



**INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION
DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION**

CASE: n° 2021-3
Mr. Roy MEYER

COMMISSION COMPOSITION:

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

CONCERNED PERSON:

- **Mr. Roy MEYER**
Athlete, Netherlands, +100kg

FACTS AND PROCEDURE:

During the 2021 World Judo Championships Seniors, Mr. Roy MEYER 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 video: <https://we.tl/t-sLGYvDSn27>.

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

On June 28th, 2021, Mr. Roy MEYER informed that he chose the written procedure.

In his letter of July 5th 2021 Mr. MEYER gave the following explanation:

“First of all, I would like to emphasize that it has never been my intention and will be to display disrespectful behaviour towards my opponent, my sport, the crowd or anyone else. There is certainly no question of malicious intent and I find it very sad that this has come across at the IJF.

As a member of the international judo family, I am very pleased with the way in which judo has developed internationally in recent years. By professionalizing marketing and making it accessible to everyone online, our sport has a bigger reach than ever. I also think that this is necessary to make young children enthusiastic about judo in the future, instead of the equally fun, but perhaps less healthy e-sports. I see it as one of my tasks as a high-performance athlete to inspire others. Both on the mat and off the mat. And in my case, dancing is part of that. I also get a lot of good feedback on that. It's maybe for this reason that the IJF also uses judokas like Jorge Fonseca and me in its promotional activities and platforms. Our sport and its judokas develop along with the needs of society. People want to be entertained more and more and I like to contribute to that. I was happy to read that my own judo association also embraces this.

As I wrote, it was never my intention to come across as disrespectful with my dance of joy. What you should know is that I was told a few weeks before the World Championships that I had not been selected

for the Tokyo Olympics. You can imagine that I was extremely driven to show the best version of myself during this World Championships. Fighting for Tokyo for five years has not resulted in an Olympic podium. My wife and two children have been effacing themselves all along so that I could pursue my Olympic dream. It was for these reasons that the discharge was particularly great after winning the WC bronze.

Finally. With this letter I hope to have given you as a committee some insight into the underlying reasons for my behaviour, but also the judoka and source of inspiration I would like to be.”

REGARDING THE CASE FILE:

Mr. Roy Meyer explains that he never wanted to be disrespectful and apologised for his improvised "dance of joy."

As a high-performance athlete expecting to inspire others, Mr Meyer should be an ambassador for our Judo Moral Code and show respect and containment, both on the mat and of the mat. We draw your attention to **page 158** of the Sport Organisation Rules, in particular, stating:

- *Both victory and defeat must be accepted by exercising self-control and without showing any ostentatious behaviour.*
- *Exercise self-control and remain disciplined in all circumstances.*

ON THESE GROUNDS, THE IJF DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION:

- **Pronounces a warning against Mr. Roy MEYER 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;
 - Dutch Judo Federation President;
 - Mr. Roy MEYER;
- **Informs Mr. Roy MEYER 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, July 5th, 2021

President
Mr. Envic GALEA