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IJF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

(2022 – N° 1)

Tuesday October 4th, 2022

14:00

Tashkent, UZBEKISTAN

MINUTES

Present:

EC members: Mr. VIZER, Mr. AL TAMIMI, Mr. ROUGÉ, Dr. TOTH, Mr. AL ANZI, Mr. ZEGARRA PRESSER, Mr. RANDRIANASOLONIAIKO, Dr. ALLAN, Mr. BARTA, Mr. BAGDASAROV, Mr. CASSINERIO, Dr. CORAK, Mr. HACHICHA, Mr. JEON, Mrs. KHISHIGBAT, Mr. LASCAU, Mr. MERIDJA, Mr. SISSOKO, Mrs. SOUAKRI, Mr. TAMURA, Mr. UEMURA, Mr. YAMASHITA.

Excused: Mr. DAVIO, Mr. ABDULLAYEV, Ms. FILZMOSE, Mr. ZHOU.

Director General: Mr. MARINESCU.

Guests: Mr. KAMILOV (President of the Uzbekistan Judo Federation), Mr. GEORGE (CEO and Co-Founder of Ultima Capital), Mr. KASIMOV (General Secretary of the National Olympic Committee of Uzbekistan), Mr. BARCOS (IJF International Affairs Director).

Presidential Office: Ms. KISS (International Relations manager), Mr. KUN (Financial Director), Ms. STEJERAN (Assistant to the President).

Assistants: Mr. AZZOUG (Assistant to Mr. MERIDJA), Mr. CHYURLIA (Referee Commission Secretary), Mr. IMAGAWA (Assistant to Mr. YAMASHITA), Mr. KARIYA (Assistant to Mr. UEMURA), Mr. HUET (Assistant to Mr. ROUGÉ), Mr. MURADOV (Sport Commission Secretary).

IT department: Mr. FISCHER.

Media department: Mr. MESSNER, Mrs. MURGEANU-SABAU.

Protocol department: Mr. YILMAZ.

General Secretary Office: Ms. STROOBANTS, Ms. PARUSOVA.

Start of the meeting 14:00.

1.1 Welcome word and opening remarks

Mr. VIZER

IJF President Mr. VIZER welcomes everyone on the occasion of the World Championships in Tashkent. It is a great pleasure to be here together with the EC members and staff. Mr. VIZER hopes to have the best athletes from every participating country in good health and shape. Mr. VIZER has the pleasure to announce the presence at the EC meeting of Mr. KAMILOV, President of the Uzbekistan Judo Federation, of Mr. KASIMOV, General Secretary of the National Olympic Committee of Uzbekistan and of Mr. GEORGE, CEO and Co-Founder of Ultima Capital.

Mr. VIZER thanks the organiser, the Uzbekistan Judo Federation, the National Olympic Committee, the Government and all the parties involved in the organisation. Mr. VIZER hopes that together we will deliver successful Championships with an important impact for the promotion of the image of the country in the international media, to promote the sport values among the society and to reinforce the message of peace, unity and friendship in the world.



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1.2 Welcome word of the President of Uzbekistan Judo Federation

Mr. KAMILOV

Mr. KAMILOV welcomes all the EC members and guests in Tashkent of behalf of the Uzbekistan Judo Federation. He expresses all his gratitude to the IJF President Mr. VIZER for the opportunity to host the World Championships in Uzbekistan. The huge number of activities is carried out in Uzbekistan to create necessary conditions for the sport of judo ensuring the worthy participation of professional athletes in the international area. He wishes good luck to all the participants of the World Championships in Uzbekistan.

1.3 Welcome word of the General Secretary of Uzbekistan NOC

Mr. KASIMOV

Mr. KASIMOV greets the EC members and thanks the President. He says that he has good and friendly relationships with the IJF under the leadership of Mr. VIZER. Mr. KASIMOV is happy to host the World Championships and ensure that this event will be held at the highest level. Mr. KASIMOV welcomes everyone in Tashkent.

1.4 Welcome word of the CEO & Co-Founder of Ultima Capital

Mr. GEORGE

Mr. GEORGE says that it is an honour and a pleasure for him to meet everyone in Uzbekistan. Mr. GEORGE says he has principles and values in the life that he uses to build his business. Judo shares the same values and principles. This was the perfect fit when Mr. GEORGE decided to start the partnership with the IJF. Mr. GEORGE is honoured that Ultima can spread these values that will make a better future for the world. He wishes everyone a great World Championship.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 2021 EC meeting in Tokyo

Mr. ROUGÉ

IJF General Secretary Mr. ROUGÉ explains that in compliance with the IJF sustainability policy, all the working documents were sent to the EC members by email and are shared at <https://ec.ijf.org/>.

