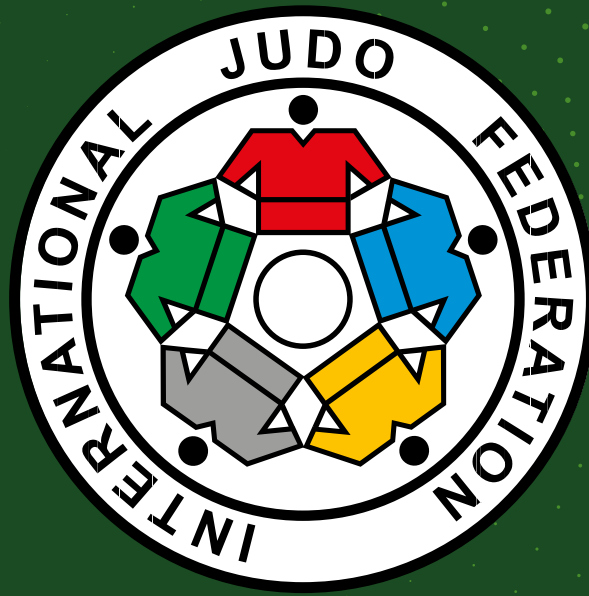


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STATUTES

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Prelude

Abbreviations

CU - Continental Judo Union
EC - IJF Executive Committee
IJF - International Judo Federation
IOC - International Olympic Committee
NF - National Judo Federation
NOC - National Olympic Committee
WJT - World Judo Tour
WRL - World Ranking List

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Preamble

The International Judo Federation (**hereinafter: IJF**) is composed of national judo federations (**hereinafter: NF**) and continental judo unions (**hereinafter: CU**). Only NFs recognised by the IJF may be recognised by their National Olympic Committee (**hereinafter: NOC**) and their ministry.

The major development of judo worldwide made it necessary to create CUs. These CUs are in charge of implementing the policy of the IJF and the International Olympic Committee (**hereinafter: IOC**).

Judo was created in 1882 by Professor Jigoro Kano. As an educational method derived from the martial arts, judo became an official Olympic sport in 1964 (after being named as a demonstration sport at the 1940 Tokyo Olympic Games which were cancelled due to international conflict). Judo is a highly codified sport in which the mind controls the expression of the body and is a sport which contributes to educating individuals.

Beyond competitions and combat, judo involves technical research, practice of kata, self-defence work, physical preparation and sharpening of spirit.

As a discipline derived from ancestral traditions, judo was designed by its Master Founder as an eminently modern and progressive activity.

In accordance with the decision of the Congress dated 23 August 2009, the IJF was a non-profit association under Swiss law with its registered office in Lausanne.

Following a decision of the IJF Executive Committee (**hereinafter: EC**) dated 17 January 2019, the IJF has transferred its registered office to Budapest, Hungary, effective from the date of registration of the IJF as an international sport federation (in Hungarian: nemzetközi sportszövetség) in accordance with Article 30/A of Act I of 2004 on Sports (Sports Act).

If an official document is written in multiple languages, the version in the designated prevailing language shall govern. This prevailing language must be clearly specified.



Article 1 - Definitions

1.1 Statutes

The “Statutes” shall mean all provisions contained in this document, which have been duly approved, together with any addendums and/or appendices which may complete, amend or substitute for this document. The Preamble constitutes an integral part hereof. These Statutes replace the previous statutes.

1.2 International Judo Federation

The IJF is a not-for-profit, public benefit international sports federation duly recognised by the IOC and incorporated in Hungary under Act I of 2004 on Sports, under registration number 01-02-0017346, having its legal seat at József Attila utca 1, 1051 Budapest, Hungary.

The IJF, a member of the Olympic movement, considers adherence to fundamental, universal ethical principles to be the foundation of sport, of judo, and of Olympism.

These principles include:

1.2.1 Respect for the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding and a spirit of friendship, solidarity, and fair play;

1.2.2 Respect for the principle of universality and political neutrality of the IJF and of the Olympic movement;

1.2.3 Maintenance of harmonious relations with government authorities while respecting the principle of autonomy as defined in the Olympic Charter;

1.2.4 Respect for international agreements for the protection of human rights as they apply to the activities of the IJF and its members and which ensure, in particular:

- Protecting the dignity of people.
- Rejection of all forms of discrimination, no matter the reason, in particular related to race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinions, national or social origin, wealth, birth, or any other situation.
- Rejection of all forms of physical, professional, or sexual harassment and abuse, and of all practices that are detrimental to the physical or mental integrity of a person.

1.2.5 Maintaining conditions for the safety and well-being of participants and for medical care to maintain their physical and mental well-being.

1.3 National Judo Federation

The term “National Judo Federation” shall refer to a member of the IJF.

Each NF is a member of one of the CUs of Judo.

Each NF becomes a member of the IJF or loses such membership per decision of the EC.

The liability of NFs as members of the IJF is limited.

All NFs undertake to contribute to the assets of the IJF.

In the event the company is wound up, all NFs which are members at that time and for one (1) year afterwards, agree to pay the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they cease to be members, as well as the costs, charges and expenses of winding up. For the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required must not exceed ten euros (10 €).



1.4 Continental Judo Union

The term “Continental Judo Union” shall refer to a member of the IJF.

It is composed of NFs from that continent who are members of the IJF.

Membership shall be granted to and withdrawn from each CU per decision of the EC.

The decisions of the EC to recognise a structure as a CU or to withdraw from a structure its capacity of CU must be made based on the capability of this structure to ensure the function of a CU in the interest of the sport of judo.

The main criteria used to assess the capability of the structure to act in the interest of judo shall be the number of judoka in the NFs which are members of the structure claiming to have the capacity of CU.

Each CU is made up of NF in the relevant continent, except in the case of exceptional derogations authorised by the EC.

CUs are in charge of implementing the policies of the IJF and the IOC.

The CUs must apply and ensure the application by their member NFs of the statutes, regulations, contracts and directives proposed by the IJF. However, if local obligations so require, the CU may request a derogation from the IJF EC for one of its members or for itself.

The liability of CUs as members is limited.

All CUs undertake to contribute to the assets of the IJF.

In the event the company is wound up, all CUs which are members at that time and for one (1) year afterwards, agree to pay the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they cease to be members, as well as the costs, charges and expenses of winding up. For the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required must not exceed ten euros (10 €).

1.5 Country

A “Country” shall mean an independent State recognised by the international community and which has a flag and a national anthem.

1.6 President

The term “President” shall mean the President of the IJF.

1.7 Vice President

The term “Vice President” shall mean one of the Vice Presidents of the IJF.

1.8 Director

The term “Director” shall mean one of the Directors of the IJF.

1.9 General Treasurer

The term “General Treasurer” shall mean the General Treasurer of the IJF.

1.10 Bureau

The term “Bureau” shall mean the Bureau of the IJF.

1.11 Secretary General

The term “Secretary General” shall mean the Secretary General of the IJF.



