



MINUTES JJEU Board meeting Friday May 17th 2024 by google.meet

Google Meet, started at 19.00 hours.

Present officials on this Friday the 17th of May

- Members of the JJEU Board with voting right:

1. Robert Perc, President
2. Didier Menu, Vice-President
3. Rick Frowyn, General Secretary
4. Denise Krahn, Athlete representative

- Members of the JJEU commissions without voting right:

1. Jeanette Andersson, Sport Director
2. Jimmy Wouter, Spokesman of the coaches

19.05 Welcome by the President (Robert) - JJEU President Robert Perc.

Presenting of the agenda of this meeting:

- 1) Wrap up by the president about the last JJIF board meeting
- 2) Update about common news
- 3) Decisions and discussions to be done by board and directors about:
 - a. Proposal to participate in the Combat Camp Sweden as JJEU with the Expert Technical Meeting.
 - b. Evaluation of the Youth Europeans in Romania
 - c. Proposal of the General Secretary to change the setup of the major events of JJEU (The European Championships)
 - d. Date and Place for the 2024 edition of JJEU General Assembly
 - e. News/Updates about the coming Europeans Adults.
- 4) Thanks and goodbye by the President

19.15 the official meeting started:

- 1) The President made a small summary about discussed items in last JJIF board meeting, held on Sunday the 12th of May 2024. The Asian Games: They were well organized. Kazakhstan joined with the big amount of more than 300 participants. JJAU had their General Assembly with elections. Most of the old board is re-elected. Congratulations to all re-elected or new elected board members. Matsuru: The case is still open, at this moment almost for 1 year. Mr Nuvin Proag is appointed by the Board to solve the issue. Because of this issue JJEU is missing for the 2nd time a large amount of sponsor money. The participants of the meeting all hope that JJIF will soon finish this issue with Matsuru. Doping cases: There are several doping cases, JJIF even has one running in CAS, related to financial consequences in the process (for the JJIF, refundable, an athlete from 2021 Asian Championship is pressing the case to the CAS). President of JJIF suggested that National Federations should be responsible for the athletes of their federation. JJIF has a plan to organize World (Youth or both) Championship in Aisa in 2025, most likely September/October time frame. Details will follow.



- 2) Update of common news: Greece is informed that the cost price of the hotels is dramatically high, 5 stars is very nice, but there should be also the possibility for federations to choose a cheaper hotel. This week the Greece president send out new outlines, and in this outlines the need to book via the Greece organizer is taken away. So all who join the event are now free to book their own hotel and choice of food and beverage. When booking yourself, transport is not included.
- 3) Decisions and discussions of the next agenda items:
 - a. Proposal to participate in the Combat Camp Sweden as JJEU with the Expert Technical Meeting.
 - i. The plan is received by the organization team of the yearly Combat Camp in Sweden. The Camp contains several possibilities to train the JuJitsu we have in our community, like fighting, DUO and JiuJitsu Newaza.
 - ii. The idea is to organize an Expert Technical Meeting, focused on the co-operation between coaches and referees. We got some requests to start up a program for this, so this camp is an excellent moment.
 - iii. Proposal to add an antidoping seminar.
 - iv. The President asked the participants of the meeting to agree that Michael Korn and Rick Frowyn are starting up the project with the Swedish LOC.

DECISION 1: JJEU will join forces with the Combat Camp in Sweden in the beginning of January 2025 (3.1.2025) with final ETM program to be approved on a later date. Everyone with voting rights agreed.

- b. Evaluation of the Youth Europeans in Romania
 - i. The LOC of Romania found a very nice new Arena, which was necessary to replace the formerly used Arena in Bucharest, which is under reconstruction. Unlikely the new Arena was in a city 150 km away from Bucharest. The LOC faced several challenges with accommodation and transport. The event was a success of the event, more than 1200 participants, created a need to use 13 hotels, in 4 cities, with an average of 650 rooms usage per day in a circle of 80 km around the hosting city. For the next event the Appeal Committee procedure will be more defined to the coaches and referees during initial meetings and draw. Overall, comparing to the big picture, the Romanian Martial Arts Federation and LOC did good job and handled the hosting of the biggest event in Europa so far very well.
 - ii. Due to the amazing number of participants had to level up the needed mats, in stead of 6 mats of 8x8 + safety zone we had to manage to 8 mats of 6x6 with a safety zone. 6x6 is way to small for this high-class event (but still in line with Sporting Code). The event was in time to long, starting at 09.00 exactly and finishing at 21.30 or 22.30.
 - iii. Financial it seems that the event was a success for JJEU and probably also for the LOC. For more than expected daily workload on referees, the Board decided to increase daily money beyond initial agreement.
 - iv. The participants of the meeting congratulated the LOC of the Romanian Martial Arts Federation.
- c. Proposal of the General Secretary to change the setup of the major events of JJEU (The European Championships)
 - i. Mr Frowyn presented a proposal, initiated in Romania, to change the setup of the major events in Europe. We see that especially the Youth event is becoming more and more difficult to handle. The quality we want to offer to our community cannot be guaranteed any more in this kind of huge events, the fact that referees must stay focused for working days of 12 a 13 hours, and



still perform as they started the day is not fair, this is also in place for IT and all the other volunteers, plus LOC, related to sport hall, accommodation and transport.

