

**JUDO UNION OF ASIA**

**CONSTITUTION**

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## STATUTES

### **Preamble:**

Judo Union of Asia is composed of National Judo Federations in Asian Countries and Regions. Each National Federation must be recognized as the sole federation authorized to represent its country in international sporting bodies by its Olympic Committee, which itself is duly recognized by the International Olympic Committee or Olympic Council of Asia. These Judo Union of Asia will implement the policy of the International Judo Federation towards Judo diffusion.

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 katas, self-defense 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.

## **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 and supercede the previous statutes.

### **1.2 Judo Union of Asia (JUA)**

The Judo Union of Asia (hereinafter referred to as the "JUA"), is an entity forming a part of International Judo Federation (hereinafter referred to as the "IJF"). IJF is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated as a non-profit organization.

The JUA is a non-political organization. It shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, religion, gender or political opinion.

In the JUA Statutes, Regulations and Decisions, the masculine gender is used to designate all private individuals, but shall encompass both males and females, unless there is a specific provision to the contrary.

### **1.3 National Federation**

The term "National Federation" shall refer to a Member of the JUA.

Being member of JUA each National Federation is entitled to become a member of IJF.

The liability of National Federations as members of the IJF is limited.

All National Federations undertake to contribute to the assets of the IJF.

In the event the company is wound up, all National Federations 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 Asian Continental Zones**

The term "Asian Zone" shall refer to the Asian Continental part consisting of the members of JUA.

### **1.5 Country**

A "Country" shall mean an independent or autonomous State or Territory recognized 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 JUA.

#### 1.7 Vice President

The term "Vice President" shall mean one of the Vice Presidents of the JUA.

#### 1.8 Director

The term "Director" shall mean one of the Directors of the JUA.

#### 1.9 General Treasurer

The term "General Treasurer" shall mean the General Treasurer of the JUA.

#### 1.10 General Secretary

The term "General Secretary" shall mean the General Secretary of the JUA.

#### 1.11 Disciplinary Commission of the first instance

The "Disciplinary Commission of the first instance" shall mean the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance of the JUA.

#### 1.12 Disciplinary Appeal Commission

The "Disciplinary Appeal Commission" shall mean the Disciplinary Appeal Commission of the JUA.

#### 1.13 Ethics Commission

The "Ethics Commission" shall mean the Ethics Commission of the JUA.

#### 1.14 EC

The "EC" shall mean the Executive Committee of the JUA.

#### 1.15 Congress

The "Congress" shall mean the Congress of the JUA held either on an ordinary or an extraordinary basis.

#### 1.16 JUA Headquarters

The "JUA Headquarters" could be established at the location of which shall be decided by the President of the EC.

#### 1.17 JUA Secretariat

The "JUA Secretariat" could be established at the location of the office of the General Secretary of the JUA.

### **Article 2 – Aims**

The aims and objects of the JUA shall be:

2.1 To organize the Judo movement throughout Asia.

- 2.2 To promote the spread and development of the spirit and technique of the Judo, which was created by Professor Jigoro Kano among member organizations of the JUA, and to protect the interest of Judo in Asia.
- 2.3 To promote friendly and cordial relationships between member organizations of the JUA and to supervise Judo activities in Asia.
- 2.4 To organize and conduct the Asian Judo Championships within the Asian continent and around the continent in partnership with other Continental Judo Unions and also any judo events held as part of the Asian Games.
- 2.5 To establish regulations relating to the organization and administration of the Judo activities in Asia such as Sports Organization, Refereeing, Education/coaching and Kata.

### **Article 3 - Structure**

#### 3.1 Composition of the JUA

The JUA is composed of the Member National Federations.

#### 3.2 Status of Members

The Statutes and Regulations of Member National Federations must be in compliance with the JUA & IJF Statutes and all other Regulations and Decisions of the JUA & IJF.

The Statutes and Regulations of the JUA will be in compliance with the IJF model Statutes and the By-laws.

