



INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION



VOTES BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (since October 2022)

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**CHANGE
OF
NATIONALITY**

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CHANGE OF NATIONALITY

Thursday, October 27, 2022

CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2022-17: Ms. Marie BRANSER

Dear EC members, Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Ms. Marie BRANSER, who used to represent the Democratic Republic of the Congo and wants to represent Guinea.

The request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from the Guinean Judo Federation
- Release letter from the DR Congo Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before Monday, October 31st, 2022.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

CHANGE VALIDATED ON 02/11/2022

CHANGE OF NATIONALITY

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Saturday, November 12, 2022

CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2022-18: Ms. Altantsetseg BATSUKH

Dear EC members, Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Ms. Altantsetseg BATSUKH, who used to represent Mongolia and wants to represent the United Arab Emirates.

The request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from the UAE Judo Federation
- Release letter from the Mongolian Judo Association

Please kindly send me your approval before Tuesday, November 15th, 2022.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

CHANGE VALIDATED ON 16/11/2022

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CHANGE OF NATIONALITY

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2023-01, 2023-02: Mr. Dzakhongir MADZHIDOV, Ms. Lubjana PIOVESANA

Dear EC members, Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the requests of nationality change of the following athletes:

- Mr. Dzakhongir MADZHIDOV, who used to represent Azerbaijan and wants to represent Tajikistan;
- Ms. Lubjana PIOVESANA, who used to represent Great Britain and wants to represent Austria.

The request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letters & passport copies/nationality certificate of the athletes
- Confirmation letters from the Tajikistan Judo Federation and the Austrian Judo Federation
- Release letters from the Azerbaijan Judo Federation and the British Judo Association.

Please kindly send me your approval before Sunday, January 15th, 2023.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

CHANGE VALIDATED ON 16/01/2023

CHANGE OF NATIONALITY

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Tuesday, February 21, 2023

CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2023-03: Ms. Khadizha GADASHOVA

Dear EC members, Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Ms. Khadizha GADASHOVA, who used to represent the Russian Federation and wants to represent Azerbaijan.

The request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from the Azerbaijan Judo Federation
- Release letter from the Russian Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before Friday, February 24th, 2023 12:00pm (Budapest time).

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

CHANGE VALIDATED ON 24/02/2023

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CHANGE OF NATIONALITY

Thursday, March 2, 2023

CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2023-04: Mr. Max STEWART

Dear EC members, Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Mr. Max STEWART, who used to represent Great Britain and wants to represent Jamaica.

The request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from the Jamaican Judo Association
- Release letter from the British Judo Association

Please kindly send me your approval before Monday, March 6th, 2023 12:00pm (Budapest time).

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

CHANGE VALIDATED ON 06/03/2023

CHANGE OF NATIONALITY

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Tuesday, March 7, 2023

CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2023-05: Mr. Ashley MCKENZIE

Dear EC members, Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Mr. Ashley MCKENZIE, who used to represent Great Britain and wants to represent Jamaica.

The request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from the Jamaican Judo Association
- Release letter from the British Judo Association

Please kindly send me your approval before Friday, March 10th, 2023 12:00pm (Budapest time).

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

CHANGE VALIDATED ON 10/03/2023

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CHANGE OF NATIONALITY

Thursday, March 30, 2023

CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2023-05: Mr. Alexandros PATINIOTIS

Dear EC members, Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Mr. Alexandros PATINIOTIS, who used to represent Greece and wants to represent Cyprus.

The request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from the Cyprus Judo Federation
- Release letter from the Hellenic Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before Monday, April 3rd, 2023.
Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

CHANGE VALIDATED ON 04/04/2023

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SPORTS AND REFEREEING MATTERS

Thursday, October 6, 2022

Request for derogation - European Championships of Small States of Europe

Dear EC members, Dear Colleagues,

We received a request from the European Judo Union, regarding a derogation of the Nationality rule (article 1.7 of the IJF SOR) for the European Championships of Small States of Europe, which will be held on 5-6 November 2022 in Luxembourg.

The EJU is asking if the following Nationality rule could be applied for this event:

“Nationality

These European Championships are open for all Small Member Federations of the European Judo Union (EJU), which are: Andorra, Cyprus, The Faroe Islands, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro & San Marino.

The competitors should be of the same nationality as the country, which enters them.