- ii. The Board analyzed past events in Europe per categories, disciplines, logistics (number of mats) and required days, considering that after covid time events are getting bigger and bigger.
- iii. The proposal is to split Adults and Youth to two events in different setup do harmonize and equalize the potential number of athletes per event. After consulting different options with the Athletes commission, the Coach Spokesman, Sport Director, several other experts during the event in Romania, and in the Board, the following setup is proposed:
- iv. **In general, we split events to an U18 and an +18 event with the official categories inside: (1) Youth Championship (U16 and U18) with all official disciplines and (2) Adults and U21 Championship with master's category and Team event.**
- v. **In this format the events will always run 4 days of competition**, on a minimum of 4 mats with a maximum of 6 mats (8x8 m). This setup will provide better (more pleasant) daily workload for all participants.
- vi. The following open matter is a discipline distribution in the event, inclining that youth events could have categories separated on specific dates (less required time for athletes, coaches, and referees to be present at the event), and adults/U21 event most likely to have a similar distribution as now for the Team competition at the end of the event. Discussion and possible solution on this topic will continue.
- vii. After 2025 trial of new setup the analysis of the events will give directions for future decision-making process on most convenient setup. Without a doubt steady modification will be required in the process.
- viii. The participants with voting rights, after discussion of options, all agreed on starting this change of setup of our major events in 2025. This directly affects the contract with Cyprus for the Youth event in 2025. The Adults event program is also in discussion with potential partners - no final decision on date and place that yet. More information will follow in following days.

DECISION:

- a) **JJEU shall organized two continental championships in 2025, namely Youth Championship (U16 and U18) and Adults/U21 Championship, running 4 competition days.**
 - b) **The JJEU Board will provide analyses on success and efficiency of the 2025 events before 2026 plan is approved.**
- ix. Mr Frowyn will present and discuss the solutions with the JJIF Sport Director related to the best period in a year to organize the +18 event (synchronizing the JJIF and JEU Calendar of events). May might be not the best period for student athletes (exams). Youth Championship designation in March is acceptable and suitable and should not be moved.
- d. Date and Place for the 2024 edition of JJEU General Assembly. The president started this agenda point with a small recap about a discussion in JJIF Board. JJIF is pushing JJEU to organize an electoral General Assembly. We argue that the term of elected officials (elected in 2021) is 4 years by the JJIF Statutes, so next electoral GA should be in 2025.
 - e. As decided by the JJEU Board, the 2024 edition of the GA, is a separate event (not included in the championship. Mr Frowyn proposes to organize the 2024 General



Assembly in Limburg am Lahn Germany during a regional JuJitsu event of DJJV. The plan is to organize the GA at November the 15th on Friday afternoon. Program (beyond usual agenda, with some educational topics) is to be defined by the Board.

DECISION: the 2024 JJEU regular General Assembly will take place on 15 of November 2024 in Germany. The Board will provide timely invitation with program of the event.

- f. News/Updates about the coming Europeans Adults in Gelsenkirchen Germany next week. The overall organization of the Europeans Adults is going well.
 - i. On Wednesday JJEU board was surprised by some social media post about seminar for para-jujitsu during the European Championship. The JJEU asked DJJV for clarifications, as no discussion or information were proved beforehand and implementation with the proposed setup was not well balanced with EC. The DJJV later decided to cancel the seminar during the championship and as planned, focus on the European Championship.
 - ii. As the inclusivity of athletes is important the JJEU will plan this kind of seminars in the future, in cooperation of other parties (para ju-jitsu experts, JJIF etc.). Talks will start at the EC in Germany already.
 - iii. Mr Frowyn warned about internal and external security measures at the European Championship and expectation of all teams to comply with the accreditation system and right to access.
 - iv. Board, directors, referees and other officials will all stay in the Plaza hotel.
- g. At 20.50 the President, Mr Perc closed the meeting and wishes all a nice weekend and we see each other next week in Gelsenkirchen.
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Rick Frowyn, General Secretary JJEU, May the 18th 2025