The IJF will be informed of the dates and places of congress held by the JUA one-hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the date such congress is held.

#### 3.3 Auditing of the use of funds

JUA or National Federation 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

JUA and/or National Federations which organize 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 JUA shall communicate to the IJF: the agenda and the minutes of their ordinary and extraordinary congresses.

The JUA 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 judokas and clubs per federation, the number of black belts and an analysis of media attention paid to judo.

## Article 4 - Membership

### 4.1 Application for membership

Only one Federation per Country or Autonomours territory may become a member of the JUA.

To apply for membership in the JUA, a National Federation must:

- be recognized by its National Olympic Committee (NOC), which itself is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) or Olympic Council of Asia (OCA),
- have a minimum of twenty (20) licensed members,
- organize an annual national judo championship at least for the Senior or Junior categories.

### 4.2 Procedure

Any National Federation which would like to join the JUA must apply for membership in writing with the JUA General Secretary.

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

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

### 4.3 Voting Rights

National Federations shall be given JUA membership at the time of the JUA Congress called to ratify the membership of those Federations which have applied, but such Federations shall not have voting rights until the next Congress is convened.

### 4.4 Defense of Federations

The JUA will cooperate with IJF to defend Member Federations from all attacks against democratic processes they may suffer in the area of elections held by Member Federations and their participation in competitions.

## Article 5 - Participation in Competitions and Medical Codes

### 5.1 Athletes' right to participate

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games, World Championships, Continental Championships, International Competitions and Competitions held under the supervision of or recognized by the IJF and JUA, a judoka must comply with rules of the JUA, IJF and the IOC.

### 5.2 Antidoping

The JUA will cooperate with IJF and shall comply with Olympic Movement Medical Code and the World Antidoping Code.

## Article 6 - Official Languages

6.1 The official language of the JUA shall be English, Japanese and Arabic.

- 6.2 The JUA will accept any other language for use at the Congress, provided that the user of the other language guarantees translation into the official language. The JUA Congress shall have authority to decide on the use of any other language.
- 6.3 Only English shall be used for written record of meeting and correspondence.

## Article 7 - Governing Bodies

The Governing bodies of the JUA are:

a) Executive bodies:

- . the Congress
- . the EC

b) Other:

- . the Commissions.

## 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 JUA event in the same city. When choosing the place where the Congress will be held, an equitable rotation amongst the different Continental Unions shall be taken into account.

### 8.2 Additional Congress Meetings

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

### 8.3 Powers

The Congress shall have the power to:

- a) define, orient and control the general policies of the JUA;
- b) approve the Minutes of the preceding Congress;
- c) approve the report of the President which shall be valid as the EC Report, as well as the reports of the General Secretary and the General Treasurer;
- d) approve, amend or reject the accounts of the previous accounting period and the budget for the accounting period to come;
- e) hear the reports of the Vice Presidents and the Directors;
- f) elect every four (4) years the members of the EC for a four (4) year term of office, with the exception of the JUA Vice Presidents who shall automatically assume this office in their capacity of Presidents of their respective Self-governing Zones;
- g) ratify the appointment by the President of one (1) or more additional members to the EC;
- h) ratify expulsions decided by the EC of one of the EC members;
- i) decide on the expulsion of an EC member if requested by at least one-third (1/3) of the National Federations of three (3) different Zones;
- j) approve the Statutes and the Regulations, with the exception of Technical Regulations, and make all necessary amendments thereto;

- k) decide on sporting and technical issues and issues related to refereeing, judo training, development and promotion;
- l) decide on disputes relating to a National Federation's capacity to be a member of the JUA or to the power of a representative of a National Federation;
- m) decide in the last resort on all issues relating to the aims of the JUA;
- n) decide on all proposals submitted by Member National Federations and the EC;
- o) decide on any other issues set down on the agenda.

#### 8.4 Proposals of Member Federations and Zones.

At least one-hundred and eighty (180) clear days prior to the Congress, the General Secretary must invite the National Federations 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 General Secretary will send to the Member National Federations 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 General Secretary, the General Treasurer and the Directors.

