

JU-JITSU ASIAN UNION STATUTES



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Articles of Association of Ju-Jitsu Asian Union

Framework

1. Definitions:

Name and Principles

- The Ju-Jitsu Asian Union (hereinafter referred to as “the Union” or “JJAU”) and the members comprising JJAU are the affiliated national federations (or any other form of national organizations) regulating jiu-jitsu on the basis of one federation representing each state.
- JJAU is the entity regulating jiu-jitsu on the level of the continent. Aside from sports competitions, jiu-jitsu contributes to the development of spiritual, mental and physical characteristics by improving ethics and technical skills, promoting leadership spirit and enhancing personality.
- JJAU is a non-profit organization having its headquarters in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- The JJAU headquarters shall be determined by the JJAU Executive Office.
- The JJAU officials’ liability shall be limited to the cases of negligence.

Objectives:

JJAU Objectives

- Regulate, manage and develop ju-jitsu on the continental level.
- Promote sportsmanship and fair play and foster the collaboration and friendly relations between the players and federations from Asian states.

- Assist national federations in their activities and provide them with adequate support, as well as to encourage local federations in their participations in continental and international competitions.
- Being the highest continental authority regulating ju-jitsu, JJAU has the right to solve any disputes that may emerge within sports framework between national federations and/ or continental and regional federations associated with the Union.
- Set the continental and regional rules of ju-jitsu and develop the game.
- Organize and control all official continental jiu-jitsu championships.
- Supervise the activities of national and regional federations in accordance with the national and continental regulations of JJAU.
- Participate in the championships featuring ju-jitsu organized by international sports organizations.
- Prevent all forms of racial discrimination in terms of language, religion or politics-related discrimination.
- Cooperate with governmental and non-governmental entities to ensure the successful implementation of JJAU tasks.
- Participate in all events promoting peace and environment protection.
- Develop technical and administrative staff and foster the psychological and technical abilities of Asian players.
- Develop and enhance relations with Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF), Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), International Olympic Committee (IOC), Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and regional and continental/Associations federations.
- Maintain the independence of JJAU and stand against any political, religious or legal pressure preventing the implementation of the Olympic Charter.
- Participate in the competitions of Asian Executive Office and the JJIF.
- Fight doping and drug dealing, promotion and trading.
- Prevent all practices which may affect integrity and competitiveness or damage the image of JJAU.

2. Logo and Flag:

2.1 Logo:

- This is the JIAU logo:



Flag colors: **red**, **green** and **black**

2.2 Flag:

- The above logo is the flag of JJAU.

2.3 JJIF License

- The JJAU flag and logo are the intellectual property of JJAU and may not be used without obtaining the Union's approval which may be revoked by the union at any time.

The JJAU has the exclusive right to authorize the production of the Union's logos, symbols, medals and similar items.

3. General Provisions:

- JJAU is recognized by Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF), Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and International World Games Association (IWGA)/Sport Accord being the sole regulatory authority of ju-jitsu in the world.
- In the performance of its activities, JJAU follows Olympic ethics and principles.
- Political and religious discussions and activities are prohibited in JJAU.
- The JJAU supports all initiatives performed by ju-jitsu players to promote peace and compassion.
- The JJAU strives to prevent any discrimination between national federations or states or individuals basing on ethnicity, race, religion or gender or due to political reasons.

4. The Official Language of JJAU:

- English is the official language of JJAU. All cultures and languages are respected; therefore, representatives of member states have the right to speak in their native languages and translation expenses shall be covered by such representatives.
- All JJAU reports and publications are issued in English and the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Office and Committee are documented in English.

Regulatory Bodies

5. JJAU Regulatory Bodies:

JJAU comprises the following bodies:

- General Assembly.
- Chairman.
- Union's Executive Office.
- General Secretariat.
- Committees.

6. General Assembly:

6-1 General Assembly's General Provisions:

- The General Assembly is the body with broadest authorities in JJAU. The General Assembly practices its work in line with the directives issued by the Chairman and General Secretary of JJAU.
- The General Assembly comprises representatives of the full national federations (members with the right to vote) and JJAU members. Only national federations admitted as members during previous General Assembly meetings who have paid their current membership fees are entitled to participate and vote. A member state may be represented by 2 representatives but has only one vote; such representatives must be citizens or residents of the state they represent. Proxy voting is accepted subject to a written authorization from the chairman of the national federation.
- Members of the Executive Office are entitled to vote.

