

JU-JITSU INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION (JJIF)

The Federation of National Ju-Jitsu Organizations



DISCIPLINARY CODE

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Approved by the JJIF General Assembly in Kamena Vourla (GRE), 25 July 2015

With reference to Art. 8.2 of the JJIF Statutes, rules and additional provisions of JJIF, the JJIF General Assembly issues the following:

Introduction

In accordance with the sporting ideals and precepts of Ju-Jitsu, JJIF expects its affiliated members and their members to respect the statutes, the rules, the additional provisions, the WADA-Code and the principles of ethics and good conduct.

In order to guarantee the above-mentioned provisions and principles, this code determines the sanctions incurred, regulates the organisation and function of the bodies responsible for taking decisions and the procedures to be followed before these bodies.

This code applies to every competition under the regulations of JJIF. Beyond this, it also applies if the statutory objectives of JJIF or its additional rules are breached, especially with regard to libel, defamation, misconduct against opponents, persons or organisations, fraud and doping.

I. Disciplinary Committee

1. The judicial body of JJIF is the Disciplinary Committee. It is authorised to sanction any violation of the Rules of JJIF.
2. The Disciplinary Committee is composed of three members, elected by the JJIF General Assembly (including the chairman) among the candidates proposed by full and official national member federations for a period of four years.
3. The Disciplinary Committee is quorate when all its members are present.
4. However, proceedings may be validly held even without a quorum in the circumstances (i) provided by Article 6, when there is a successful challenge of a member of the Disciplinary Committee and in case one of the members cannot attend to the proceedings for good and valid cause.
5. The Disciplinary Committee passes its decisions entirely independently; in particular, it shall not receive instructions from any other body and shall immediately disclose any circumstances which may affect its independence.
6. A member may be challenged if the circumstances give rise to legitimate doubts over his/her independence or over his/her impartiality.

Challenges shall be determined and ruled by the chairman when the circumstances give rise to legitimate doubts over a member's independence or over his/her impartiality and determined by the members when the chairman's independence or impartiality is effected.

7. The official language is English. The parties shall bear all of the costs of their translation and interpretation on their own. The Disciplinary Committee may order that all documents submitted in languages other than English be filed together with a certified translation.

II. Conditions for sanctions

8. Unless otherwise specified, infringements are punishable upon written request, regardless of whether they have been committed deliberately or negligently.
9. With regard to matches and competitions not organised by JJIF, the organizing associations, confederations and sports organisations are responsible for enforcing sanctions imposed against infringements committed in their area of jurisdiction.
10. Disciplinary decisions based on the Competition Rules taken by the Referee during fights and competitions are final. An appeal or request under this Disciplinary Code may not apply.
Serious infringements may be sanctioned additionally.
11. JJIF Board members are not under the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Committee. They are accountable only to the JJIF General Assembly.

III. Substantive Legitimation

12. Any affected member of the JJIF can request the Disciplinary Committee to initiate an inquiry on the concerned matter.
13. The Board of Directors of JJIF or of any Continental Union can request the Disciplinary Committee in all events.

IV. Sanctions

14. A warning is a reminder of the substance of a disciplinary rule allied with the threat of a sanction in the event of a further infringement.
15. All rights granted by the JJIF can be suspended temporarily for a maximum period of three years or can be permanently cancelled. In particular:
 - a) The right to organise any international Ju-Jitsu competition or event.
 - b) The right to vote in any panel of JJIF or the Continental Union.
 - c) The right to compete or take part in any international event of JJIF or in any other international competition recognized by JJIF.

Elected JJIF Officials from a suspended National Federation may continue their respective duties until the end of their electoral period.

16. The member required to return an award shall return the benefits received, in particular sums of money and symbolic objects (trophy etc.).
17. A fine is issued in EUR. It shall not be more than EUR 3'000.00 per individual, per infringement, and not be more than EUR 10'000.00 per sanctioned federation.
18. In case of serious infringements of the JJIF statutes, rules and additional provisions of JJIF or WADA-Code, the Disciplinary Committee can suspend the disciplined person or national member federation of membership temporarily for a maximum period of three years or to exclude them permanently as members.

19. Sanctions provided under this Code may be combined.
20. Sanctions shall be published on the world wide webpage of JJIF and the respective Continental Union.

V. Proceedings

A. Initiation

21. The proceeding is initiated by written notification (or by e-mail) to the JJIF General Secretary. This request has to be filed within 20 days after the day of knowledge of the infringements sanctioned under this Code, but at latest within 1 year.
22. The claim must contain:
 - the name and full address of the Respondent(s);
 - a brief statement of the facts and legal argument, including a statement of the issue to be submitted to the Disciplinary Committee for determination;
 - any relevant information or proof.
23. The JJIF General Secretary sends the claim to the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee within 10 days. He/she can deliberately give more information about the case, if he/she has some.

B. Conduct of the procedure

24. The chairman of the Disciplinary Committee shall inform the parties involved, except when the case may be not treated.
He/she gives the accused party the possibility for an answer to the request within 20 days. The same right is given to the national member federation of an accused Athlete or Official.
25. If in the answer of the accused party there are new facts or proofs, the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee can order a second round of statements of the parties.

C. Decision

26. The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee conducts the meetings. If he/she is prevented from attending, he/she appoints a member who replaces him/her.

Circular resolutions are equivalent to a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee, provided that all members of the Disciplinary Committee agree and a personal meeting is not required. Such resolutions must be remarked in this sense.
27. The parties shall be heard before any decision is passed.
They may, in particular:
 - a) refer to the file;
 - b) present their arguments in fact and in law;
 - c) request production of proof;
 - d) be involved in the production of proof;
 - e) obtain a reasoned decision.

28. The facts can be investigated by the Disciplinary Committee ex officio.
Any type of proof may be claimed, in particular: reports from Referees, declarations from the parties and witnesses, material evidence, expert opinions and audio or video recordings.
Proof that violates human dignity or obviously does not serve to establish relevant facts shall be rejected.
The parties are obliged to collaborate to establish the facts. In particular, they shall comply with requests for information from the Disciplinary Committee.
If the parties fail to collaborate, especially if they ignore the stipulated time limits, the Disciplinary Committee will reach a decision on the case using the file in their possession.
29. Decisions are passed by a simple majority of the members.
The members are obliged to cast their vote in the matter. Abstention is not allowed.
The Disciplinary Committee passes its decision independently. In particular the Disciplinary Committee is not bound by the parties arguments.
30. The Disciplinary Committee shall determine which party shall bear the proceeding costs or in which proportion the parties shall share them.
31. The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee shall inform the parties about the decision. The award shall state reasons, be written, dated and signed. It's to be sent to the parties, to their National Federations (if they are Athletes or Officials) and for information to the JJIF General Secretary.
32. Decisions come into force after missed time limit for the appeal or after rejected appeal and within communication.

VI. Appeal

33. Decisions passed by the Disciplinary Committee may be appealed against before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, within 30 days of notification of the decision to the parties and concerning to the rules of the CAS.
34. Time limits to which the party shall adhere commence the 1st day after the party has received the relevant document.
34. The appeal has suspensive effect.

The present Disciplinary Code has been approved by the JJIF General Assembly held in Kamena Vourla (GRE), on 25th July 2015 and it is operational from the same date. It replaces the former Disciplinary Code of 26th November 2009.