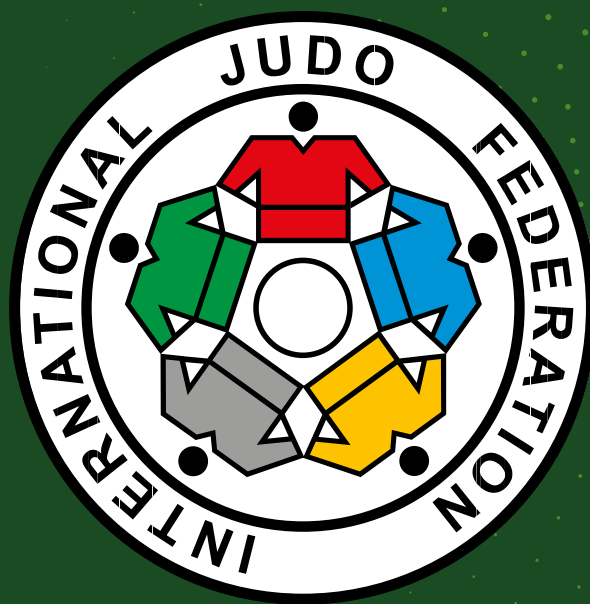


**INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION**



# **SAFEGUARDING ACTIVITY WITHIN THE IJF CONTINENTAL UNIONS AND NATIONAL FEDERATIONS**

Original version in English  
Version February 2025



## Safeguarding activity within the IJF continental unions and national federations

Released by:	IJF Safeguarding Officers
Reviewed by:	IJF General Secretariat, Director Olympic Games & Olympic movement for judo
Mandatory revision*:	No
Recipient:	All those involved in the IJF and its affiliated structures
Qualification:	Unlimited distribution
Version:	1.0 (February 2025)
Validity:	Until withdrawn/modified
Number of attachments:	0
Issuing language:	English
Legally binding language version:	English

**\*The IJF reserves the right to review and amend this document at any time at its sole discretion. Any change will be communicated prior to the date of effect.**



The International Judo Federation (IJF) is committed to ensuring the fundamental right of all athletes, staff and volunteers to be able to participate and develop in a non-violent, safe and respectful environment, free from all forms of discrimination, violence, neglect and exploitation.

Recognising its duty of care the IJF is dedicated to creating and supporting an environment and a culture, free from harassment and abuse. As part of its ongoing efforts to promote the safety and wellbeing of the judo family, the IJF's safeguarding officers aim to establish a closer collaboration with the IJF continental unions and member national federations through the appointment by each continental union of a **Safeguarding and Wellbeing Coordinator**.

## Project's Aim

- To foster a unified approach to safeguarding across the judo community with a joint approach regarding all the safeguarding activities.
- To ensure that the IJF continental unions and national federations are fully aligned with global efforts to protect athletes.
- To harmonise the safeguarding policies, processes and programmes of the continental unions and national federations with those of the IJF.

## Role of the continental union Safeguarding and Wellbeing Coordinator

- To be the main point of contact for safeguarding matters between the continental unions and the IJF safeguarding officers.
- To monitor the safeguarding activity within the continental unions and its national federations.
- To develop and implement policies and procedures tailored to fit their own national and continental legal requirements and conditions.
- To assist their national federations with further enhancement of safeguarding activities with the national federations.
- To lead safeguarding education awareness activities within the continental union and its national federations.

## Required qualifications for continental union Safeguarding and Wellbeing Coordinator

- At this stage, there are no mandatory education or certifications required.

However, the below qualifications will constitute an added value for the choice of the candidates:

- Safeguarding or/and mental health officer or related training.
- Legal background.
- Strong analytical skills and comfortable with all the aspects of safeguarding.

## Operational Approach

- The main activities will be conducted online (e.g., webinars, written communications etc).



## Short-term Objectives

- Assess the current state of safeguarding governance and activities in each continental union and thereafter its national federations (e.g., adopted policy, prevention programmes, education activities, and reporting mechanisms etc.).
- Identify and understand the needs of the continental unions and national federations in terms of safeguarding and further assist them to enhance the IJF continental unions and national federations capacity in athlete safeguarding.
- Promote safeguarding activities through accessible education, and awareness of reporting mechanisms and procedures.
- Support the development and implementation of policies and procedures tailored to the legal requirements of each continental and national federation.
- Address cultural challenges that may arise in developing and implementing safeguarding initiatives.
- Create the network of safeguarding officers across the continental unions.
- Facilitate the sharing of best practices.
- Provide access to expert support and advice.

## Long-term Objectives

- Equip the continental union Safeguarding and Wellbeing Coordinators with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to fulfil their roles as safeguarding officers and serve as the safeguarding focal points within their respective continental unions.
- Develop strategies to implement, monitor and evaluate safeguarding policies within the continental unions and national federations.
- Contribute to the development and implementation of athlete-centred response systems for managing cases of harassment and abuse.

The IJF encourages the continental union Safeguarding and Wellbeing Coordinators to complete the online ***IOC Certificate of Safeguarding Officer in Sport***.

This new initiative strengthens the IJF's commitment to educating and raising awareness about the importance of safeguarding within the judo community.



**IJF Headquarters and Presidential Office**

József Attila Street 1  
Budapest 1051  
Hungary  
[www.ijf.org](http://www.ijf.org)

**IJF General Secretariat**

József Attila Street 1  
Budapest 1051  
Hungary  
[gs@ijf.org](mailto:gs@ijf.org)