Mr. ROUGÉ asks if the EC members have any comments regarding the minutes. No comments.

Mr. ROUGÉ proposes to approve them.

Decision: Unanimously approved.

Mr. ROUGÉ reminds that the EC members have also received the summary of all the 39 votes made by the EC members by email since the last EC meeting in 2021.

3.1 President's matters

Mr. VIZER

3.1.1 Suspension of athletes refusing to compete with Russian and Belorussian athletes. Mr. VIZER proposes not to sanction the whole delegation, but only the athletes concerned.

Decision: Unanimously approved.

3.1.2 IJF Training Center in Hungary. It hosts the best athletes from the AJU and the PJC who have no possibility of proper preparation conditions for the Olympic Games. The IJF takes charge of all the costs of the preparation for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Mr. VIZER proposes to grant these athletes a monthly compensation of 150 USD.

Decision: Unanimously approved

3.1.3 Information about the Good Governance evaluation. In 2022, the IJF results have significantly improved placing the IJF at the top of the International Federations.



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3.1.4 Term deposit proposal. According to the current financial situation, Mr. VIZER proposes to deposit some amount of IJF budget in order to benefit from interest rates. Mr. VIZER shows different rates according to the amounts and the term. He will consult the IJF General Treasurer, the IJF Financial Director and Mr. GEORGE to choose the best option and will send the proposal to the EC members for approval.

Mr. VIZER informs that there are currently some issues with the member National Federations (Congo Brazzaville, Afghanistan, etc). He says that he will work with the General Secretary to solve these issues.

3.2 General Director's matters

Mr. MARINESCU

General Director Mr. MARINESCU presents updates about media and marketing activities.

- **Mystery of Kodokan** in Minecraft will be launched on the occasion of the World Championships in Tashkent. It was created in the close collaboration with Kodokan, IJF World Promotion Director Mr. UEMURA and his team. Mr. MARINESCU makes a video demonstration. Values and principles of our sport will be used to attract children to judo.
- **Judo TV premium.** IJF launched Judo TV premium. IJF has run live.ijf.org since 2017. We have 350,000 subscribers on live.ijf.org. This is one of the evidences that Judo is getting popular more and more. This inspires the IJF to launch this platform that provides our community with high-quality and on-demand. Judo contents and live streaming of all world judo events.
- **IJF Gold pass** - very important component in successfully growing our user base:
 - Promoted by commentators;
 - Pre, mid and post video ads;
 - Sponsored YouTube creators;
 - LED monitor ads;
 - Banners on IJF competitions;
 - Logo on media backdrop walls;
 - Official store (clothes, accessories, etc.);
 - Links in IJF.org news;
 - Winning judoka shareable pictures;
 - Promos in Highlights and Best Ippon videos;
 - Prevent others from publishing Contests / Highlights on YouTube (dedicated person for checking);
 - YouTube Out Streaming Test;
 - Promotion "Join live.ijf.org to watch GS Abu Dhabi for free";
(Check how many new members will join to account.ijf.org);
 - Examine FINAtv case;
 - Promotion and growth 1st, SVOD (subscription video on demand) 2nd;
 - Payment Services Integration.

Gold Pass business model: Currently more than 375.000 users, access to all official IJF and Continental events (65 IJF + EJU).

Free: news, live streams with ads, results.

IJF Gold pass: 100 USD per year / 25 USD per WC: automatic highlights, detailed statistics, personalized home page, push notifications, prediction League with rewards and to download clips.



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- **IJF Ecosystem 2022+**

- Judobase
- My.IJF.org
- JudoManager
- Live.IJF.org
- FairReplay Care System
- IJF.org
- Control Room

- Promotion **Instagram**: followers' growth (+27%).

- **Economic Forum** organized jointly by the IJF and the Government of Uzbekistan, and it will include a presentation regarding the current status and projects of Uzbekistan, provided by the Ministry of Investment to be followed by a panel session. Information discussed will be in the fields of sport, mining, energy, food and agriculture, communication, technologies, digital, banking and tourism.

- **Judo Comic book** "Judo Legends" is now being finalized by the IJF Judo for Children Commission.

