



HEAD SPORT DIRECTOR REPORT

Report of Head Sport Director for IJF Congress 2019

The IJF Events & World Ranking Lists (WRL)

The IJF organizes 10 Grand Prix, 6 Grand Slam, Masters and World Championships which serve as the core for all our media and TV partners, generating millions of USD for our athletes in prize money awards.

In both World Championships 2017 and 2018 we had high participation of athletes as well as nations.

Budapest 2017 – 726 judoka from 126 nations

Baku 2018 - 755 judoka from 124 nations

The universality is enormous, not only in the case of the last 2 Olympic Games; we have in total 4,497 judoka in the World Ranking List (2,816 men & 1,681 women) which all are considered as taking part in Olympic Qualification in terms of the Continental Quota. The New Nation WRL was established with the current participation of 167 Countries.

Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games

For the first time the YOG Qualification was based on the Cadets World Ranking generating 104 judoka from 70 nations. An incredible 28 nations were winning medals in this prestigious event. As in both previous YOG, Buenos Aires also saw the successful presentation of judo as an international mix team competition which always has incredible public atmosphere.

The IJF achieved our long time challenge and dream – the staging of a team event in the Olympic Games. The IOC approved the open entry for all nations who qualify in all mixed team categories. Currently we have in the meantime 12 teams & the organizers team from Japan.

The IJF intends to present in the Tokyo Olympics in 2020 a refugee team as well as joint Korean team.

IJF Seminars

Each year the IJF organizes Referee and Coaches Seminars for all Federations in order to inform and revise the rules. All IJF Commissions - Referee, Education and Sports in collaboration with the best referees and coaches from all over the world work together to create the best possible conditions for the highest level of performance and spectacular presentation as well as maintaining the reputation of fairness and fair play for our sport.

I would like to extend my thanks to all Organizers, Sport Commission colleagues as well as all the IJF Executive Committee members for their hard work and support.

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