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For the period 2023–2024 the IJF Education and Coaching Commission has implemented many programmes aiming to promote the technical, educational and ethical development of judo.

1. Implementation of Olympic Solidarity Programmes

Objectives

- Promote the global development of judo through funding and support from Olympic Solidarity.
- Develop and implement modern training methodologies for coaches at all levels.
- Provide resources and guidelines to ensure consistency and quality in coaching practices globally.
- Ensure inclusivity and equal opportunities for coaches worldwide.

Achievements

Enhancing Coaching Training

Technical Courses for Coaches

The following countries have benefited from Olympic Solidarity funding:

AJU: Ghana, Mali, Mozambique, Sudan, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Seychelles.

EJU: Armenia, Latvia.

JUA: United Arab Emirates, Turkmenistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Cambodia, Lebanon, Yemen.

PJC: Mexico, El Salvador, Chile, Venezuela.

Scholarships for Coaches

17 male and 10 female coaches from the following nations have received a scholarship to take up a high quality training course at an internationally recognised training centers:

AJU: Togo, Zimbabwe (x2), South Africa (x2), Mozambique (x2), Cape Verde, Zambia, Cameroon.

EJU: Belgium.

JUA: Japan, Bahrain, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan (x4).

PJC: Argentina, El Salvador, Suriname, Brazil (x4), Chile.

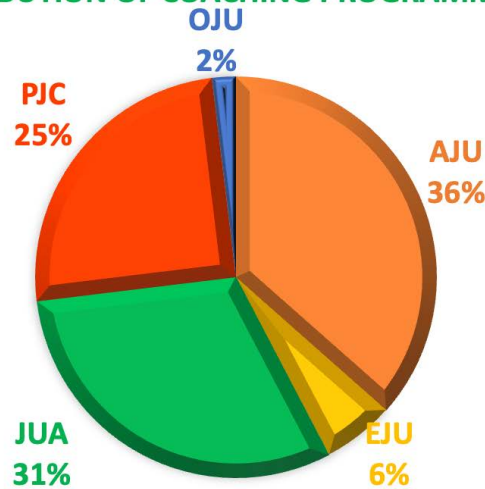
OJU: New Zealand.



Development of National Sports System

The Seychelles and Bhutan have implemented this programme.

DISTRIBUTION OF COACHING PROGRAMMES



2. Athlete Development

- Promoting athlete-centered approaches that prioritise fair play.
- Encouraging the use of scientific research to improve training techniques and injury prevention (IJF Arts and Sciences of Judo scientific journal).
- Staying updated on advances in sports education, integrating them into judo practices (IJF ASJ journal).
- Review of the athletes' applications for an Olympic Solidarity scholarship to prepare for the Olympic Games in Paris.
- 112 athletes (63 Men, 49 women) were allocated a support scholarship to prepare the qualification period of the 2024 Paris Olympics:

AJU: Mozambique (x2), Malawi, Cameroon (x2), Angola (x3), Ghana, Ivory Coast (x2), Tanzania, Guinea Bissau (x2), Mauritius (x2), Central African Republic (x3), Gabon (x2), Senegal, Guinea, Benin, Gambia (x2), Zambia (x2), Chad, Zimbabwe, Cape Verde (x2), Burundi (x2), Niger, Comoros, Madagascar (x2), Djibouti.

