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The IJF World Judo Tour (WJT)

All events in 2019 had qualification statute and it was the most expanded year in the IJF history, Organized in 4 Continents and to support the Olympic Qualification in Oceania the IJF upgraded and awarded OJU en Open with Grand Prix points.

9 Grand Prix (ISR, MAR, GEO, TUR, CHN, CAN, HUN, CRO, UZB)

7 Grand Slams (FRA, GER, RUS, AZE, BRA, UAE, JPN)

1 Masters (CHN)

5 World Championships (Senior, Veterans, Kata, Junior, Cadet)

3 Team World Championships (Senior, Junior, Cadets)

2019	SENIOR	VETERANS	KATA	JUNIOR	CADET
NATIONS	142	51	28	81	61
ATHLETES	828	1168	110	513	460

In total 22 top individual and 3 team events – a huge offer for our Judo Family, TV partners and sponsors.

After the Baku GS 2019 and Tashkent GP 2019 we collaborated with IBSA and IJF staff supported IBSA Judo with running two Grand Prix events.

In the beginning of 2020, we only were able to organize 3 competitions (GP ISR, GS FRA and GS GER) and then had to cancel all our activities due to the worldwide pandemic situation.

It was incredible to see the continued activity of all judo family from kids to top athletes, National Federations and Continental Unions. On-line seminars, training methods, home activity inventions, experience exchanges, support, animation and many other innovative ideas to keep judo alive! Our noble combat sport again shows the discipline, not only during home lockdown, but also when restarting our activities at the end of last year.

Finally, at the end of 2020 we were able to successfully organize a Grand Slam in Budapest as well as in Africa, Europe and Pan-America their Continental Championships.

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The Olympic Qualification

The IJF has big advantage that at any moment we could provide to the IOC the full number of 386 judoka nominated to Tokyo Olympic Games. Anyhow after intensive communication with the IOC and the IJF proposal, both sides agreed to prolong the Olympic Qualification until June 2021.

The IJF Executive Committee decided to award only the best (1) result in case some Continent or Nation will participate in both Continental Championships (in 2020 and also 2021). This rule protects all athletes not able to take part in 2020 due to pandemic restrictions.

With very a precise IJF COVID-19 protocol we plan to organize in 2021:

- Masters (QAT)
- 5 Grand Slams (ISR, UZB, GEO, TUR, FRA)
- World Championships & Teams in Budapest (HUN)

For the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games we again can count with more than 130 Nations and newly with around 10 mixed teams.

The IJF Refugee Project supports 23 senior official refugees who are taking part in IJF WJT events under the IJF flag. Participation of a refugee team in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games still has to be confirmed by the IOC.

World Ranking List (WRL)

Currently we have in World Ranking List in total 4.247 judoka (2.640 Men & 1.632 Women) from 172 nations which all are considered taking part in Olympic Qualification.

	-60 kg	-66 kg	-73 kg	-81 kg	-90 kg	-100 kg	+100 kg	-48 kg	-52 kg	-57 kg	-63 kg	-70 kg	-78 kg	+78 kg
Athletes	402	453	472	436	355	278	244	228	256	277	246	223	177	165
NOC	113	126	125	113	108	97	78	74	82	83	78	78	67	65
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Coordination – running the event

In coordination with the Education and Coaches Commission, and with athletes and coaches post-event feedback, we are continuously working to improve our services to delegations before, during and after each WJT Event.

Currently we are revising the procedure of the 5% morning random weigh-in control to prolong the time for athletes starting later in the competition, as well revising the schedule of the evening day-before official weigh-in time, again improving warm up area including the possibility to train in hotel/s whenever it is possible.

Unfortunately, some services have had to be modified due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we are grateful to everyone for their patience and understanding.

I would like to thank to all National Federations, Organizers, Sports and other Commission colleagues as well as all the IJF Executive Committee members for their hard work and support.