



**INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION
DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION**

CASE: n° 2021-2
Mr. Jorge FONSECA

COMMISSION COMPOSITION:

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| - Mr. Envic GALEA | President |
| - Mr. Balint PUTNIK | Member |
| - Mr. Franco CAPELLETTI | Member |

CONCERNED PERSON:

- **Mr. Jorge FONSECA**
Athlete, Portugal, -100kg

FACTS AND PROCEDURE:

During the 2021 World Judo Championships Seniors, Mr. Jorge FONSECA at the end of the final contest had an inappropriate and ostentatious behavior that is contrary to the values of Judo, as shown in the below video:

<https://we.tl/t-4q0E13YcEd>

On June 18th 2021, the International Judo Federation General Secretary informed Mr. Jorge FONSECA that a disciplinary procedure was open against him, and asked him to choose between the written procedure and the hearing.

On June 21st, 2021, Mr. Jorge FONSECA gave the following explanation:

“After a so important day, not only for me, but also for my country, with the accomplishment of winning the second World Title for the first time in Portuguese Judo history, emotion took over me and I deeply regret my attitude immediately after throwing my opponent, and as I was leaving the competition area. It was never my intention to offend or to be offensive to anyone, nor to my opponent nor to any other person present or watching the event by any social media means.

I recognize the total inappropriate behavior from my side and, for that, I would like to express my sincere apologies to International Judo Federation and to all Judo Family.

I've always guided my life and my behavior by the principles of Judo and following the values of our Sport, not only in my sport life, but also in my private and social life. It was this way of life that helped me to overcome great difficulties in my life, and I would never go intentionally against this principles and values in any circumstance.

I realize that, as a World Champion, I'm an example to many other judokas and, as consequence, I must have an exemplary behavior, which was not the case in that moment.

Therefore, I commit not to repeat this type of behavior, or any other that does not respect the values and principles of Judo, from now on.

I'm very much committed to contribute in every possible way to promote the image of Judo and its principles and values.

Thank you very much for the given opportunity to express myself, and with this I hope I could contribute to a bigger basis for a more informed decision-making”.

REGARDING THE CASE FILE:

Mr. Jorge FONSECA apologised for his inappropriate behaviour and promised to contribute in every possible way to promote the image of judo and its principles and values.

ON THESE GROUNDS, THE IJF DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION:

- **Pronounces a warning against Mr. Jorge FONSECA for his behaviour on the mat.**
- **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;
 - Dr. Lisa ALLAN, IJF Event Director;
 - Mr. Vlad MARINESCU, IJF Director General;
 - Portuguese Judo Federation President;
 - Mr. Jorge FONSECA;
- **Informs Mr. Jorge FONSECA 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, June 24th, 2021

President
Mr. Envic GALEA