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The worldwide pandemic also brought veteran judo to a standstill. However, thanks to great performances and efforts of all, this dire phase could be overcome and judoka became active again all over the world.

The Veterans World Championships, organised by the Portuguese Judo Federation from 21 to 24 October 2021, was a first and very important success on the way back to normality. 358 participants from 42 countries fought for the medals in Lisbon and showed great judo. Thanks to a consistent Corona protocol and excellent organisation, the event went very well. Veteran judo was back!

Around the world, veterans trained again in 2021 and 2022, and there were numerous small, medium and large tournaments and teaching events. The community was back and active, on and off the mat.
Judo could again be what it should be, a lifelong experience.

The Veterans World Championships 2022 took place in Krakow, Poland from 08 to 11 September. The number of participants increased significantly compared to 2021 with 837 judoka from 60 countries, which was a very positive signal. The Polish Judo Federation and the local organisers hosted an excellent tournament, which was very positively evaluated by the male and female participants.

In the meantime, the IJF Veterans’ Office has moved to a new building.

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The next Veterans World Cup is scheduled to take place in November 2023 in Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates.