



**INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION  
DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION**

**CASE: n° 2019-1**  
**Mr. Nikolaos ILIADIS**

**COMMISSION COMPOSITION:**

- Mr. Francis LEGOND	President
- Mr. Colin DRAYCOTT	Vice-President
- Mr. Dick JOHANSSON	Member

**CONCERNED PERSON:**

- **Mr. Nikolaos ILIADIS;**  
Greek Coach

**FACTS AND PROCEDURE:**

During the 2019 Paris Grand Slam, the coach of Greece Mr. Nikolaos ILIADIS was the author of an episode of serious unsporting behavior.

About two minutes in the 81 kg contest between Muki Sagi (ISR) and Ntanatsidis Alexios (GRE), the latter was sanctioned with the third Shido on unanimous decision of the referees.

Mr. ILIADIS immediately challenged the verdict and, crossing the field of play, approached the position where the referees were, asking for explanations aloud and nervously gesticulating.

Some of the staff tried to calm him down and get him back to the coaches' station, but Mr. ILIADIS continued his behavior until the arrival of Mr. BAGDASAROV Armen, IJF Sport Director, who called him to a more correct behavior; the episode ended with Mr. ILIADIS's suspension from the competition.

Mr. Juan Carlos BARCOS and Mr. Jan H. SNIJDERS, International Judo Federation Refereeing Directors, made a report concerning this incident pointing that later during the competition Mr. ILIADIS, after viewing the video of the contest, accepted the referee's decision and apologized to everyone for his behavior.

Mr. Nikolaos ILIADIS had already 4 months suspension from all competitions organized or authorized by International Judo Federation and its Unions, started from 27th August 2015 to 26th December 2015 for similar behavior.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 International Judo Federation General Secretary informed Mr. Nikolaos ILIADIS that a disciplinary procedure was open against him, and asked him to choose between the written procedure and the hearing.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Mr. Nikolaos ILIADIS chose the written procedure.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019, the International Judo Federation General Secretary duly noted that Mr. Nikolaos ILIADIS had chosen the written procedure, sent him the case file and informed him that he could send to the commission all observation, evidence and testimony, for his own defense.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Mr. Nikolaos ILIADIS explains that he thought that the referee's decision was not accurate and that he wanted to have an explanation. He also explains that he wasn't aggressive but speaking with lot a gesture because of his lack of ability to communicate in English. Nevertheless he admits that he went to the referee's corner asking for explanations. He gives his apologies.

### **REGARDING THE CASE FILE,**

Mr. Nikolaos ILIADIS didn't contest that he publicly protested against a refereeing decision and admits that he went to the referee's corner asking for explanations with a lot of gesture.

This misconduct which is against the judo moral code and especially the principle of control of oneself respect and politeness, and against the IJF Code of Ethics, took place on the tatami, during a public and broadcasted competition, and damaged the International Judo Federation and judo in general image.

Mr. Nikolaos ILIADIS had a similar misconduct during the 2015 World Championships in Astana, and he received a 4 months suspension in order not to damage too much Greek Athletes.

This behavior is not acceptable from a National Team Coach who has to set a good example.

### **ON THESE GROUNDS, THE IJF DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION:**

- **Pronounces against Mr. Nikolaos ILIADIS a 10 months coaching suspension during all competitions organized or authorized by International Judo Federation and its Unions, started from 15 May 2019 to 14 March 2020.**
- **Says that this decision shall be communicated to :**
  - Mr. Marius VIZER, IJF President ;
  - Mr. Jean Luc ROUGE, IJF General Secretary;
  - Mr. Sergey SOLOVEYCHIK, EJU President;
  - Mr. Mohamed MERIDJA, IJF Education and Coaching Director;
  - Mr. Vladimir BARTA, IJF Head Sport Director;
  - Greek Judo Federation;
  - Mr. Nikolaos ILIADIS;
- **Informs Mr. Nikolaos ILIADIS that this decision is subject to appeal with the Court of Arbitration For Sport. The time limit for appeal shall be twenty-one days from the receipt of the decision appealed against.**

Paris, the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**President**  
**Mr. Francis LEGOND**

**Vice-President**  
**Colin DRAYCOTT**