

JJEU Newsletter



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Message from the Board

Gelsenkirchen, 6.10.2018. JJEU Board met at the Germen Open event in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, to discuss follow up activities after JJIF Technical Congress in Athens, Greece (24 and 25 September 2018) and finalize Calendar of activities for 2019. Expert Technical Meeting will be organised in 2019 and a plan for referee seminars with examinations was on the table. Proposals to enforce JJEU Referee Commission were discussed and ideas from Athletes Comm.

WADA COACH LICENCE * CoachTrue

All coaches registered for the upcoming World Championship need to register themselves through WADA application. The JJIF Event Manager, Mr Rick Frowyn, will remind members to fulfil this obligation, which is also part of the JJIF anti-doping commitment (see details on following pages).

Be prepared. Without certificate caches will not be accredited for WC Malmö Sweden!



STRONGER TOGETHER!

Gelsenkirchen, 6.10.2018. JJEU and Combat Camp Sweden project will join forces. In 2019 edition of the traditional Combat Camp Sweden, beyond usual high-quality training with international set of instructors, the Expert Technical Meeting – Event Two (ETM2), will also take place. After success of the ETM – Event One in Planica, Slovenia, in March 2017, JJEU made a promise to organise such event every two year. After discussion with the JJEU Referee Committee, JJEU Referee Quality Management expert group and Athletes Commission, including also Mr Rob Haans, representative of the Organising Committee of the Combat Camp, the ETM2 will be focused in cooperation and exchange of knowledge and experience among **athletes, referees and coaches**, introducing also latest innovation of Video Review System (why, how, opportunities, challenges and future development) and the use of technology in nowadays Ju-Jitsu sport. Combat Camp Sweden registration is to continue in its usual way, for ETM2 extra information and invitation will follow in a few days. **JJEU has allocated a budget for the event from penalty fees collected at the events (for not having enough referees) and will cover accommodation for one Coach and Referee from each JJEU member country.**

More information will follow in a few days. Stay tuned to JJEU website and Facebook. We look forward to another edition of Combat Sweden edition and ETM!



JJIF Technical Congress, Athens – Greece, 24 – 25 September 2018. JJIF Technical Congress took part after Balkan Open event. Many relevant topics were discussed among participants. The JJIF Board meeting followed the TC to summarize and prepare additional materials for upcoming JJIF congress in Malmo, Sweden. JJEU congratulated the Balkan Ju-Jitsu Federation (BJJF) on excellent organised event.

January 1 2019 new period starts for World Games qualification. For that reasons JJIF organised the discussion about proposals of changes at the Technical Congress in Athens (but frankly, with a very poor representation from JJEU members). Final proposals were evaluated by the Board and will be included into congress materials. **It is expected to received materials for the Congress in the middle of October** (Statutory requirements are 30 days before the event). Materials for the TC were published and sent to members for 2017 and 2018 Sessions and also lately for the 2018 TC. Discussion is also open at JJIF Forum.

Age categories. The proposal to change age categories was finalized as for juniors to remain at 21 – 18 years (U21), aspirants 18 - 16 years (U18), cadets 16 – 14 years (U16) and under are children. For children JJIF will grant the event to the continent or regions, accompanied with educational and social events (so it is not planned that it is required bellow 14 years to travel to other continents). Part of the proposals to change was development on the University and school sport activities. (names of the categories are subject to changes upon congress discussion).

Weight categories. Gender equality call came from Olympic movement to all sport federations, which in principle also means that equal opportunities needs to be given to both genders. The Technical Congress discussed the proposals and was in favour to have 7 male and 7 female categories (decision considered also statistical data of representation of certain categories at tope events). Male: 56, 62, 69, 77, 85, 94, +94 (for World Games 62, 69, 77, 85, Ne-waza 69, 77, 85 and open); Female: 45, 48, 52, 57, 63, 70, +70 (for World Games 48, 57, 63, Ne-waza 48, 57, 70).

Media. All top-level events have good possibilities to use (through JJIF) services from World Games Channel and lately also Olympic Channel offer some opportunities. Members should contact JJIF Media Director to coordinate activities.