- **Judoverse NFT**: the IJF has entered the world of NFTs, by officially licensing over 30,000 collectables that feature five characters (lion, tiger, bear, gorilla, dog) on the Polygon Blockchain. JUDOVERSE NFT is the new form of digital ticket for World Judo Tour event and free pass for premium Judo TV.

- **Roblox – JudoVerse** (game for 14-25 years).

- **Judo shop**: great source to promote judo.

Mr. VIZER thanks Mr. MARINESCU for his presentation and successful work.

4. General Secretary's matters

Mr. ROUGÉ

4.1. Information about the next IJF Congress Qatar 2023

The next IJF Congress will take place on the 4th of May 2023 in Qatar.

Reminder of the main deadlines:

- 04/11/2022 - Call for candidature: General Secretary and General Treasurer;
- 03/01/2023 - Deadline for receiving candidatures;
- 02/02/2023 - Deadline to fix 2023 IJF Congress Agenda by the Executive Committee;
- 02/02/2023 - Deadline for sending to the Member National Federations the 2023 IJF Congress Agenda and the notice to attend the Congress, together with the reports of the President, Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, General Treasurer and the Directors.

Mr. ROUGÉ asks the EC members to prepare the reports beforehand and submit them in 3 languages, if possible.

The next Congress should ratify the appointment of two EC members: Mr. Skander HACHICHA (IJF Sport Director) and Mr. Michael TAMURA (IJF Sport Director).

4.2. Project - Dan Grades guidelines

Mr. ROUGÉ informs that the IJF Dan Grades guidelines are under elaboration. He thanks Mr. UEMURA, IJF Education



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and Coaching Director Mr. MERIDJA, IJF Head Refereeing Director Mr. LASCAU, IJF Education Director Dr. CORAK and the IJF Academy for their collaboration in this project.

4.3. Miscellaneous

• **Safe judo:**

- Two IJF Safeguarding Officers graduated from the IOC programme (Ms. PARUSOVA and Mr. POP);
- Independency in reception of alerts and management of cases;
- Email address safejudo@ijf.org for all requests;
- Enhanced IJF Integrity platform → more visible and detailed.

• **Disciplinary Code:**

Mr. ROUGÉ explains that amendment to the current version is under way in collaboration with the Hungarian lawyers and should be finalized before the end of 2022.

The key statements of the amendments are as follows:

- Compliance with the Hungarian Sport Law;
- Improvement of IJF regulations;
- Provide and operate within adequate powers;
- Beware of the rules of a fair process;
- Deal with conflicts at the outset;
- Manage the separation of functions;
- A structured approach to testing evidence;
- Build in "careful" flexibility;
- Conduct a fair hearing;
- Provide clarity of sanctions;
- Provide reasons;
- Include a right of appeal.

Mr. ROUGÉ adds that the new Disciplinary Code will cover larger populations, such as spectators, supporters, professionals, clubs, at National or Continental levels.

The new version will also specify penalties according to the gravity of the alleged misconduct.

• **Member National Federations issues: Congo Brazzaville Judo Federation (FECOJUDA) case**

Reminder of the situation.

The IJF currently recognises the President Mr. IKAMA, elected on 17 February 2021 following the establishment of the Normalisation Committee led by the AJU. These elections have not been recognised by either the Ministry or the NOC. For their part, the Ministry and the NOC organised elections on 17 August 2021 for another federation chaired by Mr. ATA.

The IJF has sent several letters calling on the Ministry to work together to organise new elections before 30 September 2022. The Ministry maintains its position by informing us that the new Elective General Assembly of FECOJUDA will be organised after the Olympic Games of Paris 2024.

Mr. ROUGÉ proposes to the EC to vote the suspension of the Congolese Judo Federation and its officials from all activities until the organisation of the new elections under the supervision of the IJF.

However, the athletes cannot be hostages of the Government. The Congolese athletes having sufficient level will continue their participation in international competitions under the IJF flag and with IJF support.

Decision: Unanimously approved.



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- **Oceania Judo Union case**

Extract from the presentation by the General Secretary:

The OJU Executive held a meeting on 22 September 2022. The motion of no confidence in the OJU President (Mr. DAVIO) and OJU General Treasurer (Ms. BEAUMONT) was presented by OJU General Secretary (Mr. IVERS) on the following grounds:

- 1) Failing to prepare and present a financial budget to the OJU Executive for approval after multiple requests from members of the Executive for 2021, 2022;
- 2) Multiple Breaches the OJU Financial Accounting Rules of payments not authorised by the Executive in the annual OJU Budget;
- 3) Multiple Breaches of the OJU Statutes in relation to payments for events that have been signed in contrary to the requirements of the OJU Statutes for an event to be bound.