The members not entitled to vote are:

- Honorary members.
- Asian members in the JJIF.
- In the beginning of the General Assembly, a committee of (3) three persons (to be proposed by the Chairman and accepted by the General Assembly) verifies identities of representatives and act as auditor of the meeting. The above-mentioned (3) three persons may not be representatives of the states which have proposed nominees to be elected during the same general assembly meeting.
- Attendance of the JJAU Chairman, General Secretary and treasurer (or their representatives) is a prerequisite for the validity of all general assemblies.

- During the meeting, only the topics listed in the agenda may be discussed.
- Proposed topics shall be sent to the General Assembly in order to be listed in the agenda not less than (60) sixty days before the date of holding the general assembly.
- The General Secretary prepares a comprehensive agenda inclusive of all topics proposed by members and distributes the same to the members, Executive Office and committees not less than (30) thirty days from the date of holding the general assembly, together with supporting documents.
- Information related to the JJAU and world championships shall be among the topics of the agendas of General Assemblies held during such championships.
- The final list of agenda topics shall be approved by the Executive Office which shall arrange the discussion of such topics.
- General Assembly resolutions shall be approved by the majority of votes of attending representatives entitled to vote. General Assembly resolutions become effective on the date specified by the General Assembly or the Executive Office, taking into consideration the repercussions of such resolutions.
- Majority of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of attending representatives is required to pass resolutions pertaining to the following:
 - Amending internal regulations and technical rules.
 - Admitting new federations as JJAU members.

As to the resolution of dissolving JJAU, a majority of four-fifths (4/5) is required.

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- The Chairman or who acts on his behalf shall make sure that the duration of representatives' speeches enable broad participation in discussions from all representatives and do not exceed 5 minutes.
- The JJAU General Assemblies are confidential and third parties may only attend by virtue of special invitation from the Chairman.

- Disciplinary resolutions issued by the General Assembly are final and may not be appealed in the General Assemblies following such resolutions, unless new facts have been presented.

6-2 Holding the Annual General Assembly:

- The JJAU General Assembly shall be held during world championship or one of the JJAU major championships annually.
- The agenda shall include the following:
 - Discussing and approving annual reports on the activity of Executive Office and committees.
 - Developing national federations.
 - Financial statements of the lapsed year, together with the financial balance of the current year and the budget of the next year (USD is the currency of such statements).
 - Admitting new members.
 - Filling vacancies in the Executive Office or committees.
 - Information on preparedness for upcoming world championships and games.
 - Approving amendments to internal rules or technical rules endorsed by the Executive Office.
- Reports pertaining to the Chairman, General Secretary, treasurer and heads of committees shall be prepared and forwarded to national federations not less than (30) thirty days before the date of holding the General Assembly.
- Only full members of national and official federations who have settled JJAU membership fees after being admitted as JJAU members are entitled to vote in the General Assembly, and quorum is considered complete upon the presence of majority of member states.

6-3 Holding General Assembly for Elections:

- Following each Asian Games and before December 31st of the same year, the JJAU holds the General Assembly for the purpose of election, and the Executive Office shall determine the date and venue of such general assembly.
- In addition to the annual General Assembly's agenda, the General Assembly dedicated for election shall take resolutions concerning the following:
 - Electing six (6) members of the Executive Office and three (3) members of the Auditors' Committee and electing the Disciplinary Committee.
 - Admitting two (2) technical directors to be elected by the Referees Committee and the Competitions Committee as members of the JJAU Executive Office.
 - Guidelines on the current important issues in relation to the jiu-jitsu and JJAU mission and strategy.