Notices of the Congress shall be sent via registered letter, return receipt requested. The date the registered letter, return receipt requested 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.

#### 8.7 Representation of Member National Federations

Each Member National Federation may be represented at the Congress by two (2) delegates of the same nationality as that Federation 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 Member National Federation shall have a single vote.

#### 8.8 Credentials

Each delegate of a Member National Federation must be in possession of credentials in the form of a power of attorney signed by the President of his National Federation unless the delegate is the President himself.

Delegates of Member National Federations must be citizens of the country of the Federation they represent.



#### 8.9 Interpreting assistance

Any member National Federation whose language is not one of the official languages being used may also have their own interpreter in attendance.

#### 8.10 Observers

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

#### 8.11 Voting Right Credentials Commission

The verification of valid membership of National Federations and of the credentials held by the representatives of National Federations with valid membership in the JUA 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. 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.

#### 8.12 Chairmanship of the Congress

The Congress shall be chaired by the President of the JUA or if absent, by a Member of the EC appointed by the President. However, if a member of the EC is also a member of the IOC, that member shall replace the President in his absence.

#### 8.13 Chairmanship Pro-Tem

During the election of the President or a non-confidence vote against the President, the President will surrender his seat to a member of the EC appointed by the EC as a Chairperson Pro-Tem to conduct the said election or non-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 `Chairperson 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.

#### 8.14 Quorum

The Chairperson of the Congress may only declare the official opening of the Congress when at least one-third (1/3) of the Member National Federations are present or represented and when National Federations of at least three (3) different Zones 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.

#### 8.15 Proxies

Voting by proxy is not allowed.

#### 8.16 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 his right to vote at Congress

forthwith. This person shall be replaced by the second delegate from his Federation if such other delegate registered and signed the attendance sheet at the beginning of the Congress.

#### 8.17 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 Member National Federations present at the Congress so demand, voting shall be conducted by secret ballot.

#### 8.18 Voting procedures

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

Voting in elections for the offices of President, General Secretary 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.

#### 8.19 Voting Board and Presentation of Candidates

##### 8.19.1 Scrutineers and Voting Steward

The Congress shall organize a voting board by electing Scrutineers and a Voting Steward, chosen from among those delegates of Member Federations 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.

##### 8.19.2 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 give a presentation and present his list of running mates.

Each of the other candidates for General Secretary 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.

#### 8.20 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.

#### 8.21 Counting of votes

Once the voting procedure has been completed, the Chairman 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.

#### 8.22 Challenge of elections

In the event the validity of an election is challenged, the President shall be immediately notified thereof 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 JUA Member Federations present at the Congress may challenge the election.

#### 8.23 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 Chairperson.

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

#### 8.24 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 Member National Federations by the JUA Secretariat.

#### 8.25 Surveillance of conduct

The Chairperson 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 General Secretary at a location chosen by the EC if at least one third (1/3) of the Member National Federations, this one third (1/3) being comprised of Federations from at least three (3) different Zones, so requests, or if the EC considers it necessary.

#### 9.2 Procedure

In this case, the Extraordinary Congress must be held giving notice of 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 National Federations representing at least three (3) different Zones,
- 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 Appeals

The National Federations, 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 JUA on the basis of discussions or decisions passed by the Congress.

## Article 11 - Executive Committee

### 11.1 Powers

The EC shall determine the orientation for JUA activities and shall ensure implementation thereof within the limits of the aims of the JUA 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 JUA and shall settle business it is involved in by way of decisions.
- The EC shall carry out all audits and verifications it deems necessary.
- Each year, the EC shall set the amounts for various activities of the JUA and proposals by the President must be approved by the EC.
- The EC shall validate urgent decisions under its authority made by the President or by the EC.
- The EC has the power to decide on all issues that have not been placed under the authority of another JUA governing body (if any) pursuant to these Statutes.