Voting results – according to the Minutes (For: 3; Against: 1; Ineligible: 2 concerned officials).

The impeached officials refer to the following procedural errors: i) the decision was taken at an informal meeting; ii) the decision was taken without respecting the rights of the defence and the right to be assisted by a defender of their choice; iii) grievances (impeachable offences) have not been presented in details only in general; iv) the required qualified majority for taking such a decision was not reached; v) one voting was carried out for the two impeachments. The impeached officials emphasized that the impeachment (and the immediate suspension of the officials) endangers the organisation of the Perth Open insofar as no expenses can be incurred without the intervention and the prior approval by the President.

Mr. ROUGÉ explains that according to the article 13.1 of the IJF Statutes “the President has the power to decide on all urgent questions under the authority of the EC must be notified of any decisions made on this basis at its next Meeting and validate such decisions.”

Mr. ROUGÉ proposes to approve the decision to provisionally suspend the decision to impeach the OJU President and the General Treasurer and to take a final decision in a forthcoming consultation of the EC by email on the follow-up to the case.

Decision: Unanimously approved.

Mr. ROUGÉ thanks Mr. President and the EC members.

5. Financial matters

Mr. AL TAMIMI

Mr. AL TAMIMI, IJF General Treasurer greets all the EC members and thanks the Presidents and EC members for their support.

Mr. AL TAMIMI informs that IJF finances are directed where it is needed the most: promotion and development of the sport, retention of talent and skills, donation to member federations, competition expenses etc. He mentions IJF tremendous growth and crisis management due to the relentless efforts of Mr. President, EC members, IJF team members and Treasury.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- Regularly Reporting & Analysis regularly;
- Review & Revise Financial Plan;
- AR always at a minimum, thus reducing our bad debts / risk exposure whereas AP is always managed on time;
- Working capital is well managed with third party liabilities almost non-existent.



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2021 REVENUE IN A NUTSHELL

- **\$ 4,300,000** Contribution from Olympiad
- **\$ 15,300,000** Licensing Fee
- **\$ 1,000,000** Donation
- **\$ 880,000** Contribution from Olympiad
- **\$ 5,000,000** Sponsorship
- **\$ 2,800,000** Others

FINANCIALS IN 2021

- Income : \$ 29.5 Millions
- Expenses : \$ 23.9 Millions
- Net Profit : \$ 5.6 Millions

2021 INCOME

- Contribution from Olympiad 16%
- Sponsorships income 19%
- Licensing fees 57%
- Donations 4%
- Suppliers' fees 3%
- Broadcasting rights 1%

IJF profits increased significantly last year despite the COVID-19 situation. Especially, some sectors such as event licensing and sponsorship have increased significantly compared to the previous year.

2021 EXPENDITURE

- Travelling expenses 18%
- Office expenses 4%
- Donations 11%
- Professional fees 21%
- Competition expenses 18%
- Personnel expenses 28%

Travel expenses also includes ticket & hotel accommodations for judokas from invited countries (donations) and also allowances for specialists / IJF professionals for travel & participation during all the competitions, which are much needed for the development of Judo.

IJF Financial balance in fiscal year 2021 was audited and approved by PricewaterhouseCoopers PWC.

A SYNOPSIS PROFIT & LOSS (2020 – 2022)

	2020	2021	2022
Income (\$ Million)	25.7	29.5	33.7
Expenses (\$ Million)	21.9	23.9	29.5
Net Profit/Loss (\$ Million)	3.8	5.6	4.2



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A SYNOPSIS BALANCE SHEET (2020 – 2021)

	2020	2021	2022
Total Assets (\$ Million)	26.0	29.5	33.7
Total Liability (\$ Million)	25.91	23.9	29.5
Total Equity (\$ Million)	0.09	5.6	4.2

Mr. AL TAMIMI presents to the EC members the provisional budget 2023.

Mr. AL TAMIMI concludes that thanks to the fast reactions the IJF was able to move past a hard year, to keep the Judo family together and successfully return to the World Judo Tour.

Mr. AL TAMIMI presents that IJF Financial rules 2022 and suggests to the EC members to approve them.

Decision: Unanimously approved.

