, they will defer to the JJEU Board or, according to the importance of the issue, to the next General Assembly of the JJEU

3.1.21 The General Assembly meeting is summoned by letter or circular note sent at least ~~one month~~ **30 days** before the scheduled date and such letter or circular note should contain all documents related to the General Assembly upon which decisions have to be made. The letter or a subsequent note must also specify the date and place of the meeting.

3.1.22 Committee Directors, Auditors and executive officers must be notified about General Assembly's call with agenda and materials.

3.1.23 General Secretary, or in absence person, delegated by the Board, is taking the minutes of the session. Minutes must accurately record what have been discussed (summary), what decisions accepted and actions taken. Minutes are signed by person, recording it and the President (in his absence the Chairperson) and two scrutineers, elected by the General Assembly at the beginning of the assembly session.

3.1.24 Extraordinary Assembly can be called by the JJEU Board or on request of at least 2/3 of the member countries. In that case it has to be summoned within ~~three months~~ **90 days** from the date of the registered letter, specifying the motives and request, is received by the ~~JJEU President~~ **General Secretary**. The reason to call an Extra Ordinary Assembly must be specified in detail and mentioned in the agenda of the invitation. **The extraordinary General Assembly can rule only on the items on the agenda when summoned.**

3.2 THE JJEU BOARD

3.2.1 GENERAL POINTS

JJEU Board is main operational governing body within JJEU.

3.2.1.1 The JJEU Board is composed of four persons with right to vote, elected by the General Assembly and in principle of one person, appointed by the Board (with no right to vote) ~~four members elected:~~

- a) Four members elected by the General Assembly:
 - the President,
 - the 1st Vice President (senior VP, Financial Director - Treasurer)
 - the 2nd Vice President
 - the General Secretary ~~and the Treasurer.~~
- b) One member, appointed by the Board:
 - the Technical Director.

The Committee Directors can be invited when issues within their domain are treated. They have no right to vote.

Pursuing JJIF Statute elected President of JJEU is ex officio Vice-President of the JJIF Board from Europe.

3.2.1.2 The members of the JJEU Board with right to vote are in charge for four years. ~~In case of resignation the member for which the resignations is accepted should not be more than.~~ In principle 1st Vice President is also responsible for the Budget as Financial Director. Nevertheless Board may appoint one additional person to the Board as Financial Director to administer and control JJEU financial transactions as approved and sanctioned by the General Assembly and the Board. That person shall not have the right to vote.

3.2.1.3 The resigning member of the Board can be re-elected.

~~3.2.1.4 The elected Board members shall not come from the same country.~~

The elected members of the Board:

- a) cannot be from the same country;
- b) cannot cover the same position in the JJIF Board.
- c) cannot be first degree relatives or spouses;
- d) cannot be associates or partners in the same or related business organisation;
- e) cannot have an employer – employee relationship;
- f) cannot not have been convicted of any criminal offence including fraud, dishonesty, sexual related offences, hate crime or of any serious criminal offence against a person or being convicted imprisonment;
- g) cannot not have “persona-non-grata” status in JJIF or any member of JJIF;
- h) cannot not have been imposed with the disciplinary sanction by the Disciplinary Committee (JJEU, JJIF or one’s national member) for the reason of unethical behaviour or heavy violation of fair play or breaching anti-doping rules. Under period of probation one can perform its duties if General Assembly do not decide other ways;
- i) should have a proper education level.

3.2.1.5 It is desirably that women are equally involved, elected and appointed to the Board and Committees and overall activities within JJEU.

~~3.2.1.4 – The President and the Treasurer at the same time at the next general Assembly after the World Games, and the Vice president and Secretary General two years later.~~

3.2.1.5 The Board will meet at least once a year and in person, definitely, during the days preceding the General Assembly. The Board can be summoned by the President, anytime the President judges it necessary or upon request from the JJEU Board’s majority.

3.2.1.6 The Board makes any decision connected with the activities, documents, strategies and management issues or objective of the JJEU, and ratifies or modifies the urgent decisions made by the President.

3.2.1.7 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.

3.2.1.8 Decisions are made by the simple majority of votes. Voting is by roll call. In the event of a tie in the Board the President has the casting vote.

3.2.1.9 Minutes of the meeting of the Board are kept in file and the General Secretary must inform all Members about main decisions made.

3.2.1.10 The Board shall adopt Rules of Procedure to define mode of operations of General Assembly, Board, Committees and other sub-bodies etc. (per example recording, storing, reviling and transcription of the meetings, technical details of voting procedures, candidature process, workflow of information, information correspondences, organisation of meetings, video conferences, e-conferences, approval of minutes, record of decision etc.).

