

**Statutes
of the
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(The Federation of National Ju-Jitsu Organisations)**



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STATUTES

Background, Name, Logo

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 the 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) whilst EJJF continued its activity becoming one of 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).

The logo of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation has remained unchanged.

In the same occasion (1998) the Ju-Jitsu International General Assembly, taking into consideration major evolutions in the:

- internal life of our Federation,
- requirements from Member Countries,
- strategies in the international sport scenario,

has expanded the horizons and the content of the previous texts and has approved the revision of the Statutes of the International Federation which now reads as reported in the following pages.

Chapter I: Mission and Essence, Head Offices, Language

MISSION AND ESSENCE

Art.1

The mission of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation (abbreviated as J.J.I.F. or JJIF) is to gather jutsukas from all Countries, and to develop a spirit of friendship and interaide among formal Ju-Jitsu Organisations all over the world.

JJIF co-ordinates international activities of Ju-Jitsu, establishes technical and organisational rules, organises and controls international events, represents Ju-Jitsu world-wide and makes decisions on possible controversial matters.

JJIF is non political and does not differentiate among races and religions.

The JJIF is the International forum where the National Official Sport Authorities can debate issues related to the practice of Ju-Jitsu in order to establish International Programmes and Activities, and in order to elect the institutions which will implement them.

Art. 2

Ju-Jitsu is Art, is Philosophy, is Education and certainly cannot be limited to a Sport expression; therefore attention is attributed to the Ethical aspects of this ancient Martial Art and dedicated bodies address these aspects within JJIF.

Ju-Jitsu is a live practice, thus evolutions and revisions should be continuously considered in order not to lose opportunities for improvements.

The governing bodies of JJIF (in particular the General Assembly and the Board of Directors) will monitor the various proposals coming from the Continental Unions and institutional Committees within JJIF. The governing bodies must assure the respect of codes and aims of JJIF in accepting or rejecting the various proposals.

HEAD OFFICES

Art. 3

The official location of the JJIF will be chosen by the General Assembly.

LANGUAGE

Art. 4

The official language of the JJIF is English.

Chapter II: Membership, Conditions, Fees, Sport Activity

MEMBERSHIP

Art. 5

Any National Organisation (here also called Federation) of Ju-Jitsu can apply for membership to JJIF. However for each country only one National Organisation can become member of the JJIF.

The Constitution of the National Organisations which apply must be in harmony with the Statutes of JJIF.

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

For Honorary Members, note 3 of the table ANature of Membership@ prevails.

National Members with long-lasting continuous Membership to IJF and, later, to JJIF, have priority over other candidatures to Full National Membership in the same Country.

When a National Organisation has been finally admitted to the JJIF, it cannot be dismissed, except in the cases considered in these Statutes or by decision of JJIF General Assembly with the majority of votes.

Nevertheless a dismissed Federation can apply to the General Secretary for re-admission.

Art. 6

The nature of membership encompass 3 Categories of Members at national level:

- Full National Member,
- National Member,
- Provisional National Member,

and one Category of Association at multinational level:

- Associated Organisation.

The attached Table is an integral part of this Art. 6 and exhibits requirements, rights and fees for each of the four Categories indicated above.

National Organisations which are not Members may be invited to special activities as Observers.

J.J.I.F.: NATURE OF MEMBERSHIP

NATURE OF MEMBERSHIP	REQUIREMENTS FOR ELEGIBILITY	RIGHTS WITHIN JJIF	UNA TANTUM AFFILIATION FEE	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
FULL NATIONAL MEMBER	To meet the requirements of JJIF Statutes (Art. 5) and to have cumulated at least the last 2 consecutive years of active participation to official JJIF camps and/or championships	Deciding vote Preclusion of further national membership in the same country Hosting official JJIF activities Active participation to all JJIF activities	100% of the Affiliation Fee (discounting the value paid for Official National Membership)	100% of the official National Annual Fee
NATIONAL MEMBER	To meet the requirements of JJIF Statutes (Art. 5) but without at least 2 consecutive years of active participation to official JJIF camps and/or championships	Consultative vote Preclusion of further Official National membership in the same country Active participation to all JJIF activities	50% of the Affiliation Fee (discounting the value paid for Provisional National Membership)	100% of the official National Annual Fee
PROVISIONAL NATIONAL MEMBER	To be a National Association of clubs and to demonstrate an important role and activity in its own country, but without meeting the requirements of JJIF Statutes (Art. 5)	No vote Participation to JJIF camps Active participation to other JJIF activities only upon invitation (provisionally by the Board, ultimately by the General Assembly)	25% of the Affiliation Fee	25% of the official National Annual Fee
ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATION MEMBER (not in conflict with National Organisations)	To be a multinational Association with statutorial activities compatible with JJIF and related to the philosophy and/or practice of Ju-jitsu	Evaluation and promotion of forms of co-operation with JJIF through conventions to be ratified case by case by the General Assembly	Equivalent to 100% of the Affiliation Fee	Equivalent to 100% of the official National Annual Fee