1.12 Disciplinary Committee of the First Instance

The “Disciplinary Committee of the first instance” shall mean the Disciplinary Committee of the first instance of the IJF.

1.13 Disciplinary Appeal Committee

The “Disciplinary Appeal Committee” shall mean the Disciplinary Appeal Committee of the IJF.

1.14 Ethics

The IJF established a Code of Ethics applicable to all the IJF members and their affiliates.

1.15 Executive Committee

The “EC” shall mean the Executive Committee of the IJF.

1.16 Congress

The “Congress” shall mean the Congress of the IJF held either on an ordinary or an extraordinary basis.

1.17 Headquarters

The “Headquarters” shall refer to the administrative headquarters of the IJF, where the administrative tasks of the IJF are performed, the location of which shall be decided by the President.

1.18 Head Office

The “Head Office” shall refer to the registered head office of the IJF, the location of which shall be decided by the EC.

Article 2 - Aims

The IJF has the following aims, without this constituting an exhaustive list:

- To promote cordial and friendly relations between its members, to uphold proper operating procedures of the member NFs and CUs to lead and organise judo activities throughout the world.
- To protect the interests of judo throughout the world.
- To organise IJF events, to supervise events organised by its members and to participate in the organisation of Olympic events.
- To develop the practice of judo throughout the world for all categories of the population.
- To establish rules for practicing judo and the rules applicable to international competitions organised or recognised by the IJF.
- To improve the quality of judo training and the safety of its practice.
- To supervise the awarding of grades, including “dan” ranks, and their compliance with the IJF rules.
- To promote the ideals and objectives behind the Olympic movement.

Article 3 - Structure

3.1 Composition of the International Judo Federation

The IJF is composed of the member NFs and CUs.

3.2 Statutes of Members

The Statutes and regulations of NFs and CUs must comply with the Statutes, all regulations and decisions of the EC, as well as the principles of the Olympic Charter.

The election of the members of the EC must comply with the same conditions.

The EC must be informed of the dates and places of congresses held by the CUs one-hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the date such congresses are held.



In the event of an objection to the date and/or places of these congresses expressed by at least 1/3 of the member countries of a CU by way of registered letter sent to the General Secretariat of the IJF within 45 days of the date on which the notice to attend a congress was sent, the Bureau of the IJF shall be responsible for arbitrating the objection and informing the CU concerned of its decision for the purposes of having that decision applied.

In the event that a dispute or dysfunction is brought to the attention of the IJF President or another subject, which is detracting from the correct functioning of an IJF member structure, an IJF representative appointed by the IJF President can lead investigations which will be exposed to the IJF EC.

The EC will be able to take any measure necessary for an appropriate functioning. The parties undertake to respect the IJF EC directives.

3.3 Auditing of the Use of Funds

Any CU or NF which receives IJF funds may be audited by the IJF as regards the use of these funds. For this purpose, their accounts shall be sent to the General Treasurer each year and must be available at all times to the auditors appointed by the IJF.

3.4 Remittal of Awards

All CUs and NFs which organise a competition for which prize money or an award will be given, must file a declaration with the IJF regarding the origin of the funds allowing such prize money or award to be remitted and must further accept to allow the IJF to verify the truthfulness of such declaration.

3.5 Communication of Information

The CUs shall communicate to the IJF: the agenda and the minutes of their ordinary and extraordinary congresses.

The CUs shall submit an annual report on all activities and the development of judo on their continents to the IJF. This report must indicate the number of judoka and clubs per federation, the number of black belts and an opinion on the media coverage of judo.

Article 4 - Membership

4.1 Application for Membership

Only one NF per country may become a member of the IJF.

In accordance with the IOC rules, NOCs can recognise as members of their NOC only the NFs recognised by the International Olympic Federations for the disciplines for which they are responsible.

4.2 Procedure

Any NF which would like to join the IJF must apply for membership in writing to the IJF General Secretariat.

The statutes of the NF must mandatorily be attached to the membership application and must absolutely provide that this NF agrees to comply with the Statutes and all regulations and decisions of the IJF.

An opinion from the CU to which this Federation belongs, giving reasons for its opinion, must also be sent in with the membership application.

4.3 A Defence of Federations

The IJF is dedicated to defending NFs from all attacks against democratic processes they may suffer in the area of elections held by NFs and their participation in competitions.

4.3 B Defence of Federations

IJF NFs may only be composed of associations (clubs), or associative, private, social, school or state structures exclusively engaged in judo activities, unless otherwise provided by the mandatory rules applicable to the NF.

These particular cases will be dealt with by the EC.



Transitional provision: NFs have a maximum of 2 years to comply with this provision.

NFs may not be affiliated to another International Federation.

The policy, administration and management of IJF can only be decided by its internal bodies (Bureau, Executive Committee, Congress) provided for in this Statutes approved by its NFs.

4.4 Associated Members

At a CU's request, territories which do not correspond to the definition of a country (Refer to 1.5 Country) can be appointed associated members of the International Judo Federation and, if permitted in the CUs Statutes, have the full-fledged status of a CU member and take part in all the sport events and the democratic life of the CU.

To present this candidacy to the IJF EC, the CU should have the written approval of the country on which the territory depends. If the territory is situated on another continent, a possible refusal must compulsorily be accompanied by the motivations which have led to this refusal.

For this candidacy to be accepted, the concerned territory should meet the other conditions apart from national sovereignty, as defined for the other members of the IJF (Article 1.5).

Associated members will be able to attend, without voting power, the Congress.

They will be able to participate in the IJF official competitions only with the approval of the NF and only if the participation quota is not filled by the NF.

The points scored on the WRL on this occasion will be attributed to the NF and to the NOC they depend on for the Olympic selections.

Each CU that has co-opted associated members has to inform the IJF General Secretariat by filling in the IJF appropriate identification sheet.

Article 5 - Participation in Competitions and Medical Codes

5.1 Athletes' Participation

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games and judo competitions held under the supervision of or recognised by the IJF, a judoka must comply with the rules of the IJF and the IOC. In particular, they must adhere to the IJF code of ethics and anti-doping regulations, regulations to prevent the manipulation of competitions, and regulations regarding sports betting.

5.2 Anti-doping

The IJF shall comply with the Olympic movement Medical Code and the World Anti-Doping Code.

5.3 Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions

Participants in international competitions and organised competitions under the control of or recognised by the IJF must not, in any way whatsoever, manipulate the proceedings or results of all or part of a competition in a way that runs contrary to sports ethics, infringe on the principle of fair play, or act in a non-sporting manner.

Article 6 - Official Languages

6.1 Official Languages

The official languages of the IJF are English, French and Spanish. All official documents of the IJF must be published in these three (3) languages. Congresses, meetings and sessions must be held in these three (3) languages. All correspondence sent by NFs to the IJF must be written in one of the official languages.