3.2.2 THE ELECTIONS

~~3.2.2.1 The candidacy to run as Member of the JJEU Board when some positions are due to expire has to be presented to the JJEU Secretary General at least three months before the date of the General Assembly meeting.~~

3.2.2.1 Candidatures for the various positions must come from Full National Members and must reach the 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. Details are defined in the Rules of Procedure.

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

3.2.2.3 A person may be a candidate for a number of positions within the JJEU 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.

3.2.2.4 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 JJEU National Members with right to vote at the time of the support. Proof of support from the JJIF National Members must be confirmed in writing (print or electronic mail) and presented with the candidature.

3.2.2.5 The 3 scrutinizers elected distribute, collect and count the ballots, unless the ballot is carried out electronically.

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

3.2.2.7 The order of the election is as follows:

- a) the President;
- b) the General Secretary;
- c) the 1st Vice President;
- d) the 2nd Vice-president;

e) the Auditors' Committee, if applicable.

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

3.2.2.9 The President, the General Secretary and the Senior Vice President (acting 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.

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

3.2.2.11 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 until next General Assembly.

In case of vacancy of the other Board member positions, in the interim period, before the elections for this particular position (per example 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.

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

~~3.2.2.2 National Members will be informed by the JJEU Secretary General about such a candidacy with copy of the application attached to the invitation to the General Assembly.~~

~~3.2.2.3 All candidates must be members of a Full Member Organisation. The candidacy as a member of the Board has to be approved, in writing, by the President of candidate's National Organisation.~~

~~3.2.2.4 To avoid conflict of interests, the candidate to a specific position in the JJEU Board:~~

~~a) cannot cover the same position in the JJIF Board;~~

~~3.2.2.5 When a Board position is definitely vacant, the remaining Board members can fill this position by cooptation. A formal election must be organised at the following next General Assembly. This co-opted Board member is automatically candidate for his position. A position can be held the remaining time of the vacant position~~

3.2.3 THE PRESIDENT

~~3.2.3.1 The President is elected by the majority of votes in the General Assembly. He~~ directs the JJEU and represents it before other parties.

3.2.3.2 In case of President's resignation, his function will be entrusted to the **senior** Vice President, until the following normal terms of election.

3.2.3.3 In the event of a tie in the JJEU Board the President has the casting vote.

3.2.3.4 In case of urgency the President decides upon the most important matters; decisions must be approved at **next** JJEU Board meeting, and ratified by the next General Assembly **if applicable.**

3.2.3.5 The President is responsible for Board work, performance and efficiency. The President distributes responsibilities and tasks within the Board members if not already specified in the Statute and by-laws.

3.2.4 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND APPOINTED MEMBERS

~~3.2.4.1 Other Members of the JJEU Board are separately elected by the General Assembly.~~

3.2.4.2 The senior Vice President helps the President and takes his place when he is unavailable.

3.2.4.3 The General Secretary takes care of the secretarial matters and of administrative relationships with the Member Federations, with Associated Organisations and with third parties when delegated by the President.

3.2.4.4 The **Vice President** - Treasurer is responsible for the treasury of the JJEU, of which he is to keep regular accounts, **following JJIF and JJEU Financial Rules and financial and tax laws.**

3.2.4.5 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 JJEU on the Board or the Committees. An Appointed Member has no voting right.

CHAPTER 4 OPERATING STRUCTURE: THE COMMITTEES

4.1 In order to improve efficiency and effectiveness in its management and in order to accommodate national requirements and/or necessities of local Ju-Jitsu activities, ~~the JJEU Board may decree the appointment of JJEU Committee's and still maintain an overall co-ordination role and powers.~~ **Board may constitute and dissolve commissioners, committees, appoint committee agenda, define responsibilities, rules of procedure as it find appropriate to follow JJEU mission, values and essence and maintain overall coordination and powers. JJEU Committees should cooperate with related committees under JJIF and other continents. Committee's members have no fix mandate.**

4.2 The Members of the Committees will adhere and honour the spirit and the content of the JJEU Statutes **and by-laws** and will take responsibility for the local complementation of the JJEU directives. ~~...are reporting directly to the President of JJEU.~~

~~4.3 The needed committees will be appointed by the JJEU Board according to the needs.~~

In principle JJEU has committees to address following areas, important for professional and expert assistance and enforcement of decisions, development, innovation, progress and cooperation within ju-jitsu mission, values and essence:

- a) Sport and technical matters (including education, event organisation, coaches, self defence, martial arts development and inovations...);**
- b) Referring matters (seminars, licensing, qualifications...);**
- c) Medical and anti doping issues (following WADA rules and recommendations...);**
- d) Disciplinary, fair play and ethical issues (following JJIF and IOC code of ethics...);**
- e) Media and sponsoring matters (including public relations, media coverage, website...);**
- f) Development and EU cooperation matters (including cooperation and support to other continents, organisations...);**
- g) Women involvement and participation;**
- h) Athletes' involvement and participation;**
- i) Sports with handicapped (rules to special needs, event organisation, participation...);**

4.4 The European Committees are guided by a Director and are composed by individual Members of JJEU (Councillors). The Directors are appointed by nomination by the JJEU Board. The members of the committees are proposed by the directors and appointed by the JJEU Board.