### 11.2 Composition

The EC is composed of the following Members:

- the President, who composes a list of eight (8) to twelve (12) Members, who are authorized by their National Federations to be on the list, who will be elected at the same time he is elected by the Congress by way of voting list every four (4) years for a four (4) year term of office,
  - the General Secretary 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) Asian Continental Zones, who are automatically Members by right.

If the President feels that the tasks to be accomplished by the EC require the addition of a maximum of two (2) additional members, the President may appoint one (1) or two (2) additional members after the elections who shall have voting rights at EC Meetings but whose appointment shall be subject to ratification at the next Congress.

### 11.3 Presidency

The EC shall be chaired by the President. In the event the President cannot be present at a Meeting of the EC, the President shall appoint another member of the EC to replace him. If a member of the EC is also a member of the IOC, that member shall take on this duty.

### 11.4 Filing of candidacies

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

The list of EC Members on the candidates' lists who are running for the office of President must be received by the General Secretary at least ninety (90) clear days before the date scheduled for the Congress.

The General Secretary shall send the names of the candidates and the lists of the persons nominated as Members of the EC by the candidates for the office of President with the notice and documents for the Congress at least sixty (60) clear days before the date scheduled for the Congress.

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

Individual candidacies and the candidates presented on the lists of the candidates for the office of President must be duly signed by the President of the National Federation the candidate is a member of. All candidates must also be citizens of the countries of the Federation presenting their candidacies.

Any EC Members running for re-election do not need the confirmation of their National Federation.

### 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 eight (8) to twelve (12) members must take place at the time of the Congress held the year before the Olympic Games.

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

### 11.6 Plurality of offices

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

No Member National Federation shall have more than two (2) members on the JUA EC.

No Member National Federation may present more than two (2) candidates for the JUA EC.

### 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 EC Meetings

As a general rule, the EC shall meet at least once per year and particularly during the days preceding a Congress. 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 member of the JUA EC cannot attend the EC meeting for a valid reason, this member may give a proxy to another JUA 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 General Secretary the items they wish to have included on the agenda thirty (30) clear days prior to the date scheduled for the meeting. The General Secretary 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

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. 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 own vote, in addition to the vote of the President.

#### 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:

- Refereeing
- Training
- Medical treatment
- Fight against doping
- Sports
- Media
- Ethics
- Discipline
- Education & Coaching
- Development
- Women's Judo
- Athletes
- Marketing
- Business management
- Finance
- Ranking systems

- Social issues
- Veterans
- "Judo for peace"

#### 11.14 Organization 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 General Secretary 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 National Federations from three (3) different Zones.

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

### Article 12 - President

#### 12.1 Powers

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

The President must comply with the JUA Statutes and the Rules and Decisions of JUA governing bodies.

The President shall chair Congresses and EC Meetings.

The President shall have the power to:

- sign alone on the behalf of the JUA contracts for a duration and for an amount which is under that set by the EC each year;
- The President shall put up for a vote of the EC or in the event of urgency, his proposals regarding contemplated contracts for a duration or an amount beyond those set by the EC 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 organize the office of the JUA Headquarters as he sees fit.

#### 12.2 Vacant seat

In the event the President is prevented from holding office during his term of office due to resignation or for any other reason, the Presidency shall be assumed by an EC Member to be appointed by the EC.

The interim President shall serve until the next Congress when a new President will be elected for the remaining duration of the initial term of office.

If a member of the EC is also a member of the IOC, that member shall serve as interim President.

### Article 13 - Vice Presidents

#### 13.1 Composition

The Vice Presidents shall be the Presidents of the Asian Zones who are elected by their General Assemblies/Congresses of their respective Zones.

#### 13.2 Powers

The Vice Presidents shall represent the Member Federations of their respective Zones within the JUA and represent the JUA in their respective Zones.