Future Calendar. Proposal to organise World Aspirants and Cadets Championship in Spring and Juniors, Seniors, Masters in Autumn/Winter was discussed. More details will be provided at the congress. Junior/Seniors/Masters event will take place in Abu Dhabi in November, for Cadets/Aspirants in March (organiser not set yet). **Position of the JJEU Board is that we shall not change the format of events in 2019 and 2020 as contracts are signed and conditions to organise were part of the agreements with the organisers of European Championships.**

Organisation of the events. Discussion about poorly organised “gala dinner” at the last European Championship took place. The opinion of the JJIF Board members was that organiser should fulfil their obligation as stated in the contract and invitation. **The position of the JJEU is to enforce sanctions to organisers who do not deliver what was promised and paid.**

There are some changes announced about Grand Slam competition format (per example that Europe could have only two). **The position of the JJEU is that we shall defend to have three grand slams in Europe based on the previous experience and high level of participation and organisation.**

Disqualification of the athlete from Ukraine. Because of performing a dangerous act during Ne-waza (JiuJitsu) fight in juniors at Balkan Open event an athlete from Ukraine was disqualified from the event (action was considered as non-sport behaviour). After official video was reviewed by the Board, the decision was accepted to start official disciplinary action towards the athlete and from time being the athlete is suspended from all JJIF events until final decision. The national federation already took measures to ensure this decision.

JJIF BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES DISTRIBUTION

On the proposal from the JJIF President the Board accepted new work distribution: the Sport Director, Mr Joachim Thumfart shall concentrate more on the sport and technical matters while the (acting) Director General Mr Robert Perc shall concentrate more on the organisation of the Office, administration and IOC Recognition Programme.

Mr Robert Perc is holding the office of the JJIF Director General in limited period from 5 March 2018 to 30 November 2018.

Changes to the JJIF Statutes. The JJIF Board will propose modification to the JJIF Statutes, primarily to synchronize obligation of the Board when organising the JJIF Congress, related to JJIF Session procedures (to have a call from the Board for proposals three months in advance, to receive proposals no later than two months in advance and to send materials out no later than one month before the event).

Another proposal came from JJEU Board, to allow Vice Presidents of the JJIF Board (who are presidents of their respected continental unions) to have substitute with the right to vote at the JJIF Board when they cannot attend the meeting (substituted by the Board members from the Continental Union Board).

Third proposal is considering changing the by-laws about the Board about quorum. At the moment 7 members out of 11 are required to be present that Board can make decisions (63,7%). The proposal is that more than half of the members are required (6, which represent 54,5%).

Detailed technical proposals and JJIF TC report will arrive on the middle of October.



IOC Recognition Programme with new pace. The JJIF President had instructed the JJIF Director General, who received a responsibility of IOC Recognition Programme on the Board meeting, 26 September 2018, to prepare a strategic plan, review activities and requirements and speed up the process for fulfilling formal IOC requirements when international sport federation is requesting for IOC recognition. The JJIF Congress 2018 will receive additional proposals which are required by the recognition procedure. Board already approved Declaration on Mission, Values, Objectives and Strategy of the JJIF, Code of Conduct and Internal Dispute Resolution Mechanism. More information to come soon!



JJEU REFEREE COURSES WITH EXAMINATION. Based on the requirements and experience in principle two referee seminars with examinations will be organised: **one at Paris Open and second in Balkan (based on the arrangement with the Balkan JJ Federation and needs in the region).**

Additional seminars may take place, following conditions to organise such event – please see www.jjeu.eu → Organisation → Statutes and By-laws. Make sure to inform the Board well in advance if you wish to organise a referee seminar.

JJEU REFEREE EVALUATION. JJEU Referee Commission, with consultation and agreement of the Board, will indicate in the annual calendar at which events referee evaluations will take place. As the JJEU wishes to maintain the system of evaluation to increase the fitness and preparedness of the referees for a demanding mission they have, more evaluators will be included to provide best possible service to the athletes to top events.

JJEU REFEREE COMMITTEE. JJEU Board approved additional member to the JJEU Referee Committee, Mr Hans Snijder from the Netherlands.

European Fair Play Movement. The JJEU President will participate at the European Fair Play Movement (EFPM) Congress in November in Brussels.