4.5 The Board may open nomination process for the composition of the committees and committee directors with aim to gain the best listing of the candidates willing to actively participate in the particular area of work. Board is not liable to grant position to any of the candidates from the list.

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

4.7 Specific regulations regarding the establishment, functioning and duties of the Committees and/or Commissions are defined in by-laws and Rules of Procedures.

~~4.4 The task of ensuring the respect of the operating principles of JJEU and of stimulating innovation and progress of JJEU is entrusted to specific Committees.~~

4.5 The activities will be reported for rectification or ratification by **at** next General Assembly.

CHAPTER 5 ECONOMY

5.1 The Financial Year begins on January 1st and expires on December 31st.

5.2 A financial report related to the previous fiscal year must be presented by the Treasurer every year to the General Assembly.

5.3 Each General Assembly elects two Auditors who cannot be part of the JJEU Board and not a member of the same country as the Treasurer. These auditors will control the expenses, will check the book-keeping and will report first to the Board and then to the General Assembly.

The auditors can only be removed by the General Assembly. **General Assembly cannot accept annual report and discharge the Board for previous year without Auditors Report (or operational audit if requested).**

5.4 All JJEU Executives give their co-operation free of charge and on an honorary basis. For the refund of routine expenses, if possible, budgetary amounts are stated every year by the JJEU Board, and will be incorporated into the budget for the year.

5.5 Fees

5.5.1 All activity fees must be paid as indicated in the JJEU **and JJIF** Financial Rules.

~~5.5.2 – Each Member must pay every year, before the end of February, an annual fee stated by the last General Assembly.~~

~~5.5.3 The Members which do not pay their fees by the date as stated in the JJEU Financial Rules, will automatically be suspended from all European and international activities until payment has been made.~~

5.5.4 The Members which still owe their fees by the date of the General Assembly meeting have the right to take part in the General Assembly programme but have no right to vote.

~~5.5.5 The Members which are suspended for more than two years because of not paying their fees will be expelled from the JJEU.~~

CHAPTER 6 OTHER DISPOSITIONS

6.1 DATA AND INFORMATION PROTECTION

JJEU will follow data and information protection rules and guide lines of JJIF.

Any person involved or cooperating with JJEU shall be notified which data and the range of data collected. It is understood that by participating in JJEU activities (events, seminars, camps, tournaments, championships, meetings, assemblies...) any person involved consent with data and information collecting and processing. JJEU shall however limit the extend of data processing to the minimum range needed and in accordance of JJEU and JJIF Statutes, by-laws and Board or Assembly decisions. JJEU shall not sell, give or disclosure personal data to third parties (but not limited to competent state and sport authorities and when particular consent from the person has been given).

Appropriate security measures shall be taken for the protection of personal data against unauthorized destruction or accidental loss, as well as against unauthorized access, alteration, or dissemination. All authorised JJEU personal (board members, committee directors and members, IT experts, contract parties cooperating with JJEU etc.) shall sign Privacy Policy Statement.

Nevertheless transparency is one of the mission objectives of JJEU, Board may decide anytime to label certain data or information (document, part of the document etc.) as business secret and person(s) with clearance to that information. Under certain conditions those information may be or may not be disclosed to the members or JJIF in full or limited scale. Conditions and procedures shall be detailed in the JJEU Rules of Procedure.

If data or information is requested by the competent authority (such as court, tax authorities, information commissioner etc.) data or information shall be provided at earliest convenient time no matter the level of classification. Competent authority shall be notified about nature and classification of data or information.

6.1 STATUTES

~~6.1.1 These Statutes will rule from the day of the approval by the General Assembly.~~

~~6.1.2 Any modifications must be approved by the General Assembly according to the majority of votes provided that at least 2/3 of the Members or Delegates are present for voting and with 2/3 of vote.~~

~~6.1.3 The proposed modifications to the text of the Statutes will have to be presented to the General Secretary at least one month before the date of the General Assembly meeting.~~

~~6.1.4 To harmonize the mandates and electoral processes with the JJIF Statute JJEU General Assembly 2012 is electoral for the whole JJEU Board. JJEU Board remains of four persons: President, Vice President, General Secretary, and Treasurer. Electoral procedures for 2012 electoral GA are following JJIF Statutes. Up to the next JJEU General Assembly new JJEU Board will prepare and file to JJIF Board for approval the new JJEU Statutes, harmonized with the new JJIF one as indicated in the 12.2 JJIF Statutes.~~

6.2 PROTOCOL

6.2.1 A previous member of the Board can be awarded an Honorary Membership by the General Assembly.

6.2.2 The Board can propose awards to the General Assembly for persons or institutions with recognized merits in the development of our sport (Life Time Achievement Award etc.).