### Article 14 - General Secretary

#### 14.1 Powers

The General Secretary shall be responsible for the administration of the Secretariat and relations with the Asian Zones and the Member National Federations. The General Secretary shall benefit from the services of a personal secretariat in his city of residence.

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

#### 14.2 Responsibilities

The General Secretary shall be responsible for the administrative work of the JUA in accordance with the Statutes and regulations and for application of the Decisions of the EC and of the Congress. The General Secretary shall keep close contact with JUA EC members, the Chairpersons of Commissions and with the Member National Federations.

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

The General Secretary shall be responsible for the organization of Congresses and EC meetings.

The General Secretary shall establish the agendas for those meetings after consulting the EC.

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

In cooperation with the Asian Games Organizing Committee (AGOC), he shall inform the National Federations about the regulations and other technical details of the Olympic Judo Competitions. The General Secretary shall draft the minutes of Congress and EC meetings, together with Key Point Information.

#### 14.3 Vacant seat

In the event the General Secretary is prevented from holding office during his term of office due



to resignation or for any other reason, his office shall be assumed by an EC Member to be appointed by the EC until the next Congress when a new General Secretary will be elected for the remaining duration of the initial term of office.

## Article 15 - General Treasurer

### 15.1 Powers

The General Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the Treasury of the JUA 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 funds of the JUA 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 JUA and shall submit proposals to the EC.

The General Treasurer shall participate in negotiations with JUA official suppliers and shall coordinate with the President the TV rights to the Asian Judo Championships. The General Treasurer is also in charge of managing the copyright protecting the JUA emblem.

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

### 15.2 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 authorization by the President and the General Treasurer before they are incurred.

### 15.3 Financial position

At least once a year, the General Treasurer shall provide an up-to-date report of the JUA financial position.

### 15.4 Vacant seat

In the event the General Treasurer is prevented from holding office during his term of office due to resignation or for any other reason, his 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 16 - Technical Directors

### 16.1 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 term of office due to resignation or for any other reason, his 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.

## 16.2 Sports Director

The Sports Director shall guide and manage the sporting activities of the JUA.

The Sports Director shall also be responsible for incorporating new developments of and changes to the Rules and Regulations of sporting activities, as well as for the improvement of competition systems.

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

The Sports Director shall manage the preparations and the course of the competitions with the assistance of other members of the EC and Commission members. The Sports Director shall assume the role of Technical Delegate for the various judo events organized by Asian Games Organising Committee.

The Sports Director shall act as the chairperson of the Sports Commission. The Members of the Sports Commission shall be nominated by the Zones and validated by the EC.

## 16.3 Refereeing Director

The Refereeing Director shall guide and manage the refereeing activities of the JUA and is responsible for incorporating new developments of and changes to the Rules and Regulations regarding the refereeing of judo.

The Refereeing Director shall act as the chairperson of the Refereeing Commission. The Members of the Refereeing Commission shall be nominated by the Zones and validated by the EC.

The Refereeing Director shall appoint the technical directors within his scope of authority for the Asian Championships and Asian Games.

## 16.4 Educational Director

The Educational Director shall guide and manage the educational activities of the JUA and shall be responsible for incorporating new developments and changes in the field of judo education.

The Educational Director shall design the annual Educational Plan and shall compile statistics.

The Educational Director shall be in charge of studies to further the development of judo.

The Educational Director shall act as chairperson of the Educational Commission. The Members of the Educational Commission may be nominated by the Zones.

## Article 17 - Events organized and recognized by the JUA

### 17.1 Right to organize

The right to organize the Asian Championships and continental events will only be granted to those Member National Federations which are able to guarantee entry into their territory of all participants of Member National Federations wishing to participate and which have proven that they are competent to organize such Championships and events.

Member National Federations must agree to comply with the specifications and all rules applicable to the championship they host.

JUA events are composed of the judo events at the Asian Games, The Asian Championships and the tournaments and events recorded on the official JUA Schedule published from time to time.