NOTE:

1. The participation to JJIF activities implies the full payment of the related participation fee, regardless of the nature of Membership.
2. The above Rights only apply to Members who are clear with all due payments.
3. Full National Members with over 10 years of continuous Membership become Honorary Members and, in their country, have priority over other candidates to Full National Membership (see Art.5) with an equivalent level of proven activity.
4. The two consecutive years required for eligibility refer to a period following the date when the General Assembly has granted Provisional National Member status.5) Active participation (for eligibility) is considered such only when a country participates to at least one camp or championship between two consecutive annual General Assemblies.

CONDITIONS

Art. 7

The National Organisation or the Associated Organisation which intends to become member of the JJIF must apply directly to the JJIF General Secretary with all necessary documents required in the application form to demonstrate its technical and organisational importance.

The Board of Directors will examine the application in view of a temporary affiliation and submit it before the following General Assembly.

The temporary affiliation, before the following General Assembly, if granted by the Board, allows the applicant to take part in activities of the JJIF (except in official championships) and to be present at the General Assembly as observer, but without the right to vote.

The examination to grant permanent affiliation will be made by the General Assembly only if the candidate Country or Association is officially represented at the same General Assembly.

FEES

Art. 8

Each Member must pay an affiliation, and every following year, before the end of January, an annual fee stated by the General Assembly.

Art. 9

The Members which do not pay their fees by the date stated will automatically be suspended from all international activities until they pay them.

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 not to vote.

The Members which are suspended for more than three years because of not paying their fees will be expelled from the JJIF.

SPORT ACTIVITY

Art. 10

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 JJIF.

National Member-Federations cannot have sport relationships either with dissident Organisations operating in JJIF Member Countries or with National Member-Federations suspended for not having paid their fees or for disciplinary actions.

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

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 JJIF are authorised and generally encouraged.

Chapter III : The Governing Bodies: General Assembly, Board of Directors, Presidency

THE GOVERNING BODIES

Art. 11

The Governing Bodies in JJIF are:

- a0 the ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- b0 the BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- c0 the PRESIDENCY

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Art. 12

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

- a0 the members of the Board of Directors,
- b0 the delegates of JJIF Members,
- c0 the observers.

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

The delegates must have a proxy signed by the President of the National Federation they represent (and they must have the same nationality of the Country they represent), showing the name of the delegate having 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.

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

The General Secretary will check the proxies and powers before the official opening of the General Assembly. In case of contestation, the General Secretary will submit the case to the General Assembly.

Art. 13

The General Assembly will be presided over by the President of JJIF or, in his absence, by a Vice President chosen according to the election order (First Vice President or, in his absence, Second Vice President).

The President of the General Assembly is helped by the General Secretary or, in his absence, by one of the two Vice Presidents of the JJIF.

There will be only one call to the meeting.

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

Art. 14

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

Art. 15

The General Assembly decides by majority of votes. Generally speaking, the vote is given by nominal call. For elections, for peculiar or delicate matters, or whenever a Member (supported by at least 3 other Members) of the General Assembly requires it, the vote is held secretly.

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

Art. 16

Every year 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 JJIF Board of Directors.

The General Assembly elects the Members of the Board of Directors, approves the Statutes and Regulations 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 Board of Directors, including applications for affiliations and proposals presented by the Member-Federations, and decides on any other general matter.

Art. 18

The General Assembly can only rule items on the agenda.

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.

At least one month before the scheduled date of the General Assembly meeting, the General Secretary 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 Board of Directors.

The items not included in the agenda, but proposed to the General Secretary at the beginning of the General Assembly meeting can be discussed provided the majority consents. In case of lack of time, they can be deferred to the Board of Directors or, according to the importance of the issue, to the next General Assembly.

Art. 18

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.

Art. 19

On request of at least two thirds of the Full National Members and National Members or on decision of the majority of the Board of Directors, an extraordinary General assembly can be summoned in a place chosen by the Board of Directors.

If an extra-ordinary General Assembly is requested by at least two thirds of the Member-Federations, it has to be summoned within three months from the date the registered letter, specifying the motives and request, is received by the Presidency of the JJIF.

