



STATUTE

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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) and 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 a 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, links and combines 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.

1.2 THE MISSION

1.2.1 The mission of the Ju-Jitsu European Union is to gather national unions and federations from all European Countries, and to develop a spirit of friendship, 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.

1.2.2 JJEU, in coordination and approval of JJIF and within its capabilities, assists, supports and helps developing ju-jitsu worldwide with knowledge, expertise and personal.

1.2.3 JJEU coordinates European activities of Ju-Jitsu, within the JJIF framework, 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, supports and develops regional and club organisation, cooperation and activities within members and in compliance with the 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. 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, members assistance, promotion of activities, development of sport and martial arts and for particular projects in which JJEU participates or assists (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 sports activities...).

1.2.6 JJEU shall work as a transparent non-governmental organisation, provide transparency in decision-making, provide accounting transparency, provide regular information to members and the public about its 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 encourage 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 In case of any conflict or inconsistency between JJIF Statutes and JJEU Statutes, then JJIF Statutes shall take precedence to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

1.4 HEAD OFFICES, LANGUAGE, LOGO AND FLAG

1.4.1 The Board proposes and the General Assembly decides where in Europe the official address as current legal seat (registered office) of the JJEU will be.

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

1.4.3 The yearly fiscal declaration is made to the fiscal authorities at the JJEU legal seat.

1.4.4 The official language of the JJEU is English.

1.4.5 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. The text is in dark blue colour, the background is in the light blue colour.

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

1.4.7 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 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 JJEU. 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 JJEU.

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

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

2.1.4 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 sports 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).

2.1.5 JJEU shall give JJIF advisory opinion relating candidates 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 Pursuing JJIF Statutes, JJEU may propose to JJIF to suspend and/or terminate membership of the member in the following situations:

- 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 suspend or terminate membership;
- b) Dissolution or insolvency declared of the national member will result in a proposal by the Board to the JJIF to terminate membership;
- c) Longer time period 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;
- d) National Member-Federations cannot have sport relationships with suspended National Member-Federations. 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 ACTIVITIES

2.3.1 In order to guarantee proper coordination, any sports activity involving three or more Member-Nations (Federations) must be notified to the competent authority of the JJEU (Referee Committee, Commissioner etc.).

2.3.2 JJEU Activities in the National Federation's country or federations' member should be notified to National Member before. Same goes to the National Member's activities in other national member or its clubs, associations or organisations. In principle, all activities within Member's country should be coordinated with that Member. JJEU and members should avoid actions against the interest of other members or without consent of that member or without prior information to that member.

2.3.3 In the interest of developing Ju-Jitsu and raising its technical level in every country, friendly sports relationships and cooperation with countries (federations, unions, clubs, associations...) 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 an observer or a delegate to the events (such as tournaments, camps, seminars, championships, general assemblies 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 tasks in relation to the event.

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

CHAPTER 3 THE GOVERNING BODIES

The Governing Bodies in JJEU are:

- a) The General Assembly;
- b) The Board;
- c) The President;

3.1 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3.1.1 The General Assembly is the highest governing body within JJEU.

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

- a) The members of the JJEU Board;
- b) The delegates of JJEU Members;
- c) The observers;
- d) The Honorary members;
- e) The Invited persons;
- f) Auditors' Committee.

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

3.1.4 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 (or permanent residence in respected country) 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/her status (or his/her status is recognized by the Board).

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

3.1.6 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.

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

3.1.8 The Secretary General and the Vice-President (who shall also cumulate the position of Treasurer) will check the proxies and power to vote before the official opening of the General Assembly. In case of contestation, a JJEU Vice President will submit the case to the General Assembly.

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

3.1.10 There will be only one call to the meeting. In principle, the session of the General Assembly is private (General Assembly may decide differently at the beginning of the session, at the proposal of the Board or of at least three 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 on the official website.

3.1.11 Decisions made will only be valid in the 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 and decisions are passed 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.

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

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

3.1.14 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.

3.1.15 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.

3.1.16 If a vote of “non-confidence” towards a member of the Board is asked by minimum five full national members, General Assembly will vote on that proposal in respect to the section 3.1.10.a). If the “non confidence” is voted the rights and obligations of the respected position are suspended immediately.

