



**STATUTES
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- JJEU -**

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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) 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 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)

The JJEU statutes were written and approved for the first time by the General Assembly in Maribor (May 2004), and revised in Madrid (November 2004)

1.2 - THE MISSION

1.2.1 - The mission of the Ju-Jitsu European Union (abbreviated JJEU) is to gather jutsukas from all European Countries, and to develop a spirit of friendship and interaide among formal Ju-Jitsu Organisations all over the continent.

1.2.2 - JJEU co-ordinates European activities of Ju-Jitsu, within the JJIF frame work, establishes technical and organisational rules, organises and controls European events, represents Ju-Jitsu Europe wide and makes decisions on possible controversial matters.

1.2.3 - JJEU is a non political organisation and does not differentiate among races and religions. 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.

1.3 - 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.

1.3.2 - The governing bodies of JJEU will monitor the various proposals coming from the National Members and institutional committees within JJEU. The governing bodies must assure that all members respect of codes and aims of JJEU.

It will be possible for the JJEU General Assembly to raise, at any time, the matter of "*persona non grata*" for serious legal/moral/ethical behavioural issues regarding any JJEU Representative. At that point the Assembly will be called to vote on the continuation of the mandate regardless that this has reached the end of its term.

1.4 - HEAD OFFICES, LANGUAGE, LOGO AND FLAG

1.4.1 - The official addresses of the JJEU are respectively were the President, the Secretary General or the Treasurer are located, unless decided differently by the Assembly.

1.4.2 - The official language of the JJEU is English.

1.4.3 - 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. Text is in dark blue colour, background is in the light blue colour.

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

1.4.5 - 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 - Any National Organisation - Federation of Ju-Jitsu in Europe can apply for membership to the JJEU.

2.1.2 - JJEU will evaluate and give recommendations to JJIF. After being approved as a Member of JJIF, the candidate also becomes a member of JJEU.

2.1.3.- The Statutes of the National Organisations which apply must be in harmony with the Statutes of JJIF/JJEU ones.

2.1.4 - If two or more National Organisations exist in the same country, only the one recognised by the National Olympic Committee and/or the highest sport authority of that country, or the one proving to be the most active in that Country, has the right of admission to JJEU.

2.2 - CONDITIONS

2.2.1.- The National Organisation or the Associated Organisation which intends to become member of the JJEU must apply directly to the JJEU Secretary General with all necessary documents required in the application form to demonstrate its technical, organisational importance, and competition activity. The General Secretary studies the request and presents it to the Board.

2.2.2 - The JJEU Board will examine the application in view of a temporary affiliation and may recommend to submit it to the following General Assembly, which can approve or not the membership to the JJIF.

2.2.3 - The vote to grant affiliation will be made by the Board only if the candidate country or association is officially represented at the same General Assembly.

2.3 - SPORT ACTIVITIES

2.3.1 - In order to guarantee proper co-ordination, any sport activity involving three or more Member-Nations must be notified to the competent organ of the JJEU.

2.3.2 - National Member-Federations cannot have sport relationships either with dissident Organisations operating in JJEU Member Countries or with National Member-Federations suspended

A National Member-Federation doing so, can immediately be suspended and referred to the General Assembly which will decide upon necessary disciplinary sanctions.

2.3.3 - On the other hand, in the interest of developing Ju-Jitsu and raising its technical level in every Country, friendly sport relationships with Countries not yet Members of the JJEU are authorised and generally encouraged.

CHAPTER 3 - THE GOVERNING BODIES

The Governing Bodies in JJEU are:

3.1 - The General Assembly

3.2 - The Board

3.3 - The President

3.1 - THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3.1.1 - The General assembly meets normally every year; it is composed of:

- The members of the JJEU Board;
- The delegates of JJEU Members;
- The observers;
- The Honorary members;
- The Invited persons.

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

3.1.3 - 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 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 status.

3.1.4 - A delegate of a member country can not have proxy from another member country to have the right to vote during the General Assembly.

3.1.5 - The observer and invited people of non-Member Countries have the right to speak (upon authorisation by the President of the General Assembly) but not to vote.

3.1.6 - National Organisations and/or affiliated organisations which are not member may be invited to special activities as Observer, provided that their country is not already represented.

3.1.7 - The JJEU Secretary General and the JJEU Treasurer will check the proxies and power to vote before the official opening of the General Assembly. In case of contestation, the JJEU Vice President will submit the case to the General Assembly.

3.1.8 - The General Assembly will be chaired over by the President of JJEU or, in his absence, by the Vice President. He is helped by the JJEU Secretary General or, in his absence, by the JJEU Vice President

3.1.9 - There will be only one call to the meeting.

3.1.10 - Decisions made will only be valid in presence of at least one third of the Member-Federations or their delegates.

In case of modification to the Statutes the presence required is of at least 2/3 of the Members or Delegates and with 2/3 of vote

3.1.11 - The Members of the JJEU Board have no right to vote. If they represent officially a national Federation with a regular proxy, they can vote on behalf of that Federation.

3.1.12 - The General Assembly decides by majority of votes. 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.

3.1.13 - If there is only one candidate the vote is 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.

In the event of a tie, the final decision is made by the President of the General Assembly.

3.1.14 - If a vote of "non confidence" towards a member of the Board is asked by minimum 5 participants of the Assembly, 2/3 of the votes are required to get the resignation of this member.