### 17.2 Candidacy

All member National Federations shall have the right to apply as a candidate to organize an JUA

event, other than the Asian Games, the Asian Senior Championships and the Ordinary Congress. National Federations which are candidates must apply to the General Secretariat as defined in the relevant Regulations.

The EC shall designate the organizer, except for the Asian Games, the Asian Senior Championships and the hosting of the Ordinary Congress.

The Congress shall designate the organizing country for the Asian Senior Championships and the Ordinary Congress.

#### 17.3 Candidacy after expiration of deadline for applications

If there is no candidate to host a particular JUA event scheduled to take place prior to the holding of a Congress, the EC shall appoint the Member National Federation to organize the event.

#### 17.4 Application Procedure to organize the Asian Senior Championships or the JUA Ordinary Congress

Member National Federations must submit an application to organize the Asian Senior Championships and/or the JUA Ordinary Congress one hundred and eighty (180) clear days prior to the relevant Congress to the General Secretary 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.

#### 17.5 Application procedure to organize all JUA events other than the Asian Games, the Asian Senior Championships and the JUA Ordinary Congress

Member National Federations must submit an application to organize a JUA event within the time limit set by the EC to organize a JUA event other than the Asian Senior Championships, the JUA Ordinary Congress and the Asian Games.

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

For each event, the EC shall inform all Member Federations via the JUA Web Site of the specifications for the event, as well as the regulations organizing the application procedure containing the time limit to file applications and to receive an answer from the EC on the application.

#### Article 18 - Spirit of Judo

Delegations participating in JUA events or in events recognized by the JUA, as well as the organizers of such events must respect the spirit of Judo and behave accordingly.

#### Article 19 - Accounting Period

The financial, tax and accounting period of the JUA shall start on 1 January and end on 31 December each year, however, audited Financial accounts may be submitted until the preceding month of the JUA Congress.

#### Article 20 - Income and Expenditures

##### 20.1 Resources

The resources of the JUA shall be derived from the annual membership fees paid by the Member National Federations, TV broadcasting rights, sponsorship agreements, marketing of activities,

visuals, merchandise and JUA license fees, investments in moveable and immoveable property, as well as donations and all remittances from other sources.

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

In addition, the JUA may collect royalties for participation in and organization of JUA events.

## 20.2 Membership Fees

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

In the event a member of the JUA has not paid its membership fees within the required time limit, the JUA reserves the right to deduct this amount in a manner it may so decide.

## 20.3 Non-payment of membership fees, all other fees, royalties or debts

A Member Federation whose membership fees or any other fees, royalties or debts to the JUA which they belong have not been paid by the 31st of May of each year, will not be authorized to take part in the Asian Games, Asian Championships or any other event held under the auspices of the JUA.

## 20.4 Out-of-pocket expenses

The elected representatives of the JUA shall offer their services without pay. Their travel and living expenses, as well as a per diem for personal expenses, will be borne by the JUA during all official meetings and missions, with the exception of meetings or missions for which expenses are borne by another organization.

## 20.5 Rights to events

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

## 20.6 Media rights

All television, radio, photographic, film, Internet, telephone and other media rights to JUA events known of or unknown of today are the exclusive property of the JUA. 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.

## 20.7 Emblem

All Logo rights (copyright) of the JUA are owned by the JUA. Member National Federations are authorized to use the emblem only for the purpose of developing judo in their own Federations .

## Article 21- Auditing of Accounts

The General Treasurer shall recommend a Registered auditing firm to the EC for approval for the purpose of auditing and verifying the JUA accounts.

The General Treasurer shall participate in the auditing process of the JUA accounts organized 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 JUA Members which have received funds from IJF .

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

## Article 22 - Grades and “DAN” Ranks

### 22.1 Official recognition of grades

The JUA and IJF officially recognize only those grades and “DAN” ranks which are awarded by the Member National Federations to their own members, to the exclusion of all others.

A National Federation may not award a grade and/or a “DAN” rank to a member of another Member National Federation without the written agreement of that Federation. Any grade or “DAN” rank awarded without this agreement will not be validated by the JUA and IJF.