6.2 Simultaneous Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian must be made available at all Congresses.



Article 7 - Bodies of the International Judo Federation and Signing Authority

7.1 Bodies of the International Judo Federation

Bodies of the IJF are:

- The Congress, supreme body of the IJF. The Ordinary Congress is held every two years and is governed by Articles 8 and 10 hereafter. Powers of the Congress are listed at Article 8.3. The Extraordinary Congress is governed by Articles 9 and 10 of the Statutes.
- The EC, governed by Article 11 of the Statutes and whose powers are listed at article 11.1.
- The Bureau, governed by Article 12 of the Statutes and whose powers are listed at article 12.1.
- The Statutory Auditor, when required by law.

7.2 Signing Authority

The joint dual signature of the President and the General Treasurer is required for the IJF to be bound.

The EC may designate other persons, whose joint dual signature is binding upon the IJF.

Article 8 - The Ordinary Congress

8.1 Meetings

The Congress shall be held every two (2) years in the pre-Olympic and post-Olympic years at a place designated by the EC. The Congress must be held at the same time as another IJF event in the same city. When choosing the place where the Congress will be held, an equitable rotation amongst the different CUs shall be taken into account.

8.2 Additional Congress Meetings

Additional Congress meetings may be held, however, if the EC deems it necessary.

8.3 Powers

The Congress shall have the power to:

- Define, orient and control the general policies of the IJF.
- Approve the Minutes of the preceding Congress.
- Approve the reports of the President which shall be valid as the EC report, as well as the reports of the Secretary General and the General Treasurer.
- Approve, amend or reject the accounts of the previous accounting period and the budget for the accounting period to come.
- Hear the reports of the Vice Presidents and the Directors.
- Elect every four (4) years the members of the EC for a four (4) year term of office, with the exception of the IJF Vice Presidents who shall automatically assume this office in their capacity of Presidents of their CUs.
- Ratify the appointment by the President of one (1) to five (5) additional members to the EC.
- Ratify expulsions decided by the EC of one of the EC members.
- Decide on the expulsion of an EC member if requested by at least one-third (1/3) of the NFs of three (3) different CUs.
- Approve the Statutes.
- Decide on sporting and technical issues and issues related to refereeing, judo training, development and promotion.
- Decide on disputes relating to a NF's capacity to be a member of the IJF or to the power of a representative of a NF.
- Decide in the last resort on all issues relating to the aims of the IJF.
- Decide on all proposals submitted by NFs, CUs and the EC.
- Decide on any other issues set down on the agenda.

8.4 Proposals of Member Federations and Continental Unions

At least one-hundred and eighty (180) clear days prior to the Congress, the Secretary General must invite the CUs and the NFs to submit points they would like to include on the agenda. These proposals must be sent in at least one-hundred and fifty (150) clear days before the date scheduled for the Congress.



8.5 Agenda and Convening of the Congress

The Congress may consider only those items which are included on the agenda. The agenda shall be decided on by the EC between ninety (90) and one-hundred and fifty (150) clear days prior to the Congress. The agenda must naturally include all issues within the Congress' powers.

At least ninety (90) clear days before the date scheduled for the Congress, the Secretary General will send to the member NFs, CUs and the EC members, notice to attend the Congress, signed by the President or by the General Secretary, together with the agenda drawn up by the EC and the reports of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Secretary General, the General Treasurer and the Directors.

Notices of the Congress shall be sent to the members via email, and a return receipt requested. It is the responsibility of members to ensure that their contact details are kept up to date in Judobase. In the event that the acknowledgment of receipt is not received by the IJF Secretary General, a registered letter will be sent after a 10-day period, with a return receipt requested. The date the email with return receipt request is sent shall be the sole date used as proof that notice was validly given within the required time limit.

8.6 Urgent Matters

The EC shall decide on the order in which the items on the agenda will be discussed.

Matters which the EC considers urgent and which have arisen too late for inclusion on the agenda may be brought before a Congress.

When a decision falling within the purview of the Congress must be made while the Congress cannot be gathered, it is possible to consult the delegates to the Congress via mail or electronic means. Decisions made via written consultation (postal or electronic) have the same value as those made during a meeting of the Congress.

8.7 Representation of Member National Federations

Each NF may be represented at the Congress by two (2) delegates of the same nationality as that NF who must mandatorily be chosen from among the members of their own Executive Committees, on the condition they were democratically elected by the clubs.

They must be registered on the attendance sheet. Only one of them shall have the right to vote, as each NF shall have a single vote.

8.8 Credentials

Each delegate of a NF must be in possession of credentials in the form of a power of attorney signed by the President of their NF unless the delegate is the President.

Delegates of NFs must be citizens of the country of the NF they represent.

8.9 Representation of Continental Unions

Each CU may be represented at the Congress by its President or by a member of its Executive Committee who is appointed by its President. The CUs do not have the right to vote at Congresses.

8.10 Interpreting Assistance

Any NF or CU whose language is not one of the official languages being used may also have their own interpreter in attendance.

8.11 Observers

Observers may be invited to the Congress by the EC in a consultancy role.



8.12 Voting Right Credentials Commission

The verification of valid membership of NFs and of the credentials held by the representatives of NFs with valid membership in the IJF shall be carried out the day prior to the Congress by the Voting Right Credentials Commission.

This Commission shall be composed of three (3) to five (5) members appointed for this purpose by the EC and assisted by the legal advisor or attorney of the IJF. In the event of a dispute, the Voting Right Credentials Commission shall hear the claims of the parties, draw up a summary of these claims and submit the dispute to the Congress held the following day so that the Congress may settle such dispute by way of a vote before any other business is dealt with.

8.13 Chair of the Congress

The Congress shall be chaired over by the President. In the event of the President's absence, the President shall appoint a member of the EC to act as Chair. Should the President be unable or unavailable to make such an appointment, the EC shall, by a relative majority decision (wins by having the most votes, but not necessarily over 50% of the total votes cast), designate one of its members to chair the Congress.

8.14 Chair Pro-Tem

During the election of the President or a non-confidence vote against the President, the President will surrender his/her seat to a member of the EC appointed by the EC as a Chair Pro-Tem to conduct the said election or no-confidence vote.

In the case of elections for President, the newly elected President will immediately take over the chair after the election.

If a non-confidence vote against the President is ratified, the Chair Pro-Tem will chair the Congress until it is closed. However, if the non-confidence vote is defeated, the President will resume the chair and will chair the Congress until it is closed.

8.15 Quorum

The Chair of the Congress may only declare the official opening of the Congress when at least one-third (1/3) of the NFs are present, and when at least three (3) different CU representatives are present.

If the quorum to open the Congress is not met, another Congress must be convened and must be held within a maximum period of one-hundred and twenty (120) clear days with no condition related to quorum. The agenda will be identical to that of the first Congress, as well as the conditions for giving notice of the meeting.

8.16 Proxies

Voting by proxy is not allowed.

8.17 Voting Rights

The members of the EC do not have voting rights at Congress. Any person who is elected or appointed as a member of the EC shall automatically surrender their right to vote at Congress forthwith. This person shall be replaced by the second delegate from his/her NF if such other delegate registered and signed the attendance sheet at the beginning of the Congress.

