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The Veterans' Commission's Judo activity is continuously focusing on:

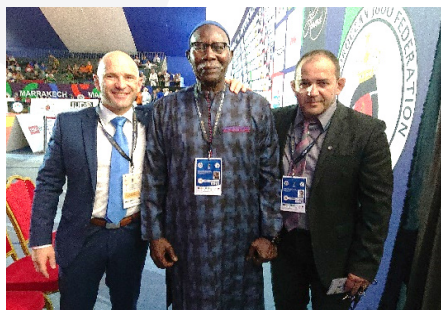
- Developing the Judo Veterans' Event strategy
- Communication and cooperation with the Judo Veterans' Community
- Gender equality
- Safety of the participants in the Veterans' events
- Live streaming of the World Championships, the Veterans' main event
- Appearance in social media and actions launched by IJF Media and Marketing
- Motivation to practise Judo during the pandemic

Part of the World Judo Tour Brand, the 11th Veterans' World Championships hosted by the Royal Moroccan Judo Federation in Marrakech marked the first event for the Judo veterans made in cooperation with the African Judo Union.



The excellent perception of the event is reflected in the participation of almost 1200 veterans. More than 50 countries and athletes from all Continental Unions delivered four days of great Judo. Competent support by the workforce of IJF Competition Management ensured a smooth event organisation.

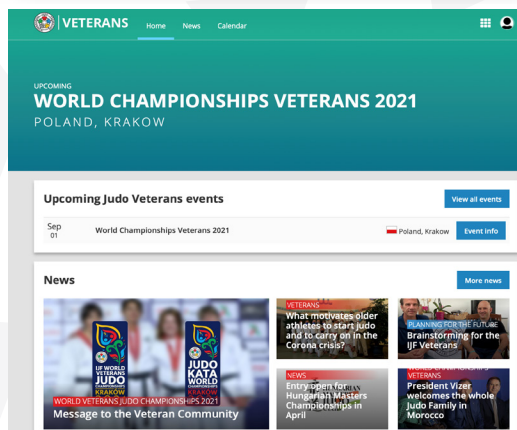
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To find the best balance for all age groups and genders, the participation rules have been revised. One of the main goals is to increase female participation.



The World Championships planned for 2020 will be postponed and, with the support of the Polish Judo Association, are supposed to be organised in Krakow in September 2021.



Accessible at <https://www.facebook.com/IJFVeterans/>, the social media contact and coverage is regularly updated with news. The IJF Media Team's support provides for a high-quality form.

The new appearance of its own website is now integrated in the [ijf.org](https://www.ijf.org) domain: <https://veterans.ijf.org>.

Travel restrictions, lockdowns and social distancing led to cutbacks of training possibilities and competition events. Only regional activities were still possible. Appropriate support keeps the interest alive and we have put together some well-appreciated key points to counterbalance these massive training reductions.

**Let's stay Judoka and optimistic – stronger together!**