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

In case the country designated cannot cope with the organisation, then the General Assembly meets in another country chosen by the JJEU Board.

3.1.16 - The General Assembly:

- elects the Members of the JJEU Board, by secret vote,
- approves the Statutes and Regulations, proposed by the JJEU Board modifying them, if necessary,
- rules as a last resort upon any matters connected with Ju-Jitsu,
- ratifies and discusses policies undertaken by Members of the JJEU Board, including applications for affiliations and proposals presented by the Member-Federations,
- and decides on any other general matter.

3.1.17 - The General Assembly can only rule items on the agenda.

3.1.18 - At least three months before the scheduled date of the General Assembly meeting, the Member-Federations can propose items to be included in the agenda.

3.1.19 - At least one month 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.

3.1.20 - 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

3.1.21 - The General Assembly meeting is summoned by letter or circular note sent at least one month 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.

3.1.22 - Extraordinary Assemblies

It 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 three months from the date of the registered letter, specifying the motives and request, is received by the JJEU president. The reason to call an Extra Ordinary Assembly must be specified in detail and mentioned in the agenda of the invitation.

3.2 - THE JJEU BOARD

3.2.1 - GENERAL POINTS

3.2.1.1 - The JJEU Board is composed of four members elected: the President, the Vice President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer.

The Committee Directors can be invited when issues within their domain are treated.

3.2.1.2 - The members of the JJEU Board are in charge for four years. In case of resignations the members for which the resignations are accepted should not be more than the remaining time of his mandate.

3.2.1.3 - The resigning member can be re-elected.

3.2.1.4 - The President and the Treasurer at the same time at the next general Assembly after the World Games, and the Vice president and Secretary General two years later.

3.2.1.5 - The JJEU Board will meet at least once a year and, 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.

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

3.2.2 - THE CANDIDATES

3.2.2.1 - The candidacy to run as Member of the JJEU Board when some positions are due to expire has to be presented to the JJEU Secretary General at least three months before the date of the General Assembly meeting.

3.2.2.2 - National Members will be informed by the JJEU Secretary General about such a candidacy with copy of the application attached to the invitation to the General Assembly.

3.2.2.3 - All candidates must be members of a Full Member Organisation. The candidacy as a member of the Board has to be approved, in writing, by the President of candidate's National Organisation.

3.2.2.4 - To avoid conflict of interests, the candidate to a specific position in the JJEU Board, cannot cover the same position in the JJIF Board.

3.2.2.5 - When a Board position is definitely vacant, the remaining Board members can fill this position by cooptation. A formal election must be organised at the following next General Assembly. This co-opted Board member is automatically candidate for his position.

3.2.3 - THE PRESIDENT

3.2.3.1 - The President is elected by the majority of votes in the General Assembly. He directs the JJEU and represents it before other parties.

3.2.3.2 - In case of President's resignation, his function will be entrusted to the Vice President, until the following normal terms of election.

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; but its decisions must be approved at a JJEU Board meeting, and ratified by the next General Assembly

3.2.4 - THE OTHER MEMBERS

The other Members of the JJEU Board are separately elected by the General Assembly.

The Vice President helps the President and takes his place when he is unavailable.

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

The Treasurer is responsible for the treasury of the JJEU, of which he is to keep regular accounts.

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 JJEU

Board may decree the appointment of JJEU Committee's and still maintain an overall co-ordination role and power Europe-wide.

4.2 - The Members of the Committees will adhere and honour the spirit and the content of the JJEU Statutes and will take responsibility for the local complementation of the JJEU directives, reporting directly to the President of JJEU.

4.3 - The needed committees will be appointed by the JJEU Board according to the needs.

4.4 - The task of ensuring the respect of the operating principles of JJEU and of stimulating innovation and progress of JJEU is entrusted to specific Committees.

The European Committees are guided by a Director, and are composed by individual Members of JJEU (Councillors). 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 activities will be reported for rectification or ratification by next General Assembly.

CHAPTER 5 - ECONOMY

5.1 - The Federal Year begins on January 1st and expires on December 31st.

5.2 - A financial report related to the previous fiscal year must be presented by the 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 the same country as the 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.

The auditors can only be removed by the General Assembly.

5.4 - All JJEU Executives give their co-operation 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.

5.5 - Fees

5.5.1 - All activity fees must be paid as indicated in the JJEU Finance Rules.

5.5.2 - Each Member must pay every year, before the end of February, an annual fee stated by the last General Assembly.

5.5.3 - The Members which do not pay their fees by the date as stated in the JJEU Financial Rules, will automatically be suspended from all European and international activities until payment has been made.

5.5.4 - 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.

5.5.5 - The Members which are suspended for more than two years because of not paying their fees will be expelled from the JJEU.

CHAPTER 6 - OTHER DISPOSITIONS

6.1 - STATUTES

6.1.1 - These Statutes will rule from the day of the approval by the General Assembly.

6.1.2 - Any modifications must be approved by the General Assembly according to the majority of votes provided that at least 2/3 of the Members or Delegates are present for voting and with 2/3 of vote.

6.1.3 - The proposed modifications to the text of the Statutes will have to be presented to the General Secretary at least one month before the date of the General Assembly meeting.

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.

6.3 - DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution the properties of JJEU will be hand over to the JJIF.

6.4 – OTHERS

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