Mr. VIZER asks Mr. AL TAMIMI to present the current bank statement.

Mr. AL TAMIMI gives the following figures:

- 1) IJF USD account: 7 947 630,73 USD
- 2) IJF EUR account: 6 525 389,01 €
- 3) HUF account: 78 218 352 Ft

Mr. VIZER thanks the General Treasurer for his collaboration.

6. Continental Unions Presidents matters

6.1. African Judo Union

Mr. RANDRIANASOLONIAIKO

IJF Vice-President Mr. RANDRIANASOLONIAIKO greets the President and EC members. He says that most of the issues related to the AJU National Federations were successfully solved by the new team and the AJU General Secretary.

Despite the consequences of the pandemic, the new AJU team is working hard to raise up the level of judo and to improve the standards of organisation in Africa.

Mr. RANDRIANASOLONIAIKO addresses special thanks to Mr. VIZER for his support and all IJF activity in Africa.

Mr. VIZER informs that next October Mr. RANDRIANASOLONIAIKO will run for the Presidential election in his country. He congratulates Mr. RANDRIANASOLONIAIKO for his courage and his achievements.

6.2. Judo Union of Asia

Mr. AL-ANZI

IJF Vice-President Mr. AL ANZI informs that Covid-19 pandemic since past 2 years did not stop the judo activities in Asia. He presents the main events that took place in Asia since 2021:

- 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games in July 2021 (Asian athletes won 9 Gold, 4 silver and 7 bronze medals in individual competition and 1 silver medal in teams' competition);
- Abu Dhabi Grand Slam in November 2021;



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- Asian and Oceania Cadets and Juniors Championships in Beirut in December 2021;
- Asian Juniors Cup in Tashkent in April 2022;
- Asian Cadets Cup in Almaty in May 2022;
- Ulaanbaatar Grand Slam in June 2022;
- Asian Cadets and Juniors Championships in Bangkok in July 2022;
- Asian Seniors and Teams Championships in Nur-Sultan in August 2022;
The Asian Games were postponed to September next year and will take place in Kazakhstan. Mr. AL ANZI thanks the National Federation of Kazakhstan for their organisation;
- JUA referees' seminar and IJF Continental referees' examination Bangkok in July 2022;
- JUA EC meeting Nur-Sultan in August 2022.

Due to the global situation, the number of JUA activates has been reduced, but the number of on-line activities was increased.

Mr. AL ANZI hopes that judo activities will be resumed with the support of the IJF and the effort of JUA member Federations. On behalf of the JUA, Mr. AL ANZI thanks Mr. VIZER for his leaderships and efforts to control the effects of Covid-19 and also the Russian-Ukrainian war.

Mr. VIZER thanks Mr. AL ANZI.

6.3. European Judo Union

Dr. TOTH

Mr. VIZER congratulates a new IJF EC member, IJF Vice-President Dr. TOTH and welcomes him in the EC representing the European Judo Union.

Dr. TOTH says it is a great honor for him to become a member of the IJF Executive Committee. He thanks the President and EC members for their trust.

On the 17th of June 2022 in Vienna 49 EJU National Federations elected the new EJU leadership. Dr. TOTH underlines that the EJU changes its strategy while following the regulations and the ideas of the leaderships of the IJF.

Dr. TOTH is happy to work with the IJF and hopes to have fruitful and successful collaboration.

He is delighted to have both IJF and EJU Presidential offices registered in Budapest.

Dr. TOTH notes that currently the EJU is affected by the political crisis due to the war in Ukraine. He thanks all the EC members for the support and advice.

Mr. VIZER informs that recently a video conference was held by the IOC with the NOCs, IFs, IOC members to discuss the issue of participation of athletes in the sport events.

Following the recommendation and the strategy of the IOC, the IJF decided not to authorise Russian and Belorussian athletes to participate in IJF events until the end of the year. In January 2023 a decision will be taken about this matter.

Meanwhile, the IJF continues to strongly support the Ukrainian Judo Federation. 320 children were welcomed in Romania, they are completely taken in charge by Mr. VIZER and his friends. 300 children were welcomed in Hungary with the support of the Hungarian government.

6.4. Panamerican Judo Confederation

Mr. ZEGARRA PRESSER

IJF Vice-President Mr. ZEGARRA PRESSER welcomes the EC members and guests.



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He explains that this year the PJC had two big challenges. The first is the organisation of the PJC/OJU Championships Juniors, Cadets, Seniors and Teams together in Peru (Lima) in April 2022.