In addition, athletes without citizenship can participate, who have been resident in the country or, for Monaco, in the country or the border communes, which are Roquebrune Cap Martin, Beausoleil, La Turbie e Cap d’Ail, for at least three years without interruption at the date of the the European Championships. Such athletes must present an official permit of residence, signed and sealed from the National Authority and a license of the national sport federation governing their sport in their country of residence for at least three years.

Important: IJF SOR, section 1.7 Athlete Nationality does not apply for this event and participation in this event does not affect nationality status of the athlete with regard to participation in official IJF and EJU events or change of nationality”

Please kindly send me your approval before tomorrow, Friday, October 7, 2022 23h59 (Budapest time).

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Changes for SOR from Sport Department

Dear EC members, Dear Colleagues,

Find please below for your approval the proposed changes to the IJF Sport and Organization Rules (SOR), starting from 01 January 2023:

We believe that all bellow mentioned changes/proposals are in favor of our athletes.

- Weigh-in times:
 - 15:30 to 16:00 - unofficial weigh-in
 - 16:00 to 16:30 - official weigh-in
- Judogi and backnumber pre-control times:
 - 16:10 to 18:30
- Mixed Teams competitions:

Instead of a 2kg tolerance change to 5% of the weight categories (Cadets, Juniors, Seniors) for all judoka taking part in individual competition before Mix Team event

- WC Cadets individuals – 200g tolerance at the weigh-in for all athletes categories

Please send your approval latest on Friday 25th November

Many thanks in advance

Best regards,

Vladimir BARTA
IJF Head Sport Director

DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY

Friday, March 10, 2023

URGENT VOTE: WAZA-ARI DEFINITION - Meeting 10 March 2023 Budapest

Dear EC members, Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the IJF Refereeing Commission, please find the below information.

Today, March 10th 2023, in Budapest took place a meeting with the participation of IJF President Mr. Marius Vizer, Mr. Kiyoshi Murakami, Mr. Ezio Gamba, Mr. Armen Bagdasarov, Mr. Florin Daniel Lascau and Mr. Teodor Pop.

Please find below the conclusion of the meeting. Your approval of the waza-ari definition below is requested within 48 hours (until Sunday March 12th 2023 14h00 (Budapest time)):

Waza-ari definition

To simplify the waza-ari scores, the definition of waza-ari is adapted.

Waza-ari criteria comprise landing on the upper side of the body at 90° or more to the rear, one shoulder and upper back, and landing simultaneously on two elbows or hands (waza-ari for tori and shido for uke).

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Mr. Epifanov's case: participation under the IJF flag

Dear EC members, Dear Colleagues,

We received the request regarding the participation of the athlete Mr. Platon Epifanov, in the Gori Cadet European Cup (29-30 April 2023), under the IJF flag.

The athlete Mr. Epifanov and his father emigrated from the Russian Federation to Georgia in March 2022. We have received a document proving that he currently resides in Georgia. The athlete intends to go to another country to pursue his studies.

According to the article 1.7.2 of the IJF SOR, "for events organised by the IJF or under its auspices, the IJF Executive Committee, in order to protect the interest of the athlete, can authorise that the athlete can compete under the IJF flag for any reason (for example: non-official refugee status of the athlete, non-recognition of the NOC by the IOC, suspension of the National Federation etc.)."

In view of the exceptional situation of the athlete, we propose to authorize Mr. Platon Epifanov to compete in the Gori Cadet European Cup (29-30 April 2023) under the IJF flag.

As the registration deadline for this event closes tomorrow, please send me your approval before tomorrow, Friday, April 14, 2023 before noon (12:00pm, Budapest time).

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY

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DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

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Friday, November 18, 2022

Vote on impeachment case – OJU President Davio Rehia and OJU Treasurer Beaumont Myriam

Dear EC members, Dear Colleagues,

I trust this email finds you in good health and form.

With regard to the situation in the Oceania Judo Union and following the decision of the IJF Executive Committee of October 4th 2022, I held a meeting with the OJU EC members in Perth.

You will find attached the investigation report.

Below you will find the link to have access to the attachments mentioned in the report: <https://we.tl/t-BPUomucReD>

Under Article 3.2 of the IJF Statutes, the IJF Executive Committee members are hereby requested to vote for the annulment of the decision of the OJU Executive Committee dated 22 September 2022 on the impeachment of President DAVIO Rehia and Treasurer BEAUMONT Myriam under the ground of the material procedural errors set forth in the investigation report.