Jubilee Rewards. In 2019 JJEU will start awarding officials for long time service to ju-jitsu and JJEU with a special award for a minimum of 10 years of work.

Fair Play Trophy and Christian Blareau Annual Fair Play Award. JJEU is considering new format of Fair Play award at continental top events. Also, at Paris Open 2019, the annual fair play award, named by our late president Christian Blareau, will be awarded for the first time.

“The “Christian Blareau Fair Play Award” is the highest award in the JJEU for the excellence in the field of Fair Play and Ethics. In principle, the award is granted on annual basis, but only one per year may be given. The objective of the award is to look for, find and recognise the move, action, behaviour... which in an extraordinary way represents the values of the organisation, the spirit of ju-jitsu, Fair-Play and Friendship, the Code of Ethics and the Olympic values.”



The JJEU Board thanked DJJV for pleasant and kind hospitality during German Open 2018. The DJJV announced that 2019 German Open will be organised, after many years, in Hanau again!

JJEU board is proud to announce that there is a new sponsor agreement. The new sponsor, which is acting on the same level as Ju-Sports, is Matsuru. Matsuru, situated in the Netherlands will open a special web shop, like Ju-Sports already has for JuJitsu Europe in a few weeks. Matsuru (and Ju-Sports) will attend the European Championship in Bologna for U18 and U21. JJEU is looking forward for a great period of working together with Matsuru.

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Meeting with the Athletes Commission

Gelsenkirchen, 6.10.2018. The President of the JJEU, Mr Robert Perc, met Ms Severine Nebie from France, JJIF Athletes Commission (AC) member, to discuss future actions and activities. Ms Nebie presented the summary of discussions and proposals the Athletes Commission had after European Championship in Poland 2018.

Main issues identified from the Athletes were about refereeing, World Games qualification, Team Championships, Ranking List, awarding protocols at big events and proposal to meet with the referees.

Interesting discussion included question about **right to call a doctor** as occasionally there are cases not well-prepared athletes call for a doctor assistance as a tactical move to recover and not for a real injury. Even athletes noted that as a not fair disturbance to the match. More effort should be invested into the procedures about doctors calling to avoid such intrusions into games.

Athletes are expecting **clear and transparent criteria for a Ranking List** as there were no refreshments from end of 2017. To avoid rumours and speculations this system should be presented on time and with collaboration of athletes.

Anti-doping. Athletes are identifying anti-doping as a huge importance for Clean Ju-Jitsu and recognition by the IOC.

World Games. Proposals to respect gender equality and to include more and equal number of categories into Games.

Medals, Trophies and Awarding's. Receiving a medal is a highlight of every athlete, especially having in mind that many invest not only their time but also resources, so they can participate. It should be mandatory and standard for medals and trophies to be in proper order, high quality and awarded with respective protocol, including wording of the event. It is a sign of respect to the Athletes.

Meeting with the referees. Athletes would like to have joint courses – trainings with the referees to exchange ideas, vision etc. and move things together in the same directions. One of the proposals was to organise a meeting with the Referee Commission during World Championship in Malmo.

The President thanked AC for valuable contribution and proposals which will benefit all stakeholders in Ju-jitsu. The promise was given that those topics shall be conveyed to the JJIF Board also as many of topics are related to JJIF jurisdiction. Some of the proposal are already taken into consideration in planned activities in Europe in 2019.



WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY

CoachTrue – Computer-based anti-doping learning tool

In order to cater to the various learning styles and demanding schedules of coaches, WADA has created CoachTrue.

The following features are included in the CoachTrue module:

Pre-Test: Allows coaches to identify current knowledge base

Tutorials: A series of presentations with voice-overs that provide essential information on the following topics:

1. Health consequences of doping
2. Accountability
3. Results management
4. Therapeutic use exemptions
5. Whereabouts
6. Decision making

Scenario-Based Activities: Practical application of acquired knowledge to possible real-life scenarios.

Who Wants to Play True: A fun way for coaches to test their knowledge of anti-doping issues.

Post-Test & Certification: Once coaches have completed all required elements, including a final assessment of learning (post-test), they are awarded a certificate of completion.

More at:

<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/education-awareness/tools-for-stakeholders/coachtrue>

and JJIF and JJEU Facebook!