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

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

3.1.19 The General Assembly main powers:

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

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

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

3.1.22 At least 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.

3.1.23 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

3.1.24 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.

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

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

3.1.27 An 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 90 days from the date of the registered letter, specifying the motives and request, is received by the General Secretary. The reason to call an Extraordinary 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

3.2.1.1 JJEU Board is the main operational governing body within JJEU. It is composed of five persons with right to vote, elected by the General Assembly:

- a) the President,
- b) the 1st Vice President (hereinafter Senior Vice President who shall, in principle, cumulate the position of Treasurer))
- c) the 2nd Vice President
- d) the 3rd Vice President
- e) the General Secretary.

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

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

3.2.1.4 The members of the JJEU Board with right to vote are in charge for four years.

3.2.1.5 A resigning member of the Board can be re-elected.

3.2.1.6 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 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 to imprisonment;
- g) cannot have “persona-non-grata” status in JJIF or JJEU;
- h) cannot have been imposed with a 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 his/her duties, if the General Assembly does not decide otherwise;
- i) should have a proper education level.

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

3.2.1.8 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.

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

3.2.1.10 The meetings 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.

3.2.1.11 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.

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

3.2.1.13 The Board shall adopt Rules of Procedure to define the mode of operations of General Assembly, the Board, the Committees and other sub-bodies etc. (per example recording, storing, disclosure 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.).

3.2.14 Functions, responsibilities and tasks (job description) of the JJEU Board members and other officials are established in this Statutes and By-Laws accepted by the Board and approved by the JJEU General Assembly.

3.2.2 THE ELECTIONS

3.2.2.1 Candidatures for the various positions must come from Full National Members (or supported by full National Members) and must reach the General Secretary by regular post mail or e-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 Electoral Procedures by-law.

3.2.2.2 Only National Members may propose (support) 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 targeted.

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 JJEU 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 (Senior Vice President);
- d) the 2nd Vice-president;
- e) the 3rd Vice-president;
- f) 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 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 If electoral General Assembly does not elect at least the majority of Board members (namely and obligatory: the President, the General Secretary and one Vice President), the General Assembly shall have another session (electoral congress) not before 60, but no later than 90 days in a place decided by the General Assembly with aim to elect the JJEU Board. Candidatures already received are still valid, but another 30 days are opened for new candidatures starting from the date of the electoral General Assembly. Existing Board members (previous term) maintain their position as acting JJEU Board.

3.2.2.12 In the case of a vacancy for the President, the Senior-Vice-President shall fill in the vacancy until the next General Assembly.

3.2.2.13 In case of vacancy of the Senior-Vice-President, the President will appoint another board member to this position, until next General Assembly.

3.2.2.14 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.

3.2.2.15 All the members elected to fill vacancies must shall fulfil their functions for the period remaining until the next elections.

3.2.3 THE PRESIDENT

3.2.3.1 The President directs the JJEU and represents it in 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 next General Assembly.

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 the Board's work, performance and efficiency. The President distributes responsibilities and tasks among 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. In principle, the Senior Vice President is also responsible for the Budget as Financial Director. Nevertheless, the Board may appoint one additional person to the Board as Financial Director to administer and control the JJEU financial transactions, as approved and sanctioned by the General Assembly and the Board. That person shall not have the right to vote.

3.2.4.2 The 1st Vice President helps the President and takes his/her place when he/she is unavailable.

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

3.2.4.4 Other Vice-Presidents cover specific tasks and responsibilities defined by this Statutes and by-laws, Board decisions and tasks entrusted by the President.

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 Board may constitute and dissolve commissions, committees, may assign committee agenda, define responsibilities, rules of procedure, as it finds appropriate to follow the JJEU mission, values and essence and to maintain overall coordination and powers. The JJEU Committees should cooperate with related committees under JJIF and other continents. Committee members have no fixed mandate.

4.2 The Members of the Committees will adhere to and honour the spirit and the content of the JJEU Statutes and by-laws and will take responsibility for the local implementation of the JJEU directives.