The agenda must mention the motives of the meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Art. 20

The Board of Directors is composed of five members: the President, one First Vice President, one Second Vice President, a General Secretary and a Treasurer. Each of the last two functions could be covered ~~and~~ interim by a Vice President.

The members of the Board of Directors are in charge for four years. In case of resignations the members for which the resignations are accepted should not be more than two per year. The resigning member can be re-elected.

The Board of Directors 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 Board of Director=s majority.

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

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

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

All new Candidates must be Members of a Full National Member Organisation. The candidacy as a Member of the Board has to be approved, in writing, by the Candidate=s National Organisation.

The Member or the Board in charge at the expiration of his assignment, is automatically a candidate for re-election to the same position and therefore he does not have to present his candidacy for such position at the following election.

Art. 21

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

In case of President=s resignation, his function will be entrusted to one of the two Vice Presidents, according to the order in the election, until the following General Assembly meeting.

In the event of a tie in the Board of Directors the President has the casting vote.

Art. 22

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

a0 The Vice Presidents help the President and take his place when he is unavailable, according to the order in the election.

b0 The general Secretary takes care of the Secretarial matters and of relationships with the National Member Federations, with Associated Organisations and with third parties when delegated by the President.

The President, on the General Secretary=s request, can appoint an Administrative Secretary - with no right to vote - possibly resident in the same city as the General secretary.

c0 The Treasurer is responsible for the treasury of the JJIF, of which he is to keep regular account. Any relevant expenses must be authorised in advance by the President.

PRESIDENCY

Art. 23

The Presidency is composed of the President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer. It is summoned by the general Secretary on the President's request.

In case of urgency it decides upon the most important matters; but its decisions must be ratified by the Board of Directors by mail or at the next meeting.

Chapter IV : Operating structure - Unions, Task Forces, Accounting Committee

UNIONS

Art. 24

In order to improve efficiency and effectiveness in its management and in order to accommodate continental requirements and / or necessities of local Ju-Jitsu activities, the Board of Directors of JJIF may decree the appointment of JJIF Commissioners or the establishment of Continental JJIF Unions and still maintain an overall co-ordination role and power world-wide.

The Commissioners or Continental Unions will adhere and honour the spirit and the content of the JJIF Statutes and will take responsibility for the local complementation of the JJIF directives, reporting directly to the President of JJIF.

Commissioners may be nominated to act on behalf of the JJIF Board until the Continental area assigned to them has less than five Nations accepted as Members of JJIF

When the number of Member Nations equals or exceeds five, then a Continental JJIF Union will be established over the Continental Area concerned. An exception is made for North America where 2 Member Nations (USA and Canada) are sufficient to establish a local Union.

The JJIF Unions will have a Board composed by:

- _ PRESIDENT elected by local Members,
- _ VICE PRESIDENT elected by local Members,
- _ SECRETARY elected by local Members,
- _ TREASURER elected by local Members.

The Board of the JJIF Unions will establish Continental Committees as needed, and will nominate the chairmen of such Committees under the umbrella of the equivalent JJIF Committees.

The Continental Unions may set-up their own local activity of JJIF and, in any case, following the orientation of JJIF.

The Continental Unions will have to comply to the broad political and technical directives given by the JJIF Board and must send minutes of official annual meetings to JJIF.

The President of JJIF is by right appointed Chairman to all Continental Union Boards in his advisory and co-ordinating capacity.

The Presidents of the Continental Unions are by right members of the JJIF Board with consultative functions; they should also make recommendations to JJIF about new National Members from their Unions.

TASK FORCES

Art. 25

The task of ensuring the respect of the operating principles of JJIF and to stimulate innovation and progress of JJIF is entrusted to specific International Task Forces (Committees, Working Groups, etc.) specialised on particular areas of the operations of JJIF.

The International Committees or the Working Groups are guided by a Chairman, and are composed by individual Members of JJIF (Councillors). The Chairman and the Councillors are appointed by nomination by the JJIF Board of Directors and they can be removed by the same authority. The activities will be reported for ratification by next General Assembly.

An exception to this rule is represented by the Accounted Committee which is nominated and can be modified, in its composition, by the General Assembly.

ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE

Art. 26

During each General Assembly a Committee for controlling accounts is appointed. It will be composed of three members who cannot be part of the Board of Directors. This Committee will check the book-keeping and will report to the General Assembly.

Chapter V : Allowances and Accounting

Art. 27

All JJIF Executives, give their co-operation free of charge and on an honorary basis. Their travel and accommodation expenses will be on their own Federation=s charge and care for all official meetings or missions except meetings or missions when other organisations (including JJIF) take charge and care. Each Federation will also provide travel and accommodation expenses for their technical counsellors.