You will find attached the voting paper to complete and send back to us by Monday 21st November 2022, 23:59 GMT.

We apologize for this excessively formal procedure, however this is a response to the request for a disciplinary appeal.

For your information, under the article 6 of the IJF Code of Ethics, Mr. Davio is not entitled to take part in the vote.

Thank you in advance for your reply and your collaboration.

Best regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY

Thursday, February 16, 2023

VOTE: IJF Disciplinary Code

Dear EC members,
Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the draft of the new IJF Disciplinary Code.

These modifications have become necessary in view of the increasing legalization of disciplinary conflicts.

We have adapted them to the Hungarian law, which is the reference legalization, and to the Swiss law for the IOC and the CAS.

We kindly ask you to send your approval no later than Saturday February 25th 2023.

If this draft is approved by the IJF Executive Committee, it will be proposed for approval during the IJF Congress 2023 in Doha.

We wish you a pleasant reading.

Best regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY

Monday, March 20, 2023

URGENT VOTE: OJU General Assembly

Dear EC members,
Dear Colleagues,

I trust this email finds you in good health.

The Oceania Judo Union scheduled an elective General Assembly to be held on the 1st of April 2023 to elect a new President and a new Executive Committee.

In view of the difficulties encountered and the contradictory information we are receiving from various members of the OJU, we propose to conduct a professional audit before these elections.

In order to do this, we need to postpone the elective General Assembly of the 1st of April 2023.

In view of the proximity of these elections, we need to inform all the OJU member National Federations as soon as possible.

Consequently, please kindly send us your approval regarding the postponement of the OJU elective General Assembly and the conduct of the audit before tomorrow, Tuesday the 21st of March 2023, 12h00 pm (midday, Budapest time).

This decision is based on the Article 3.2 of the IJF Statutes:

“Statutes of Members

[...] In the event that a dispute or dysfunction is brought to the attention of the IJF President or another subject, which is detracting from the correct functioning of an IJF member structure, an IJF representative appointed by the IJF President can lead investigations which will be exposed to the IJF EC. The EC will be able to take any measure necessary for an appropriate functioning. The parties undertake to respect the IJF EC directives”.

Thank you very much for your prompt collaboration.

Best regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY

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**MISCEL-
LANEOUS**

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Vote by EC members: IJF Official Coach Licence

Dear EC members, Dear Colleagues,

Please kindly find below the proposal that the IJF Education and Coaching Director Mr. Meridja would like to submit to your vote:

“IJF Official Coach Licence

The International Judo Federation, as part of its «Good Governance» project in the sports sector, has set up a training programme for the benefit of national teams coaches.

This training is provided by the IJF Academy through either the qualification of Undergraduate Certificate as Judo Instructor (UCJI) or the Level 1 – Instructor course or the “Master coach”. This initial course will be followed by a compulsory regular update of knowledge.

Following the EC meeting of October 4th 2022 in Tashkent, we kindly ask the validation of the EC members regarding the postponement of the obligation to obtain the required qualifications to January 1st 2024.

The «Master coach», which has enabled high-level skills to be recognised, is maintained, but will be given on an exceptional basis.

The obligation of IJF 6th Dan is replaced by having at least one IJF Dan.”

Please kindly send us your vote no later than Friday 18th of November 2022.

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY

Monday, January 23, 2023

**Validation of the draft agenda of the 2023
IJF Ordinary Congress in Doha**

Dear EC members,
Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the draft agenda of the 2023 IJF Ordinary Congress that will be held on May 4th 2023 in Doha, Qatar.

We kindly ask you to send your approval no later than Thursday January 26th 2023 (23h59, Budapest time).

Thank you very much for your collaboration.

Best regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Situation of Russian and Belorussian athletes

Dear EC Members,

I hope this email finds you in good health and spirits!

After our joint decision at the end of last year, to ask the Russian and Belorussian Judo Federations to not participate in IJF competitions until January, I would like to request your input regarding the way forward for the athletes from these two countries.

Judo has a special Olympic qualification system, that spans over 2 years and implies constant presence and performance of the athletes. We are fast approaching the half time of the qualification period and the lack of a clear decision to be followed by all sports, means that more time is wasted for these athletes and their qualification chances are decreasing every week.