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

- a) Sports and technical matters (including education, event organisation, coaches, self-defence, martial arts development and innovations...);
- b) Refereeing 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, marketing...);
- 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 (Counsellors). 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. The Board is not liable to grant a position to any of the candidates on the list.

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

4.7 Functions, responsibilities and tasks (job description) of the JJEU committees, committee members, committee directors and commissioners are established in the by-laws accepted by the Board.

4.8 The activities will be reported at the next General Assembly.

CHAPTER 5 ECONOMY

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

5.2 A financial report related to the previous fiscal year must be presented by the Vice-President (who shall also cumulate the position of 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 (neither of them can be from) the same country as the Vice-President (who shall also cumulate the position of 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.

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

5.5 All the JJEU Executives (Board members, Committee Directors, Commissioners etc.) give their cooperation 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.

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

5.6.1 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.

CHAPTER 6 OTHER DISPOSITIONS

6.1 DATA AND INFORMATION PROTECTION

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

6.1.2 Any person involved or cooperating with the 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 consents to data and information collecting and processing. The JJEU shall, however, limit the extent of data processing to the minimum range needed and in accordance to the JJEU and JJIF Statutes, by-laws and the Board or Assembly decisions. JJEU shall not sell, give or disclose personal data to third parties (but not limited to competent state and sport authorities and when particular consent from the person has been given).

6.1.3 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 a Privacy Policy Statement.

6.1.4 Even though transparency is one of the mission objectives of the JJEU, the Board may decide anytime to label certain data or information (document, part of the document etc.) as business secret and restrict the person(s) with clearance to that information. Under certain conditions that information may 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.

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

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 by-laws 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 JJEU 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 the JJIF.

6.4 SANCTIONS

6.4.1 If one or more situations occur, as stipulated in section 3.2.1.4, from a) to g), the Board shall recognize the 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) as stipulated in section 3.2.1.4, the 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 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 To the Statute accepted by the General Assembly in Maribor – Slovenia May 24th, 2004 and revised at the General Assembly Madrid Spain November 26th, 2004, in chapter 4 of the Statutes, the following text was added:

The Ju-Jitsu European Union is deeply grateful to the Srečko Krope 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 To the Statute accepted by the General Assembly in Genoa - Italy, May 10th, 2015, in paragraph 6.1 an additional amendment was added as a new paragraph 6.1.4 (and was changed with this version of Statutes):

“To harmonize the mandates and electoral processes with the JJIF Statute, the JJEU General Assembly 2012 is electoral for the whole JJEU Board. The JJEU Board remains of four persons: President, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer. The Electoral procedures for the 2012 electoral GA are following JJIF Statutes. Up to the next JJEU General Assembly, the new JJEU Board will prepare and file to the 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 by the approval of the JJIF, in respect to the article 10.2 of JJIF Statutes (July 15th, 2015).

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

6.6.5 Pursuing article 3.2, new elections of the whole JJEU Board will take place in the General Assembly during the European Open Championship (European Cup) in Gent, Belgium, on June 3rd, 2016. The newly elected Board shall follow chapter 4 of this Statute to create, re-appoint, refresh or update appropriate committees.

6.7 REGISTRATION OF CHANGES

6.7.1 Approved by the General Assembly held in Maribor, Slovenia on May 24th, 2004

6.7.2 Revised by the General Assembly held in Móstoles, Madrid, on November 26th, 2004

6.7.3 Presented and approved by the General Assembly, held in Torino, Italy, on May 25th, 2007;

6.7.4 Revised by the General Assembly, held in Antwerp, Belgium, on May 9th, 2008;

6.7.5 Revised (editorial corrigendum) by Board on a meeting held in Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy, on August 9th, 2008 and Novi Sad, Serbia, on September 27th, 2008;

6.7.6 Revised and approved by the extraordinary General Assembly, Madrid, Spain, March 17th, 2016. Reviewed by the JJIF March 30th, 2016. Editorial corrigendum by the JJEU Board April 4th, 2016 (including JJIF suggestions pursuing article 6.6.3). Published on the JJEU website April 15th 2016.

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