8.18 Decisions

The Congress shall decide by a relative majority of the votes cast unless otherwise defined in the Statutes. Abstentions and invalid ballots shall not be counted.

For questions of particular importance or sensitive issues or whenever one-third (1/3) of the NFs present at the Congress so demand, voting shall be conducted by secret ballot.



8.19 Voting Procedures

Voting for elections must be conducted by secret ballot unless there is only one (1) candidate for the offices of President, Secretary General and General Treasurer. If there is only one (1) candidate for one of these offices, that person may be elected by a show of hands, unless one third (1/3) of the NFs present at the Congress request that a vote by way of secret ballot take place.

Voting in elections for the offices of President, Secretary General and General Treasurer shall be carried out by successive elimination of candidates receiving the least number of votes until only one (1) candidate remains or until one (1) candidate obtains more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast.

Voting by secret ballot may be done via electronic voting. In any case, the necessary materials for voting on paper (e.g. ballots, voting booths) must be provided for, in particular in case of a technical failure.

8.20 Voting Board and Presentation of Candidates

8.20.1 Scrutineers and Voting Steward

The Congress shall organise a voting board by electing Scrutineers and a Voting Steward, chosen from among those delegates of NFs who are not presenting any candidates for office.

They shall be in charge of all matters in connection with voting.

The EC shall suggest the number of Scrutineers to be elected.

8.20.2 Presentation of Candidates

If an election is being held, each candidate for the office of President will be allowed a maximum of seven (7) minutes in which to present their candidacy, their manifesto, and their list of running mates.

Each of the other candidates for Secretary General and General Treasurer will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to give a presentation.

If there is more than one candidate per office, the speaking order shall be determined by way of alphabetical order based on the candidates' surnames.

8.21 Voting Procedure

The voting procedure shall be determined by the EC, which shall send information on such procedure together with the agenda for the Congress.

8.22 Counting of Votes

Once the voting procedure has been completed, the Chair of the Congress shall announce that the vote is closed and shall ask the Voting Steward to start counting the votes cast.

The Voting Steward, with the assistance of the Scrutineers shall proceed with counting the votes.

8.23 Challenge of Elections

In the event the validity of an election is challenged, the President shall be immediately notified thereof, before the closing of the Congress, and shall submit the case to the EC. If the EC takes the challenge into consideration, it must be reported to the Congress where a re-examination, re-election, re-vote or any other action as deemed necessary by the EC shall occur. Only IJF NFs present at the Congress may challenge the election.

8.24 Voting Rounds

In the event of an equal vote during an election by way of secret ballot, a second and final round of votes shall be conducted. In the event that the second and final vote also results in a tie, the election result shall be determined by the drawing of lots conducted by the Chair.

For all other elections, when an equal number of votes is cast, the status quo shall be maintained.



8.25 Key Point Information

The Secretary General shall provide a statement of the key points regarding decisions passed at the Congress immediately upon the completion of Congress. This statement shall be distributed by the Presidents of the CUs to their member NFs upon its approval by the EC.

8.26 Minutes

Each EC member shall receive a copy of the draft minutes of the Congress within ninety (90) days after the Congress is held.

The EC shall approve the draft minutes at the first EC meeting held after the said ninety (90) day period.

The approved minutes shall be sent to the members by the IJF General Secretariat.

8.27 Surveillance of Conduct

The Chair of the Congress shall have the right to take all measures to stop any disruptive conduct obstructing the efficient administration of the Congress.

Article 9 - Extraordinary Congress

9.1 Convening of an Extraordinary Congress

An Extraordinary Congress must be convened by the President or the Secretary General at a location chosen by the EC if at least one third (1/3) of the NFs, this one third (1/3) being comprised of NFs from at least three (3) different CUs, so requests, or if the EC considers it necessary.

9.2 Procedure

In this case, the Extraordinary Congress must be held within ninety (90) clear days of the date on which:

- Either the request containing the reasons for the meeting has been sent via registered mail by one third (1/3) of the member NFs representing at least three (3) different CUs; or
- The EC has decided to convene the Extraordinary Congress.

9.3 Agenda

The agenda for the meeting must indicate the reasons for the Extraordinary Congress and shall constitute the sole items on the agenda. Only those items on the agenda shall be discussed.

9.4 Decisions

The discussions and decisions passed at an Extraordinary Congress shall have equal validity as those passed at an Ordinary Congress.

The discussions and decisions passed at an Extraordinary Congress must meet the same conditions as those required for an Ordinary Congress.

Article 10 - Provisions Common to Discussions and Decisions at Ordinary and Extraordinary Congresses

10.1 Challenge

Decisions passed at an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress may not be annulled if, in spite of the existence of one or several voting irregularities, the vote held on such decisions would have passed in any event.

10.2 Internal Appeal Procedure

The CUs and the NFs, as well as all legal entities or private individuals directly or indirectly connected to them shall have no right to take legal action against the IJF on the basis of discussions or decisions passed by the Congress without having first submitted their complaint to EC.



Article 11 - Executive Committee

11.1 Powers

The EC shall determine the orientation for IJF activities and shall ensure implementation thereof within the limits of the aims of the IJF and subject to the powers expressly attributed to the Congress under these Statutes.

The EC shall handle all issues related to the proper operation of the IJF and shall settle business it is involved in by way of decisions.

The EC shall carry out all audits and verifications it deems necessary.

The EC shall validate urgent decisions under its authority made by the President or the Bureau.

The EC has the power to decide on all issues that have not been placed under the authority of another IJF governing body pursuant to these Statutes.

The EC shall decide on the admission and expulsion of members.

11.2 Composition

The EC is composed of the following members:

- The President, who composes a list of fifteen (15) to seventeen (17) members, who are authorised by their NFs to be on the list, who will be elected at the same time he/she is by the Congress by way of voting list every four (4) years for a four (4) year term of office, both genders (male and female) must have at least 25% representation on the list of the President.
- The Secretary General elected by the Congress every four (4) years.
- The General Treasurer elected by the Congress every four (4) years.
- Five (5) Vice Presidents, who shall be the Presidents of each of the five (5) CUs, who are automatically members by right.
- The head of the Athletes Commission elected by his/her peers in compliance with the regulation of this commission.

If the President determines that the EC requires additional support to carry out its tasks, the President may appoint from one (1) to five (5) additional members. These individuals do not need to be authorised by their NFs. Once appointed, they shall have full voting rights at EC meetings. These appointments may be made following the elections held during the Congress or at any other time the President deems necessary. All such appointments are subject to ratification by the Congress.

11.3 Presidency

The EC shall be presided over by the President. In the event of the President's absence, the President shall appoint a member of the EC to act as Chair. Should the President be unable or unavailable to make such an appointment, the EC shall, by a relative majority decision, designate one of its members to preside over the EC meeting.