At the same period took place the examination for referees by the IJF Refereeing Commission.

A big step was made to develop judo in the PJC in collaboration with the IJF and the OJU.

The second challenge was the organisation of the Guayaquil World Championships Juniors in August 2022. Mr. ZEGARRA PRESSER highlights a good organisation and great performance of young athletes during this event.

He informs that the PJC Executive Committee works on changes in rules for the 2023, in order for the Juniors and Cadets Championships to be in the same frame as the Seniors Championships.

In 2023 the Pan-American/Oceanian Championships Individuals and Teams will be held in Calgary, Canada in September.

Mr. ZEGARRA PRESSER thanks the IJF President, the IJF General Secretary, all the members of the IJF Commissions as well as his collaborators from the PJC for their support.

He also thanks all the colleagues working on the organisation of training for PJC athletes in the Budapest Training Center.

Mr. VIZER thanks Mr. ZEGARRA PRESSER and congratulates for the successful organisation of all these events.

6.5. Oceania Judo Union

Mr. DAVIO

IJF Vice-President Mr. DAVIO is excused.

7. Sports matters

Mr. BARTA / Dr. ALLAN

7.1. WC Tashkent 2022 information

To this date:

Number of Nations: 88

Number Judoka: 584 (315 Men and 269 Women)

Day number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Opening				
Category	60/48kg	66/52kg	73/57kg	81/63kg	90/70kg	100/78kg	over	Teams
N. of judoka	82	81	99	89	94	75	66	17
Start times	10:30	10:30	10:00	10:00	10:00	11:00	11:00	9:30

7.2. OGQ, Team Wild Cards, Test Event, Continental Opens

Olympic Qualification period: 24 June 2022 – 23 June 2024



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Direct Qualification: 238 (119 Men + 119 Women)
Continental Qualification: 100 (50 Men + 50 Women)
Individual Wild Cards: 15
Team Wild Cards: 5
Host country quota places: 14
7.3. WJT update (from after Tokyo OG to date)

WJT 2023:

- World Championships 1
- Master 1
- Grand Slam 11
- Grand Prix 2
- Continental Open 23

7.4. Calendar 2023

Mr. BARTA presents the calendar 2023.

He proposes to the EC members to approve the change of the Tokyo Grand Slam 2023 date (2-3 December 2023).

Decision: Unanimously approved.

Mr. VIZER suggests the Masters to be organized at the beginning of September 2023, as the Asian Games will take place at the end of September 2023. He asks the Sport Commission to consult the organizers.

Due to the increase of the number of Continental Opens, Mr. VIZER together with the Sport Commission, will lead a discussion with the Continental Unions to find the best solution for the future.

Mr. VIZER says that it is important to have the best athletes in the top level IJF competitions.

7.5. Paris Olympic Games 2024 update

IJF Events Director Dr. ALLAN informs that the IJF COVID protocol was first published in August 2020 and used in October 2020 for the Hungary Grand Slam 2020. Measures were revised in November 2021 and a new protocol published in February 2022. Measures were revised again in June 2022 and a new protocol was recently published in September 2022.

The first event to have no delegation bubble was Krakow World Championships Veterans and Kata 2022. This had no effect on the statistics with only 1 recorded positive case.

Following the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (held in 2021) we had 7 events in 2021 and 11 events in 2022. We recorded on average for 18 events, 5 positive tests per 612 people.

Dr. ALLAN thanks the IJF Medical Commission for their work on the protocol and IJF staff for their administration of the COVID process during the events.

Dr. ALLAN presents updates on Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The Qualification system was published on 12 April 2022.



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	Quota places	Host country quota places	Mixed Team event invitation places	Universality places	Total
Men	169	7	5	15	186
Women	169	7			186
Total	338	14	5	15	372

The first qualification event was the Ulaanbaatar Grand Slam, 24-26 2022 and the last date for qualifying is 23 June 2024.

IJF Technical Delegates: Mr. ROUGÉ and Mr. BARTA.

Paris 2024 Judo Manager: Mr. ROGNON.

Venue (shared with wrestling, IBSA judo and wheelchair rugby for Paralympic Games): The Grand Palais Éphémère, a temporary building of 10,000 m², was installed on the Champ-de-Mars at the beginning of 2021 and will remain until the end of the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games 2024. The back of house areas, warm-up, doping, medical, judogi control etc. will be temporary tents located in the park between the Eiffel Tower and linked to the competition venue.