In order to give at least a small fair chance to the athletes who are currently not allowed to participate in the qualification, I believe that it is time to allow them to return to competitions, in those countries where this is possible and in conditions of neutrality, as recommended by the IOC. Should there be a contrary decision later in time which will impact all sports and will ban these two countries from the Olympic Games, we can always remove them from the World Ranking List.

Thank you for sending me your vote within 48 hours.

Best regards,

Marius L. VIZER
IJF President

DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Vote: proposal for statutory amendments

Dear EC members,
Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the proposal for statutory amendments, as well as the explanation of their implementation.

We kindly ask you to send your approval or comments, if any, no later than Monday February 27th 2023.

If these statutory amendments are approved by the IJF Executive Committee, they will be proposed for approval during the IJF Congress 2023 in Doha.

Best regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY

Monday, February 27, 2023

Vote: proposal for additional statutory amendments

Dear EC members,
Dear Colleagues,

The professionalisation of sport in all areas is constantly developing. While top-level sport at the creation of the Olympic Games was completely amateur, sport has gradually become professional. Almost all Olympic athletes are now professionals. Technical staff has undergone the same development and today, with the increasing complexity of the organisation of sport, the compensation of leaders within the International Federations executives is becoming necessary.

Therefore, we propose for your validation the following statutory amendments:

Ref No.	Current wording	Text of the Congress resolution
Article 22.5 Out of pocket expenses	The IJF EC Members voluntarily work, subject to the reimbursement of their real expenses. Their travel and living expenses, as well as a per diem for personal expenses, will be borne by the IJF during all official meetings and missions, with the exception of meetings or missions for which expenses are borne by another organization.	The Congress hereby resolves to repeal Article 22.5 of the IJF Statutes. Sequential numbering of Article 22 is amended accordingly: Article 22.6 becomes Article 22.5 Article 22.7 becomes Article 22.6 Article 22.8 becomes Article 22.7

Ref No.	Current wording	Text of the Congress resolution
<p>Article 27 Specific Regulations</p>	<p>The EC shall establish specific regulations in special fields that are not covered under these Statutes.</p>	<p>The Congress hereby resolves to amend Article 27 of the IJF Statutes by replacing the text thereof with the following wording: „The EC shall establish specific regulations in special fields that are not covered under these Statutes, or that are delegated to the competence of the EC. Regulations for specific operations and departments of the IJF are governed by specific rules proposed by the specific departments, which shall be subject to approval by the EC, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Disciplinary Code – IJF Disciplinary Code, ii) Event Standards – IJF Event Organization Guide, iii) Finance – IJF Financial Rules, iv) Ethics – IJF Code of Ethics. <p>As may be required, additional specific rules may be established and submitted to the vote of the EC. The EC shall put the ratification of the decision to adopt or amendment of these specific regulations to the agenda of the next Congress”.</p>

Attached you will find, for your validation, the regulations listed in the amended Article 27:

- i) IJF Disciplinary Code (text already approved by the IJF EC members on February 25th 2023),
- ii) IJF Event Organization Guide (version 2023),
- iii) IJF Financial Rules (version 2023),
- iv) IJF Code of Ethics (no changes of the content since the version dated 2019).

We kindly ask you to send your approval or comments, if any, no later than Thursday March 2nd 2023.

If these statutory amendments are approved by the IJF Executive Committee, they will be proposed for approval during the IJF Congress 2023 in Doha.

Best regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGÉ
IJF General Secretary

DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY

Friday, April 21, 2023

Appointment of Auditors for FY 2022

Dear EC members,
Dear Colleagues,

This email is intended to vote a board resolution to appoint auditors for the financial year of 2022.

PwC have demonstrated their expertise in accounting and auditing services, finalising our 2021 audit and we believe they will be the best choice for this task. They have a team of experienced professionals with an expansive knowledge of international systems and sport regulations, allowing them to provide top-notch advice and solutions to meet the needs of IJF.

Do you agree that Price Water House Coopers (PwC) will be appointed as auditors of International Judo Federation to Audit for the 31 December 2022 statutory financial statements?

Your reply is kindly appreciated before Monday 12:00 CET.

Best regards,

Vlad MARINESCU
IJF Director General

DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY



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