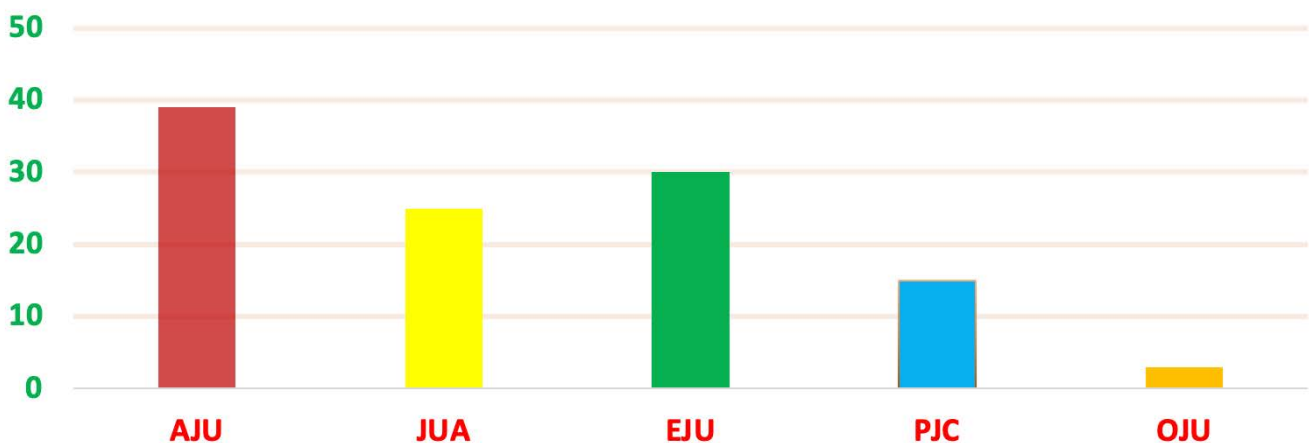
JUA: Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan (x2), Tajikistan (x7), Turkmenistan (x3), Yemen, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon (x2), Sri Lanka, Lao, Mongolia (x3).

EJU: Azerbaijan (x2), Georgia (x6), Albania (x2), Armenia, Moldova, Montenegro, Slovenia, Bosnia Herzegovina (x3), Serbia (x2), Liechtenstein (x2), Croatia (x2), Kosovo (x8), Finland.

PJC: Haiti (x2), Argentina, Panama (x2), Venezuela (x2), Peru, Chile, Uruguay, Costa Rica (x3), Puerto Rico, Belize.

OJU: Fiji (x2), Guam.

Distribution of athlete Olympic Solidarity scholarships by continental union





3. Master Coach Certification Applications

In 2022, the IJF introduced the Master Coach Licence, awarded to judo coaches with exemplary careers who have achieved extraordinary results at the Olympic Games and IJF senior world championships through their athletes. The deadline for applying for the Master Coach Licence was set for 15th May 2024. 163 coaches were awarded a Master Coach Licence. They are distributed as follows:

AJU: 07 EJU: 98 JUA: 35 PJC: 21 OJU: 02

4. Enforcement of IJF Regulations: Values and Ethics

Focus Areas

- Promote the ethical principles of judo within and beyond competition.
- Address misconduct swiftly and transparently.
- Coaches and athletes as role models who embody the values of judo.

Initiatives Implemented

- Strengthened reporting and disciplinary procedures for ethical violations.
- A PowerPoint presentation on judo values and ethics was delivered during the IJF Technical Seminar in Istanbul on 14th and 15th December 2024.

Key Outcomes

- Ethical violations reported and resolved.
- Enhanced trust and accountability within the judo community, ensuring judo aligns with its core values, such as respect, discipline and mutual benefit.

Key Metrics

- Reduction in reported incidents of inappropriate behaviour.
- Increased adherence to IJF behavioural guidelines during competitions.

5. Control of Judogi and Compliance

Overview

Reinforcement of IJF regulations on judogi standards for fairness and uniformity in competitions.

Key Actions Taken

- Implementation of stricter judogi checks at IJF events.
- Introduction of educational initiatives to help athletes and coaches comply with rules.
- Partnership with manufacturers to ensure availability of approved judogi worldwide.
- A video was produced by the IJF's JudoTV team to explain new judogi rules.
- A presentation about authorised identifications for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games was delivered at the referee and coach seminar of Gyor, Hungary on 20th and 21st January 2024.
- Judogi rules updated in the SOR.

Results

- Reduction in disqualifications or penalties related to judogi non-compliance.
- Improved athlete awareness.

6. Kata

Refer to the IJF Kata Commission report.



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Message of Thanks

I would like to thank President Marius Vizer for his inspiring vision and exemplary leadership, driving us to reach new heights. To my colleagues of the Executive Committee and our IJF team members, your dedication, ideas and hard work have been a source of motivation and a testament to the team spirit that prevails within our organisation. It is thanks to this spirit of collaboration that we have been able to achieve significant progress in the areas of education and coaching, for the benefit of current and future generations of judoka worldwide.