Judo competition dates: Saturday 27 July – Saturday 3 August 2024.

Training venue (shared with taekwondo): Complexe Sportif Auguste Delaune, 4.5 km from the Olympic Village.

Test event: 29 – 30 August 2023, small event replicating 1 day of the judo competition.

Olympic Village: Located 7 km north of the centre of Paris, near Saint-Denis, Ile Saint-Denis and Saint-Ouen.

Opening ceremony: along the Seine with the athletes in 160 boats and the spectators watching from the banks of the river.

Dr. ALLAN thanks Mr. President and all the colleagues for their collaboration.

Mr. VIZER thanks the Sport Commission.

8. Refereeing matters

Mr. LASCAU

Mr. LASCAU informs that during this short Olympic cycle (3 years) the Refereeing Commission has to continue the legacy of the Refereeing Commission led by IJF International Affairs Director Mr. BARCOS and Mr. SNIJDERS over the decades.

Mr. LASCAU presents the Refereeing Network (Continental Unions referees, the IJF Refereeing Commission members and Supervisors).

He says he does not speak about the referees, but about refereeing that should be understandable for all: children, spectators, coaches, National Federations and the organization in the whole.

We are in a transparent area where any refereeing decision is immediately followed in the whole world, therefore, we have to work hard to reach this high level.

After Tokyo Olympic Games in 2021, 12 points of refereeing rules were changed. We are in dynamic sport with constant



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development and a new judo frame. The judo frame changes because athletes import from other sports different actions. In cooperation with Kodokan, we need to clarify technical judo situations. Mr. LASCAU thanks Dr. ALLAN for continuous updates of refereeing aspects in SOR.

These changes were implemented through refereeing training session and continental refereeing seminar.

The nomination of WJT referees is based on Continental Union Refereeing Directors recommendations and according to worldwide necessity and referees' development.

One of the issues is the English language. The culture of speaking English must be improved in refereeing. WJT Referees are prepared for the Paris Olympic Cycle and next Olympic Cycle, transferring knowledge from experienced referees to the referees who are in development period.

We introduce the theoretical paper test and the practical Nage-waza & Katame-waza exams, both IJF Academy proof (same knowledge for coaches and referees).

Refereeing training sessions are organised before each competition (with video examples, analyses of situations and decision on the mat). Mr. LASCAU thanks all the colleagues involved in the origination of these sessions.

The WJT referees and IJF supervisors respect the neutrality regarding their nationalities and living countries.

WJT referees are subject to observation, evaluation and feedback, on daily basis. The nomination for final block is made according to preliminaries performances. Video recording is available for analysis in slow motion for referees & coaches.

Mr. LASCAU highlights the importance of IJF corporate identity in form of judogi and sports clothes.

WGW (Who Goes Where) is established according to quality, locations, gender equity and other requests of the referees.

Mr. LASCAU suggests that in the future the WJT referees can also referee at other events such as the Mediterranean and Francophonie Games to have the same level of refereeing.

Mr. LASCAU notes a very good cooperation with visual impaired judo referees and supervisors, as well as with Kodokan Institute.

Mr. LASCAU informs that the WJT referees cannot referee during a National Championship and WJT events to respect the neutrality.

This Olympic cycle is dedicated to record refereeing activities around the world, in all Continental Unions, taking in consideration the aspects of pandemic time. During the next Olympic cycle, the IJF Refereeing Commission should synchronize all IJF refereeing activities with the Continental refereeing activities at highest level worldwide.

Mr. LASCAU suggests that the IJF Continental & IJF International referees' examinations should be done at earlier ages, through theoretical refereeing rules tests in English, judo techniques tests on the mat and practical application refereeing tests in the competitions.

Mr. LASCAU proposes to decrease the age limit to 45 years for IJF referees' examination and to 40 years for the Continental referees' examination.

Mr. VIZER thanks Mr. LASCAU and asks to submit a proposal for examination by EC members and a ratification, if necessary.

Mr. VIZER adds that Dr. Jigoro KANO created judo and gave us the best gift ever. Our common mission is to make judo understandable for all, for the benefit of the humanity, for the education of the future generations, for friendship



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and unity according to the principles of judo.

Mr. VIZER asks the opinion Mr. BARCOS about the transition period in the Refereeing sector.

Mr. BARCOS finds the transition very positive thanks to the professionalism of the Refereeing Commission.

