

Presentation of JJEU ETM group for NeWaZa

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- * Summary of day 1 - developing Newaza - JuJitsu

At the ETM meeting in Planica Slovenia we discussed several items. The base set of questions was described as next:

PANEL 1 “The development of the Ne-Waza System”

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a) How can we make Ne-Waza more attractive to the audience and the media? How can we make it more dynamic?

b) Would it be a good idea to decrease the time from 6 min to 4 min? How about going to 4 min and if there is an equal score, to extend it to maximum 6 min, using the golden-score rule?
Answer is NO.

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Outcome of the discussion of

For making Newaza more attractive its necessary to implement the next changes

- 1 We need to start with “Education of the audience” Which can be reached by setting up a you tube channel, with (live) coverage of the competitions organized under auspices of JJEU and JJIF and if possible National Federations.
- 2 Referees need to be more active in punishing (giving penalty’s) So the fighters will be more active.
- 3 Starting the use of Care System (a video system with a delay of 8 seconds where a table referee can look and see if the decision of the MAT referee is correct (or if missed can be given). This can be easy arranged only thing we need is to write the process how to work with this, on CALL or continues. (board decision to start at Paris Open 2017)

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4. **Education of the referees.**
 *Re-examination of the Newaza - JuJitsu referees might be needed. A lot of the referees became Newaza referee years ago, Newaza developed quick, but a lot of referees did not follow the development of Newaza. When we started we started with a lot of medium educated, practice Newaza level. At this moment most of the competitors are purple/brown/black belt fighters but Newaza referees are still on medium educated level. Also the assessment of the referees by a non-well known Newaza/BJJ referee is not correct. Points given to a referee about performance has to be given on real level.
 *If necessary we need to degrade referees. If a score at a JJEU event is lower than 7.5 he has to be degraded back.
5. We might need to pay the referees so UAEJJF and IBJJF referees are willing to participate in the JJIF and continental events. (risk is that all referees like to be paid.....)

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- 6 We maybe need to change the referee directors structure. It seems needed that we have specialists in the committee. With all respect to the common structure its necessary to change the committee.
- 7 We need to setup a group of experts with a head referee at each event. They need to support the referees.
- 8 We maybe need to add No-Gi to the competition. A lot of Newaza - BJJ fighters are also competing in NoGi competitions. This is also a item what was given several times by JJIF.

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Conclusion:

The referees are The most important “part” in The Newaza JuJitsu system.

Conclusion is that development of a some of the referees is a MUST. The level of some Newaza referees has to be improved to a higher level. With referees which are part of the “games/fights” we are sure that by leading the fight in a correct way, the games can become more attractive because of moment of passivity the referee can give a punishment.

Also the audience has to be helped in learning the Newaza - BJJ system, a Youtube channel with live coverage can help the audience to be aware of the Newaza game.

Proposal is to start investigation together with JJIF and UAEJJF responsible people and see what is possible of the proposed options.