11.4 Filing of Candidacies

Candidacies in single names of candidates for the offices of President, Secretary General and General Treasurer must be received by the General Secretariat at least one-hundred and twenty (120) clear days before the date scheduled for the Congress.

The list of EC members, without specific function, included in the candidates' lists for the office of President must be received by the General Secretariat at least ninety (90) clear days before the date scheduled for the Congress.

Individual candidacies for the offices of the President, Secretary General and General Treasurer, as well as the lists of the persons nominated as members of the EC by the candidates for the office of the President, must submit a letter of approval duly signed by the President of the NF which the candidate belongs to.

If the candidate is the President of the NF, then the signature must be that of the Secretary General or an executive committee member of the NF.

All candidates must be nationals, citizens or residents of the countries of the NF presenting their candidacies.



An EC member whose term is currently ongoing or who completed their term at the preceding Congress may stand as a candidate for any EC position, regardless of their previous role, and does not require authorisation from any member NF.

Nomination of candidates from the floor will not be accepted at a Congress.

At least sixty (60) clear days before the date scheduled for the Congress the General Secretariat shall send:

- The names of the candidates for the office of President or Secretary General and General Treasurer.
- The lists of the persons nominated as members of the EC by the candidates for the office of President.
- Any additional relevant documents.

11.5 Term of Office

The members elected to the EC shall remain in office until the Ordinary Congress convened in the fourth year of their term.

Elections for President and the President's list composed of fifteen (15) to seventeen (17) members must take place at the time of the Congress held the year after the Olympic Games.

Elections for the offices of Secretary General and General Treasurer must take place at time of the Congress held the year before the Olympic Games.

11.6 Plurality of Offices and Incompatibilities

A person may not be a candidate for the presidency of the IJF, of a CU of the IJF or of a NF affiliated with the IJF:

If they exercise or have exercised in the past two (2) Olympiads on the day of their candidacy the managing role of a sports federation, of a decentralised body or of a club of a discipline other than judo that might be considered a competing sport, in terms of political or technical representation.

In regards to NFs, the IJF, via its EC, may examine particular cases and grant exemptions if the conflict of interest is not demonstrated.

Vice Presidents - who are the Presidents of the CUs - cannot hold more than one office on the EC at the same time.

The candidates cannot be first degree relatives and spouses.

No candidate may be over eighty (80) years old on the date of the election.

11.7 Vacant Seats

If because of death, resignation, a long-term impediment, impeachment or any other reason, a seat of a member elected by the Congress to the EC becomes vacant, the EC may appoint an interim member to serve until the next Congress, when the Congress will elect a candidate to fill the vacant seat for the term of office remaining initially.

11.8 Executive Committee Meetings

As a general rule, the EC shall meet at least once per year and particularly during the days preceding a Congress. In order to limit travel within the framework of the sustainable development policy of the IJF, the EC shall also be consulted at least three (3) times per year according to the modalities set forth in Article 11.10 of these Statutes. A meeting of the EC may, however, be convened by the President each time the President deems it necessary or at the request of a majority of the members of the EC. If a Vice President cannot attend an EC meeting, he/she must either appoint another EC member from his/her CU as a substitute or give a proxy to another IJF EC member.

If any other elected member of the EC (with the exception of the Vice Presidents) cannot attend the EC meeting for a valid reason, this member may give a proxy to another IJF EC member, but cannot send someone as a substitute unless this person is a member of the EC.



11.9 Agenda

An agenda must be established for each meeting. The EC members shall submit to the Secretary General the items they wish to have included on the agenda thirty (30) clear days prior to the date scheduled for the meeting. The Secretary General shall prepare the agenda, inform the President and then circulate the notice of the meeting, together with the agenda and the necessary working documents fifteen (15) clear days prior to the meeting. If an urgent matter arises, it may be added to the agenda and discussed in the EC meeting pursuant to a decision of the EC.

11.10 Written Consultation

At least three (3) times per year and when, for any reason whatsoever, an ordinary EC meeting cannot take place, the required decisions may be passed by way of a vote in writing, notably via electronic means. Decisions passed by way of written consultation shall have the same validity as decisions passed at ordinary EC meetings.

11.11 Decisions

Decisions shall be passed by the EC by way of simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the President or the EC member the President appointed as a substitute, shall have a casting vote.

The EC member who substitutes for the President shall have the right to cast his/her own vote, in addition to the vote of the President.

The EC members cannot take part in a vote in case if they have a direct or indirect interest in the treated subject.

11.12 Quorum

In order for decisions to be validly passed, the meeting of the EC must have been properly convened and at least one-half (1/2) of its members must be present or represented and the meeting must be chaired by the President or by the EC member chosen by the President as a substitute.

11.13 Commissions

The EC may be assisted by Standing Commissions or Commissioners to work on the following topics, such as but not limited to:

- Referee
- Training
- Medical
- Fight against doping
- Sport
- Media
- Discipline
- Development
- Women's Judo
- Athletes
- Marketing
- Business management
- Finance
- Ranking systems
- Social issues
- Veterans
- Judo for peace
- Ethics committee (see Article 32.2)

11.14 Organisation of Commission Work

The composition and the responsibilities of the Standing Commissions, as well as the responsibilities of Commissioners and Directors shall be determined by the EC.



11.15 Accountability

All the members of the EC are accountable to the EC and the Congress.

11.16 Key Point Information

The Secretary General shall provide a statement of the key points regarding decisions made at EC meetings before the members leave the meeting.

11.17 Impeachment

If an EC member commits gross negligence or is repeatedly absent at EC meetings, the EC may impeach that member by way of a non-confidence vote passed by the majority of two-thirds (2/3) of its members. Impeachment will be applicable immediately. The EC shall appoint an interim member to replace the impeached member by way of a simple majority vote. The EC shall put the ratification of the decision to impeach the EC member on the agenda for the next Congress.

The EC shall also put the impeachment of an EC member on the agenda of the next Congress at the request of one-third (1/3) of the NFs from three (3) different CUs.

If the non-confidence vote is passed by the Congress, the said EC member will immediately be impeached from his/her seat on the EC and the EC shall appoint an interim member to replace the impeached member.

Article 12 - Bureau

12.1 Powers

The Bureau shall administer the IJF and shall apply or have applied by others the decisions of the EC. The EC shall thus ensure management of the IJF to this extent and shall report at least once a year to the EC.

12.2 Composition

The Bureau shall be composed of the President, the Secretary General, and the General Treasurer. The Bureau may invite or consult any competent person of their choice according to the matter at hand.

Article 13 - President

13.1 Powers

The President shall direct the IJF and represent the IJF towards third parties.

The President must comply with the IJF Statutes and the rules and decisions of IJF governing bodies.

The President shall chair Congresses, EC meetings and Bureau meetings.

Unless decided otherwise by the EC, the EC shall entrust the President each year with the power to make all decisions regarding human resources management. The President's power, unless withdrawn by the EC, shall be tacitly renewed each year.

The President has the power to decide on all urgent questions under the authority of the EC.

The EC must be notified of any decisions made on this basis at its next meeting and validate such decisions.