Mr. BARCOS thinks that the improvement can be made regarding the time taken by the IJF Supervisors to review the fight and announcement of the decision by the referee.

The decision should be announced very quickly.

Mr. ROUGÉ suggests that like coaches, the doctors of the delegations and the organization to be qualified. Mr. VIZER proposes to organize short seminars for doctors to explain judo rules.

9. Education and Coaching matters

Mr. MERIDJA

9.1. Judogi control (Progress report - experimental use of an optical stamp to ease judogi control procedures)

Mr. MERIDJA explains that a new experimental tool was used in Guayaquil Juniors World Championships and Sarajevo Cadets World Championships.

Target objectives:

- facilitate judogi control procedures for the athletes;
- help to lower stressful situations among the judoka;
- make the judogi control procedures faster;
- ensure fair competition;
- prevent long queues at judogi control;
- get judogi control team more focused.

How does the new system work:

- the evening before the competition, the athletes get their judogis checked;
- in the event their judogi complies with the rules, their judogi is stamped on the lapel;
- the stamp is invisible; it can only be read with an optical lamp. Difficult to imitate;
- the following day, the judogi is just controlled with an optical lamp to identify the stamp mark; this process takes roughly 5 seconds;
- the optical inscription disappears after a wash.

Coaches and athletes feedback:

- Less stressful situations for the coaches and athletes;
- Better conditions for the athletes to practice and focus;
- Athletes and coaches wish to have this system implemented to all other IJF and Continental Events;
- Time saving process for the athletes. They spend less time at judogi control.

Recommendations:

- Improve the testing equipment (fix some technical issues);
- Standardize the use of this new optical stamp in IJF and Continental events;
- Design a specific stamp for each IJF World Tour event;
- Determine new control procedures.



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9.2. IJF Coaches licence

Mr. MERIDJA informs that so far 70 applications were recorded. Only one application did not meet the requirements. All the applicants need to be tested online through a questionnaire by the end of the year.

Mr. MERIDJA proposed to remove the 6th Dan requirement. This is a difficult to meet for young coaches.

Mr. MERIDJA informed that a meeting was held on the sidelines of the Veterans WC with the General Secretary and the Director of the IJF Academy.

Mr. MERIDJA proposes to extend the Master Coach Licence award until 1st January 2024. After this date all coaches need to qualify from IJF Academy.

Mr. MERIDJA thanks the President for his trust.

Mr. VIZER thanks Mr. MERIDJA and asks to send the EC members the proposal regarding the Coach Licence the for examination.

Regarding the judogi control, Mr. VIZER says that if the judogi is verified only the day before the competition, there is a risk that the athletes change the judogi on the day of the competition. The Education Commission must take this into consideration and be very vigilant.

10. Information about the IJF journal “The Arts and Sciences of Judo”

Dr. CORAK

Dr. CORAK informs that the IJF launched a first volume of the “The Arts and Sciences of Judo” in 2021. The main idea behind this initiative was to bring together judo researchers from all over the world to publish their research papers in the IJF journal that would be available to all readers.

We aimed the Journal to be a medium for research papers on topics that are relevant for development of judo and that would help to bridge the usual gap between the academic research and the needs of practical work in judo.

Suggested improvement steps of the Arts and Sciences of Judo Journal in the period 2023-2028:

- More visibility; easier discoverability;
- More academic relevance;
- More relevance for practitioners;
- Researchers' cooperations and joint projects;
- Special issues on the most important 'judo topics'.

Dr. CORAK thanks IJF Media and Communication Director Mr. MESSNER and IJF Publishing Editor Ms. CROWLEY for their collaboration and suggests to the EC members to approve the proposed improvements.

Decision: Unanimously approved.

11. Miscellaneous

Mr. MARINESCU shows the trailer of the forthcoming World Championships in Tashkent.

He formally invites all the EC members to attend the Economic Forum on October 5th 2022.

Dr. CORAK reminds that the IJF sent to all the National Federations the information about the necessity to establish the Gender Equality Commission. So far, she received the replies from only 16 National Federations. Dr. CORAK asks the support of EC members in this matter.



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Mr. VIZER concludes the meeting by thanking the EC members for the work and collaboration. He addresses special thanks to Kodokan and All Japan Judo Federation for their cooperation since a long period and in a harmonious way.

Mr. VIZER thanks the IJF guests and partners for their support, friendship and cooperation with judo family sharing the real values of friendship respect and transparency.

End of the meeting 16:00.