6.2.3 JJEU Board prepares regulations on awards, merits and appreciations.

6.3 DISSOLUTION

6.3.1 The JJEU may be dissolved in one of the following ways:

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

6.3.2 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 JJEU assets and pay(s) all JJEU liabilities. The remaining patrimony (if any) will be transferred to JJIF.

~~In the event of dissolution the properties of JJEU will be hand over to the JJIF.~~

6.4 SANCTIONS

6.4.1 If one or more situation occurs from section 3.2.1.4, from a) to g), the Board shall recognize immediate termination of the position on the first session after official information or facts of the case are on the table.

6.4.2 In case of point h) from section 3.2.1.4 Board may temporarily terminate the position with immediate effect and propose to the General Assembly to terminate the position on the first session.

6.4.3 It will be possible for the General Assembly to raise, at any time, the matter of "*persona non grata*" for serious legal/moral/ethical behavioural issues regarding any JJEU ~~representative~~ official or member's representative or official. At that point the assembly will be called to vote on the continuation of the mandate regardless the duration of the term of the office (in respect to the section 3.1.14). The proposal may come from the Board or at least three full members.

6.5 TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS OF PREVIOUS VERSIONS

6.5.1 From Statute, accepted by General Assembly in Maribor – Slovenia 24.5.2004 and revised at General Assembly Madrid Spain 26.11.2004 in chapter 4 of the Statutes following text were added:

The Ju-Jitsu European Union is deeply grateful to the Srečko Kroppe M.A. from Slovenian Ju-Jitsu Federation, Dario Quenza from Associazione Italiana Ju Jitsu and Tom Kempkens from Judo Bond Nederland for their contribution to the content of this booklet – version accepted on JJEU GA on May 24th 2004.

6.5.2 From Statute, accepted by General Assembly in Genoa, 10.5.2015, Italy, in paragraph 6.1 additional amendment was added as new paragraph 6.1.4 (and was changed with this version of Statutes):

"To harmonize the mandates and electoral processes with the JJIF Statute JJEU General Assembly 2012 is electoral for the whole JJEU Board. JJEU Board remain of four persons: President, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer. Electoral procedures for 2012 electoral GA are following JJIF Statutes. Up to the next JJEU General Assembly new JJEU Board will prepare and file to JJIF Board for approval the new JJEU Statutes, harmonized with the new JJIF one as indicated in the 12.2 JJIF Statutes".

6.6 TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

6.6.1 In case of any inconsistency between the Statutes and any other JJEU 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.

6.6.2 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.

6.6.3 (*vacatio legis*) this Statute become effective after the adoption on the General Assembly session and publishing on JJEU official website (www.jjeu.eu) – conditioned with the preliminary approval of JJIF, in respect to the article 10.2 of JJIF Statutes (July 15, 2015).

6.5.4 JJEU Board shall prepare and accept necessary by-laws and rules up to the next General Assembly.

6.5.5 To avoid actions under paragraph 2.1.1 and 2.2 JJEU Members shall provide activity status report as requested by the Board with questionnaire September 16, 2015 (source: www.jjeu.eu) and prove to comply with sections 2.1.1 of this Statute in respect of section 5 of JJIF Statute (July 15, 2015) and point 11 of Minutes of JJIF Executive Board meeting 30.1.2016 no later than June 1st 2016!

6.7 REGISTRATION OF CHANGES

- Approved by the General Assembly held in Maribor, Slovenia on May 24, 2004
- Revised by the General Assembly held in Móstoles, Madrid, on November 26, 2004
- Presented and approved by the JJEU General Assembly, held in Torino, Italy, on May 25 2007;
- Revised by the JJEU General Assembly, held in Antwerp, Belgium, on May 9, 2008;
- Revised (editorial corrigendum) by JJEU Board on a meeting held in Ligniano Sabbiadoro, Italy, on August 9 2008 and Novi Sad, Serbia, on September 27, 2008:
- Approved by the JJIF Board, date and place.....
- Revised and approved by the extraordinary General Assembly, Madrid, Spain, March 17, 2016.

Place and date:

Signature:

Alcobendas, Spain, March 17 2016

Dario Quenza
JJEU President