The President shall be free to organise the secretariat of the IJF Headquarters as he/she sees fit.

13.2 Vacant Seat

If the President is unable to continue in office during their term, whether due to resignation, incapacity, or any other reason, the duties of the President shall be assumed on an interim basis as follows:

- An EC member appointed by the President and approved by the EC; or
- If the President is unable to make such an appointment, an EC member shall be appointed by majority decision of the EC.

The interim President shall serve until the next ordinary or extraordinary Congress, at which time a new President shall be elected to complete the remainder of the original term of office.



Article 14 - Vice Presidents

14.1 Composition

The Vice Presidents shall be the Presidents of the CUs who are elected by the Congresses of their respective CUs.

14.2 Powers

The Vice Presidents shall represent the NFs of their CUs within the IJF and represent the IJF in their respective CUs.

Article 15 - Secretary General

15.1 Powers

The Secretary General shall be responsible for the administration of the Secretariat and relations with the CUs and the NFs. The Secretary General shall benefit from the services of a personal secretariat in his/her city of residence.

The Secretary General has the right to represent the IJF towards third parties by way of an express power of attorney given by the President.

15.2 Responsibilities

The Secretary General shall be responsible for the administrative work of the IJF in accordance with the Statutes and regulations and for application of the Decisions of the EC and of the Congress. The Secretary General shall keep close contact with IJF EC members, the Chairs of Commissions, the General Secretaries of the CUs and with the NFs.

The Secretary General shall be responsible for the information and the correspondence within the IJF in cooperation with the relevant departments at the IJF Headquarters.

The Secretary General shall be responsible for the organisation of Congresses and EC meetings. The Secretary General shall establish the agendas for those meetings after consulting the EC.

The Secretary General is responsible for administrative coordination of the Headquarters, for sending invitations and regulations for the WJT and other important events.

The Secretary General shall draft the minutes of Congress and EC meetings, together with the key point information.

In cooperation with the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games, the Secretary General shall inform the NFs about the regulations and other technical details of the Olympic Judo Competitions.

15.3 Vacant Seat

In the event the Secretary General is prevented from holding office during his/her term of office due to resignation or for any other reason, his/her office shall be assumed by an EC member to be appointed by the EC until the next Congress when a new Secretary General will be elected for the remaining duration of the initial term of office.

Article 16 - General Treasurer

16.1 Powers

The General Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the Treasury of the IJF and shall keep regular accounts, prepare financial statements and draw up the annual finance plan which will be presented for approval at each Congress.

The General Treasurer administers the capital of the IJF and settles its financial obligations. The General Treasurer must be consulted on all financial matters.

The General Treasurer shall explore possibilities of increasing the Treasury of the IJF and shall submit proposals to the EC.

The General Treasurer shall participate in negotiations with IJF official suppliers and shall coordinate with the President the TV rights to the WJT, as well as the financial aspects related to the Summer Olympic Games. The General Treasurer is also in charge of managing the copyright protecting the IJF emblem.



The General Treasurer has the right to represent the IJF towards third parties by way of an express power of attorney given by the President.

16.2 Budget

All income and expenses must be included in the annual provisional budget as approved by the EC. Any expenses not included in the budget or which have not been approved by the EC shall require prior authorisation by the President and the General Treasurer before they are incurred.

16.3 Financial Position

For each EC meeting, the General Treasurer shall provide an up-to-date report of the IJF's financial position.

16.4 Vacant Seat

In the event the General Treasurer is prevented from holding office during his/her term of office due to resignation or for any other reason, his/her office shall be assumed by an EC member to be appointed by the EC until the next Congress when a new General Treasurer will be elected for the remaining duration of the initial term of office.

Article 17 - Technical Directors

17.1 Appointment

The Technical Directors shall be appointed by the EC at the motion of the President from among the members who were on the President's list and who were elected by the Congress along with the President.

Technical Directors are accountable to the EC and the Congress.

In the event a Technical Director is prevented from holding office during his/her term of office due to resignation or for any other reason, his/her office shall be assumed by an EC member to be appointed by the EC until the next Congress when a new member will be elected for the remaining duration of the initial term of office. The duties entrusted to the EC member replacing him shall be defined by the EC based on the proposal made by the President.

17.2 Sport Director

The Sport Director shall guide and manage the sporting activities of the IJF.

The Sport Director shall also be responsible for proposing new developments of and changes to the rules and regulations of sporting activities, as well as for the improvement of competition systems.

The Sport Director shall be responsible for sporting activity and its development and shall supervise sporting activities.

The Sport Director shall manage the preparations and the course of the competitions with the assistance of other members of the EC and Commission members. The Sport Director shall assume the role of Technical Delegate for the various international judo events organised by other Associations, Federations and Organisations.

The Sport Director shall act as the Chair of the Sport Commission.

The members of the Sport Commission shall be nominated by the CUs and validated by the EC.

17.3 Referee Director

The Referee Director shall guide and manage the refereeing activities of the IJF and is responsible for proposing new developments of and changes to the rules and regulations regarding the refereeing of judo.

The Referee Director shall act as the Chair of the Referee Commission. The members of the Referee Commission shall be nominated by the CUs and validated by the EC.

The Referee Director shall appoint the technical directors within his/her scope of authority for the WJT and the Olympic Games.



17.4 Education Director

The Education Director shall guide and manage the educational activities of the IJF and shall be responsible for proposing new developments and changes in the field of judo education.

The Education Director shall design the annual educational plan, including the Olympic Solidarity schedule and shall compile statistics. The Education Director shall be in charge of studies to further the development of judo.

The Education Director shall act as Chair of the Education Commission.

The members of the Education Commission shall be nominated by the CUs and validated by the EC.

Article 18 - Place of Performance of the International Judo Federation Tasks

Administrative tasks shall be performed at the place where the administrative premises are located, known as the Headquarters. The President shall make a proposal to the EC regarding the location of the Headquarters.

All original IJF documents shall be finalised and archived at the Headquarters.

The Bureau and the EC shall meet at the place stated on the notice for the relevant meeting as chosen by the President.

The operating budget for the various departments at Headquarters shall be set by the EC.

Article 19 - Events Organised and Recognised by the International Judo Federation

19.1 Right to Organise

The right to organise the world judo championships and international events will only be granted to those NFs which are able to guarantee entry into their territory of all participants of NFs wishing to participate, particularly by obtaining necessary visas, as well as presenting their emblem and flag and playing their national anthem, particularly during awards ceremonies, and which have proven that they are competent to organise such championships and events.

NFs must agree to comply with the specifications and all rules applicable to the championship they host.

The IJF calendar, which includes all official IJF events, is published on the IJF website at www.ijf.org.

19.2 Candidacy

All member NFs shall have the right to apply as a candidate to organise an IJF event, other than the Olympic Games, the world judo championships seniors and the Congress. NFs which are candidates must apply to the General Secretariat as defined in the relevant regulations.

The EC shall designate the organiser, except for the Olympic Games, the world judo championships seniors and the hosting of the Congress.