For the refund of routine expenses budgetarial amounts are stated every year by the Board of Directors, and are incorporated into the budget for the year. Any substantial or exceptional expenses will have to be previously authorised by the Board or by the President.

A financial report related to the previous federal year must be presented by the Treasurer every year to the General Assembly: it must include Profit / Loss Account (actual and budget) and balance sheet al 31 December. The Treasurer must also present an up to date budget for the year in progress and the year to follow.

Art. 28

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

Chapter VI : Special dispositions (Modification to Statutes, Dissolution)

MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATUTES

Art. 29

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

Any modifications must be approved by the General Assembly according to the majority of votes. 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.

DISSOLUTION

Art. 30

In the event of dissolution the properties of JJIF will be shared among its Members.

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BYE - LAWS

NATIONAL DELEGATE

He / she is the person who formally represents his / her National Organisation in the General Assembly and in other formal JJIF meetings related to administration, policy, strategy and statutory decisions.

He / she must be designated by the President of the National Organisation concerned.

TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE

He / she is the person who formally represents his / her National Organisation in Technical meetings where matters related to Technical programs, forms of competitions, referee schemes and practice, are addressed.

He / she cannot enter statutory matters.

He / she must be designated by the President of the National Organisation concerned or by the Delegate of that Country.

HONORARY FELLOW MEMBERS

A retiring President or a retiring elected executive who has rendered outstanding services to the JJIF may be granted the title of >Honorary President= or >Honorary Member= respectively, by the General Assembly on a proposal made by the JJIF Board. Such Honorary Fellow Members shall have the right to attend the annual meetings and General Assemblies and have the right to speak but not to vote. They may also be invited by the President to provide their co-operation and expertise on specific tasks.

TASK FORCES

As per April 2000, the Task Forces operating in JJIF are the following:

- JJIF Accountant Committee,
- JJIF Advisory Committee,
- JJIF Ethics Committee,
- JJIF Ju-Jitsu Development Committee,
- JJIF Public Relations Committee,
- JJIF Referee Committee,
- JJIF Women Management Committee.

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"JU-JITSU LOCAL COMMUNITY" AS ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATION MEMBER

1. In order to initiate or to expedite the development of Ju-Jitsu under the rules of JJIF, within a well identified geographical area in the world, JJIF may decide to recommend or to accept the establishment of a specific "Ju-Jitsu Local Community" (JJLC) encompassing various countries. This possibility will be taken into consideration only when the development of individual National Membership from the countries involved is considered particularly difficult and/or premature, for objective reasons.
2. The JJLC may apply to JJIF to obtain the Membership as an "Associated Organisation Member" as per JJIF Statutes, Art.6, provided that:
 - a) JJLC presents a "Constitution Document" which indicates at least the following:
 - a.1) date of establishment;
 - a.2) countries adhering to it (at least 3) as undersigners of such document;
 - a.3) geographical area targeted for the development of Ju-Jitsu under the JJIF rules (normally such area includes the adhering countries plus others strictly related to them);
 - a.4) type of activities planned to achieve the above objective;
 - b) JJLC undertakes to withdraw from initiatives that the JJIF Board, under its own judgement, considers detrimental or improper within the overall JJIF activity;
 - c) JJLC undertakes:
 - c.1) not to launch or implement activities outside the geographical area indicated in a.3 above;
 - c.2) not to involve nor to invite to its own activities countries outside the area indicated in a.3 above, except when previously authorised in writing by the JJIF Board;
 - c.3) not to accept invitations from other JJIF Unions, Communities or Countries outside the JJLC, except when previously authorised in writing by the JJIF Board;
3. JJLC has the scope of supporting individual countries in progressing up to the point when they may become eligible and have the profile to apply to become individual National Members, as per JJIF Statutes, Art.5 and Art.6.

Through this process the individual Member Countries may finally reach the conditions to establish the local JJIF Union, as per JJIF Statutes, Art.24, which formerly represents JJIF in that specific continental area..
4. From paragraph 3 above it derives that JJLC should never undertake initiatives which are competence of the JJIF Unions (e.g. the JJLC may organize "Open Community Cups" but not official JJIF Championships, it should not establish Committees or plan examinations or courses in the name of JJIF, etc.);
5. When some of the above guidelines are not adhered to, JJIF may cease the Membership of the JJLC involved.

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Note: Transient Condition

All Memberships, Agreements, Conventions or other formal engagements involving IJF before the date of change in denomination, are considered solidly and entirely absorbed by the new denomination JJF.