Each Member National Federation is in charge of representing the JUA for the purpose of ensuring compliance with International regulations on grades and “dan” ranks throughout its national territory.

### 22.2 Grade diplomas

IJF grades and “DAN” ranks shall be awarded by the President of the JUA where the student originates from.

### 22.3 Amount of Fees

The amount of fees paid for awarding of grade and “DAN” diplomas and for ID Cards shall be set by the EC of the IJF and EC of the JUA.

### 22.4 Application procedure

The awarding of IJF grades and “DAN” ranks shall be performed according to the procedure validated by the EC of the IJF.

From the 1st to the 6th “DAN”, ranks shall be awarded under the responsibility of Member National Federations.

The 7th “DAN” shall be awarded upon the proposal of Member National Federation by the Executive Committee of the JUA, on whose opinion of the this Continental Grade and “DAN” Rank Director is given.

As of the 8th “DAN”, Ranks shall be awarded by the IJF EC upon the proposal of Member National Federations and after the opinion of the JUA has been given, as well as the opinion of the Grade and “DAN” Rank Commission of the IJF.

## Article 23 - JUA Honors and Awards

### 23.1 Outstanding service and contribution to the JUA

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 JUA.

#### 23.1.1 Procedure

Nominations for such positions shall be presented by the EC, at the request of National Federations.

Proposals for JUA Honors and Awards shall be submitted in writing to the General Secretary, 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.

#### 23.1.2 Criteria

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

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

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

#### 23.2 Honorary Attendance

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

23.3 Key figures outside of the JUA who have been of outstanding service or have made significant contributions to the JUA.

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

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

### Article 24 - Amendments to the Statutes

#### 24.1 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 Member National Federations present or represented at the Congress from at least three (3) different Zones.

#### 24.2 Date of Application

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

### Article 25 - Specific Regulations

The EC shall establish specific regulations in special fields that are not covered under these Statutes.

### Article 26 - Expulsion, Resignation, Suspension

#### 26.1 Grounds

A National Federation may be suspended or expelled from the JUA on one of the following grounds:

- serious breach or gross negligence, or pursuant to a final decision of one of the IJF Discipline Commissions.
- as a result of expulsion from JUA, under the conditions provided for in Article 26.4.

## 26.2 Suspension or expulsion: submission of the case to the Discipline Commission

26.2.1 If a National Federation violates the Statutes of the JUA/IJF/IOC or acts against the legitimate interests, the principles or the objectives of the JUA/IJF/IOC, the EC may submit the case to the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance and propose to the Commission all measures it deems fit to put an end to the prejudice being caused to the JUA/IJF/IOC, including by way of restricting or suspending participation in activities or expelling the relevant National Federation. Suspension applies to all sports, administrative and social activities.

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

26.2.3 Sanctions may only be laid down after a hearing of a representative of the National Federation or the individual member of the National Federation whose case has been submitted to the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance and/or Appeal under the conditions provided for in Articles 28 and 29.

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

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

## 26.3 Suspension or expulsion of a Member National Federation

The EC must submit a proposal to Congress to suspend or expel a National Federation on a final basis as decided by one of the Disciplinary Commissions.

Confirmation of suspension or expulsion must be decided by way of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Congress.

## 26.4 Expulsion of a Member Federation by JUA.

JUA has the right to expel one of their members or individual members.

The Disciplinary Commission of the JUA concerned must comply with the rights of the defense. The case may be appealed before the JUA Disciplinary Appeal Commission.

## 26.5 Relations with dissident organizations or Member Federations which have been suspended

Member National Federations are prohibited from having sporting relations with organizations which are not JUA/IJF Members, unless permission is given by the JUA/IJF.

Sporting relations with Member National Federations which have been suspended are likewise prohibited.

Any Member National Federation which violates this provision will immediately be suspended

and reported to the Disciplinary Commission, which will take the necessary disciplinary action.