The Congress shall designate the organising country for the world judo championships senior and the Congress.

19.3 Candidacy after Expiration of Deadline for Applications

If there is no candidate to host a particular IJF event scheduled to take place prior to the holding of a Congress, the EC shall appoint the NF to organise the event.

19.4 Application Procedure to Organise the World Judo Championship Seniors or the Congress

NFs must submit an application to organise the world judo championships seniors and/or the Congress one hundred and eighty (180) clear days prior to the relevant Congress to the Secretary General who shall forward the applications to all EC members. The application must contain a file giving a detailed description to support the candidacy. After examining the quality of the applications, the EC shall submit those application files which comply with the specifications to the Congress.



19.5 Application Procedure to Organise all International Judo Federation Events other than the Olympic Games, the World Judo Championships Seniors and the Congress

NFs must submit an application to organise an IJF event within the time limit set by the EC to organise an IJF event other than the world judo championships seniors, the Congress and the Olympic Games.

The EC shall provide applicant NFs with an answer within the time limits it has set in the Regulations organising the application procedure.

For each event, the EC shall inform all NFs via the IJF website of the specifications for the event, as well as the regulations organising the application procedure containing the time limit to file applications and to receive an answer from the EC on the application.

Article 20 - Spirit of Judo

Delegations participating in IJF events or in events recognised by the IJF, as well as the organisers of such events must respect the spirit of judo and the IJF Code of Ethics and behave accordingly.

Article 21 - Accounting Period

The financial, tax and accounting period of the IJF shall start on 1 January and end on 31 December each year.

Article 22 - Income and Expenditures

22.1 Resources

The resources of the IJF shall be derived from the annual membership fees paid by the NFs, TV broadcasting rights, sponsorship agreements, marketing of activities, visuals, merchandise and IJF license fees, investments in moveable and immoveable property, as well as donations and all remittances from other sources.

The IJF may also benefit from contributions in kind, such as equipment and the services of personnel made available by other organisations.

In addition, the IJF shall collect all royalties for participation in and organisation of IJF events.

22.2 Membership Fees

The members of the IJF are liable for the payment of membership fees directly to the IJF. The amount of the membership fees shall be proposed by the IJF EC and submitted to the Congress for approval.

In the event a member of the IJF has not paid its membership fees within the required time limit, the IJF reserves the right to deduct this amount from payments it makes to the CU of the member which has not paid the fees.

22.3 Non-payment of Membership Fees, all other Fees, Royalties or Debts

A NF whose membership fees or any other fees, royalties or debts to the IJF or CU to which they belong have not been paid by the 31st of May of each year, will not be authorised to take part in the Olympic Games, world judo championships seniors or any other event held under the auspices of the IJF.

22.4 Olympic Game Profits

The CUs will receive a percentage, prescribed by the EC, of the net profit (all income minus all expenses of the event) from the Olympic Games and the world judo championships seniors. If there are fees or royalties outstanding owed by any NF or CU, such amount will be deducted from the amounts to be paid by the IJF.

22.5 Rights to Events

IJF events are the exclusive property of the IJF, which holds all rights related to such events, including without limitation, all rights related to the organisation, exploitation, broadcasting and reproduction of such events by any means whatsoever.



22.6 Media Rights

All television, radio, photographic, film, Internet, telephone and other media rights to IJF events known of or unknown of today are the exclusive property of the IJF. These rights may not be sold or negotiated without the written agreement of the EC, which may delegate its powers to negotiate the sale or use of these rights, but which shall retain the sole responsibility for the final decision to sell and for the use of the income from the sale of these rights.

22.7 Emblem

All author's rights (copyright) of the IJF are owned by the IJF. NFs or CUs are authorised to use the emblem only for the purpose of developing judo in their own NFs or CUs.

Article 23 - Auditing of Accounts

The General Treasurer shall recommend an international auditing firm to the EC for approval for the purpose of auditing and verifying the IJF accounts.

The General Treasurer shall participate in the auditing process of the IJF accounts organised by the firm appointed. Auditing shall take place for each accounting period just prior to the Congress. The firm appointed may also be instructed by the EC to audit IJF members using IJF funds.

At the request of the EC, a representative from the auditing firm appointed may attend EC and Congress meetings.

Article 24 - Grades and Dan Ranks

24.1 Official Recognition of Grades and Dan

Each member NF is responsible for representing the IJF and ensuring compliance with international regulations on grades and dan in its own country and geographical territory as defined in its statutes.

The IJF only officially recognises grades and dan that have been awarded in accordance with the grading regulations outlined in the IJF Grades and Dan Regulations.

24.2 Member National Federations' Prerogatives

NFs can only award grades and dan to their members in accordance with the IJF Grades and Dan Regulations.

For foreign nationals, a NF may only award a dan if the individual has been a resident in the country for at least two (2) years and a member of the NF for at least two (2) years on the date of application.

The request for the dan must be submitted to the IJF Grades and Dan Commission.

24.3 Modifications

All modifications to the IJF Grades and Dan Regulations must be approved by the IJF EC.

Article 25 - IJF Honours and Awards

25.1 Outstanding Service to the International Judo Federation

The EC may submit a motion to Congress to bestow the title of Honorary President, Honorary Member or Honorary Officer to key persons who have been of outstanding service to the IJF.

25.1.1 Procedure

Nominations for such positions shall be presented by the EC, at the request of CUs and NFs.

Proposals for IJF Honours and Awards shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary General, to the attention of the EC. The nomination must include all supporting details of the candidate's background and services the candidate has rendered to the field of judo.



25.1.2 Criteria

Honorary President of the IJF: the candidate must have served as President of the IJF for a term of office of over eight (8) years.

Honorary Officer of the IJF: the candidate must have served as a member of the IJF EC for a term of office of over eight (8) years.

Honorary Member of the IJF: the candidate must have served as a member of the IJF EC for a term of office of over four (4) years or as a member of an IJF Commission or as the President of a NF for a term of office of over eight (8) years.

25.2 Honorary Attendance

Honorary Presidents, Honorary Officers and Honorary Members shall have the honour of attending Congresses and other IJF events in this capacity.

25.3 Key Figures Outside of the International Judo Federation who have been of Outstanding Service or have made Significant Contributions to the International Judo Federation

The EC may bestow awards to key figures or dignitaries who have been of outstanding service or who have made significant contributions to the IJF. Nominations for such awards shall be presented by the EC, the CUs and the NFs.

The EC shall examine the compliance of such nominations based on the rules for such awards.

Article 26 - Amendments to the Statutes

26.1 Procedure

Amendments to the Statutes must be presented by the EC to the Congress and must be approved by a minimum of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the NFs present or represented at the Congress from at least three (3) different CUs.

26.2 Date of Application

Amendments to the Statutes become effective upon approval by the Congress, unless the Congress votes otherwise.

Article 27 - Specific Regulations

The EC shall establish specific regulations in special fields that are not covered under these Statutes, or that are delegated to the competence of the EC. Regulations for specific operations and departments of the IJF are governed by specific rules proposed by the specific departments, which shall be subject to approval by the EC, in particular:

- Disciplinary Code – IJF Disciplinary Code
- Event Standards – IJF Event Organisation Guide
- Finance – IJF Financial Rules
- Ethics – IJF Code of Ethics

As may be required, additional specific rules may be established and submitted to the vote of the EC. The EC shall put the ratification of the decision to adopt or amendment of these specific regulations to the agenda of the next Congress.

Article 28 - Expulsion, Resignation, Suspension

28.1 Grounds

A NF may be suspended or expelled from the IJF on one of the following grounds:

- Serious breach or gross negligence, pursuant to a final decision of one of the IJF Disciplinary Committee.
- As a result of expulsion from its CU, under the conditions provided for in Article 28.4.

28.2 Suspension or Expulsion: Submission of the Case to the Disciplinary Committee

If a NF violates the Statutes of the IJF or acts against the legitimate interests, the principles or the objectives of the IJF, the EC may submit the case to the Disciplinary Committee of the first instance and propose to the Disciplinary Committee all measures it deems fit to put an end to the prejudice being caused to the IJF, including by way of restricting or suspending participation in activities or expelling the relevant NF.



Suspension applies to all sports, administrative and social activities.

If an individual member of a member NF of the IJF violates the Statutes of the IJF or acts against the legitimate interests, the principles or the objectives of the IJF, the EC may, after hearing the opinion of the NF, the CU or the IJF, submit the case to the Disciplinary Committee of the first instance and propose to the Disciplinary Committee all measures it deems fit to put an end to the prejudice being caused to the IJF, including by way of suspending or expelling the relevant individual member.

Sanctions may only be laid down after a hearing of a representative of the NF or the individual member of the NF whose case has been submitted to the Disciplinary Committee of the first instance and/or Disciplinary Appeal Committee under the conditions provided for in Articles 30 and 31.

The Disciplinary Committee of the first instance and/or Disciplinary Appeal Committee may, however, order suspension as a temporary protective measure prior to the hearing, if the Disciplinary Committee has a strong reason to believe that the NF or the individual member of the NF concerned will continue or repeatedly engage in misconduct or commit any other offence against the legitimate interests, principles or objectives of the IJF.

These Disciplinary Committees may also decide that the sanction to suspend or expel is to be immediately enforceable even if the sanction is not yet final.

28.3 Expulsion of a Member National Federation

In compliance with the article 11.1 of the present Statutes, the EC can decide on the expulsion of a member.

The expulsion of a member must be decided by way of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the EC.

28.4 Expulsion of a National Federation by its Continental Union

All CUs have the right to expel one of their members.

The EC of the CU concerned must comply with the rights of the defence.

The IJF EC should confirm the expulsion under the conditions provided for by the article 28.3.

28.5 Relations with Dissident Organisations or National Federations which have been Suspended

NFs are prohibited from having sporting relations with organisations which are not IJF members, unless permission is given by the IJF.

Sporting relations with NFs which have been suspended are likewise prohibited.

Any NFs which violates this provision will immediately be suspended and reported to the Disciplinary Committee, which will take the necessary disciplinary action.

28.6 Relations with Countries which are not yet International Judo Federation Members

In the interest of developing Judo and raising its technical level in all countries, friendly sporting relations with countries which are not yet members of the IJF are authorised.

However, IJF members are under the obligation to act cautiously and must verify that the third parties they have relations with and which are not IJF members have not violated the rules or decisions of the NOC in their country.

Article 29 - Court of Arbitration

29.1 Arbitration

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (*hereinafter: CAS*) in Lausanne, Switzerland, is the only organism empowered by the IJF to ensure the arbitration between the parties. The provisions of the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration shall apply to the proceedings. CAS shall primarily apply the regulations of IJF and, additionally, Swiss law.



29.2 Adherence of International Judo Federation Members

Adherence to the Statutes as a member of the IJF automatically entails:

- Acceptance of the principle to comply with IJF disciplinary system in the event of a dispute falling under its authority.
- Waiver of the right to appeal the awards of the CAS in the future, other than the right to appeal before the ordinary courts of law.

Article 30 - Disciplinary Committee of the First Instance

30.1 Scope of Authority

The Disciplinary Committee of the first instance may lay down the sanctions listed in the IJF Disciplinary Code against IJF members, legal entities or private individuals directly or indirectly connected to them, athletes, referees and officials.

30.2 Composition and Operations

The composition and operations of the Disciplinary Committee of the first instance are described in the Disciplinary Code of the IJF.

Article 31 - Disciplinary Appeal Committee

31.1 Scope of Authority

The Disciplinary Appeal Committee has the authority to decide on appeals filed against the decisions made by the Disciplinary Committee of the first instance of the member NFs and CUs.

31.2 Composition and Operations

The composition and operations of the Disciplinary Appeal Committee are described in the Disciplinary Code of the IJF.

Article 32 - Ethics

32.1 Ethics Code

The Ethics Code defines the behaviour of the different members of the IJF.

32.2 Ethics Committee

The IJF shall constitute an Ethics Committee charged with ensuring application of the IJF Ethics Code and adherence to rules for ethics, morals, and prevention and management of conflicts of interest, as per its regulations.

Article 33 - Rights related to the International Judo Federation Events (IOC Text)

The IJF exclusively owns and controls all commercial rights in and to all the competitions recorded on the official IJF calendar ("commercial rights"), such commercial rights to include, without limitation and in each case on a worldwide basis, all:

- Audio, visual and audio-visual and data rights (in every medium, whether or not existing as at the date of these statutes);
- Sponsorship, advertising, merchandising, marketing and other forms of rights of association;
- Ticketing, hospitality and other concession rights; and
- Other rights to commercialise the competitions recorded on the official IJF calendar (including without limitation any so-called "event rights" and any right to authorise the taking of bets on the competitions recorded on the official IJF calendar).

The IJF shall be entitled to exploit the commercial rights in such manner as it considers appropriate, including granting licences in respect of the same or part thereof to its members or other third party(ies) (each an "exploiting organisation") from time to time.

Each body provided for in Article 33 shall ensure that their members, officials, players, delegates and other affiliates shall:

- Comply with any and all rules, regulations and/or guidelines in relation to the exploitation of the commercial rights which may be issued from time to time by or on behalf of the IJF; and
- Provide such rights, facilities and services as are required to enable (as relevant) the IJF and/or the relevant exploiting body to fulfil their obligations under any arrangements for the exploitation of any of the commercial rights and shall not by any act or omission infringe any exclusive rights granted thereunder or otherwise cause any breach thereof to occur. Nevertheless, only the IJF may assert its rights on application of this rule against a member and no third party shall be entitled to do so.



Article 34 - Dissolution

The IJF may not be dissolved except by way of a Congress especially convened for this purpose and at a motion carried by a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

The dissolution of the IJF is governed by Hungarian law.

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