#### 26.6 Relations with countries which are not yet JUA 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 JUA are authorized.

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

### Article 27 - IJF Arbitral Tribunal

#### 27.1 Terms of reference

The IJF Arbitral Tribunal has the authority:

- a) to decide in the last instance on disputes or conflicts:
  - originating in the application of these Statutes or the rules established by the JUA/IJF,
  - arising among JUA Members,
  - arising between the IJF, on the one hand and the JUA, the National Federations or legal entities or private individuals directly or indirectly connected to them, on the other hand,
  - on sporting matters submitted to the Tribunal by the President of the JUA and JUA EC.

- b) to settle disputes by way of arbitration which are related to sports matters or related to these Statutes and which may arise between JUA Members, on the condition the parties have the intention of settling their dispute by way of arbitration;

- c) to give the President its interpretation of how sporting rules or these Statutes as established should be applied.

The IJF Arbitral Tribunal may call on all experts, witnesses or any other persons having recognized and relevant experience for the purposes of gathering relevant information in order to make an informed decision.

#### 27.2 Proceedings and hearings of the IJF Arbitral Tribunal

Each party to the procedure shall choose an arbitrator from the list. The arbitrators thus appointed shall elect a Chairman from among the other members on the list.

In the event the arbitrators chosen by the parties fail to agree, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

The proceedings and the hearings must take place in compliance with the conditions contained in the IJF Rules of Arbitration for the Arbitral Tribunal.

The IJF Arbitral Tribunal shall have sovereign power to decide in what proportions the legal and other costs shall be borne by the parties in its award.

#### 27.3 Adherence of JUA Members

Adherence to the Statutes as a Member of the JUA automatically entails:

- acceptance of the principle to comply with the IJF Arbitral Tribunal's award in the event of a dispute falling under its authority;
- waiver of the right to appeal the Arbitral Tribunal's awards in the future, other than the right to appeal before the ordinary courts of law.

#### 27.4 Transitional provision

As long as the IJF Arbitral Tribunal has not been established and the rules of this Tribunal have



not been defined, all disputes or conflicts referred to in Article 27.1 shall be submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne.

## Article 28 - Disciplinary Commission of the first instance

### 28.1 Scope of authority

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

### 28.2 Composition

The Disciplinary Commission of the first instance shall be composed of a President, a Vice President and three (3) other Members who shall all be appointed by the EC.

These Members must be legal specialists who are independent from the JUA and who have not provided consulting services for the JUA or for Member National Federations.

### 28.3 Operating procedures

The operating procedures for the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance shall be governed by the JUA Disciplinary Code.

## Article 29 - Disciplinary Appeal Commission

### 29.1 Scope of authority

The Disciplinary Appeal Commission has the authority to decide on appeals filed against the decisions made by the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance.

### 29.2 Composition

The Disciplinary Appeal Commission shall be composed of a President, a Vice President and three (3) other Members who shall all be appointed by the EC.

These Members must be legal specialists who are independent from the JUA and who have not provided consulting services for the JUA or for Member National Federations, and must not have sat on the Disciplinary Commission of the First Instance.

### 29.3 Operating procedures

The operating procedures for the Disciplinary Appeal Commission shall be governed by the JUA Disciplinary Code.

## Article 30 - Ethics Commission

### 30.1 The Ethics Commission has the authority to:

- a) provide conclusions and recommendations to the EC on topics submitted by the President of the JUA and to give its opinion at the request of JUA Members.
- b) investigate cases of violations of the IOC Code of Ethics submitted to it and to make recommendations to the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance and the Disciplinary Appeal Commission of the JUA.

### 30.2 Composition

The Ethics Commission shall be composed of five (5) persons nominated by the Zones for the EC's approval and shall be selected for their qualities in the field of human relations, ethics and law.

### Article 31 - Dissolution

The JUA 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.

In the event of dissolution, the property and funds of the JUA shall be divided among its Members, after settlement of all dues and liabilities.