- Amending the JJAU Articles of Association.
- The General Assembly dedicated for elections may be held for two (2) business days.
- National federations and elected committee members may submit to the General Secretariat proposals on amending the Constitution, internal regulations and technical rules before the deadline specified by the Executive Office.
- Topics to be listed in the agenda of the General Assembly dedicated for elections shall be sent to the General Secretariat not less than three (3) months before the date specified for holding the General Assembly.
- Only full members of national and official federations who have settled JJAU membership fees after being admitted as JJAU members are entitled to vote in the General Assembly dedicated for elections, and quorum is considered complete upon the presence of majority of member states.

6-4 Extraordinary General Assembly

- The executive Office shall hold the Extraordinary General Assembly within sixty (60) days from the date of receiving a request in this respect submitted by not less than 20% of the full members or members of official national federations entitled to vote.

7. JJAU Executive Office

- The Executive Office assumes the management of JJAU in the durations between General Assembly meetings. The Executive Office takes resolutions in all the matters related to the nature and organization of jiu-jitsu for the optimal benefit of the game. The Executive Office also assumes responsibility of taking financial resolutions to ensure the optimal governance of the Union.
Elected Executive Office members and other JJAU officials provide their services without consideration; however, their travel expenses and direct expenses incurred upon performing their duties shall be covered by the member national federation which has nominated them or by the JJAU body for which expenses have been incurred.

Executive Office's Formation:

- The Executive Office is elected each four (4) years during the General Assembly held for the purpose of elections, and the General Assembly has the right to elect the Chairman and the Executive Office for the duration of 8 years for two Olympic tenures by acclamation or election.

- The JJAU Executive Office comprises:
 - Chairman: elected by the JJAU General Assembly;
 - General Secretary: elected by the JJAU General Assembly;
 - Deputy General Secretary: by the Chairman
 - Treasures; Elected by the JJAU General Assembly
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 - Senior Deputy Chairman: Elected by the JJAU Board
 - Five (5) deputies of the Chairman: elected by the JJAU General Assembly;
 - Two (2) technical members in the Executive Office: elected by the technical committees (Referees Committees and the Competitions Committee), this election is performed and approved before the General Assembly dedicated for elections;
 - Chairpersons of national federations in Asia (each one of them is elected by the general assembly of the concerned national federation to act as representatives of JJAU in their national federation);
 - Deputy General Secretary: elected by the continental federation as per Article 7-2-4;
 - Two (2) appointed members elected by the Executive Office.
- The six (6) members elected by the JJAU General Assembly, the two (2) technical members elected by the technical committee and the chairpersons of the five continental federations are entitled to vote and they form the Executive Office.

Elected Members:

- The Executive Office may conduct special appointments as it deems necessary, subject to the approval of the national federation of such appointee(s); in such event, the primary criterion for selection is the appointee's specialized knowledge and expertise in the field where he/ she is to be appointed, as well as having a record of providing services to JJAU. Appointees under this paragraph are not entitled to vote.

Deputy General Secretary:

- The Deputy General Secretary is the General Secretary of the union comprising the largest number of national federations and shall be elected in the general assembly of the continental federation. The Deputy General Secretary is a member of the JJAU Management/ Executive Office who attends the Office's meeting but not entitled to vote. In the event where the General Secretary is unable to attend a meeting of the Executive Office for any reason whatsoever, the Deputy General Secretary shall be automatically entitled to vote.
- No state will have more than two (2) members entitled to vote in the Executive Office.

- The Executive Office's meetings are private and confidential. Neither the members of the committees nor the representatives of national federations may vote or deliver speeches in the meetings to which they have been invited by the Chairman unless upon the Chairman's request.
- Resolutions are adopted by the simple majority of votes. Voting is carried out by voice vote. Minutes of the Executive Office meeting shall be kept on file and the General Secretariat shall inform all members of the major resolutions taken.
- The Executive Office shall hold at least one meeting annually to be attended by not less than seven (7) members (in person), in addition to the regular consultations via email or other communication technologies.
- Between General Assembly meetings, the Executive Office has the authority to change or amend internal regulations or technical rules as it deems necessary and required. Notwithstanding the above, the changes and amendments shall be referred to the following General Assembly meeting for approval.
- As far as world championships are concerned, the Executive Office appoints referees and technical controllers upon the recommendation of the Referees Committee.
- The Executive Office further approves the nominated physicians required to attend as selected by the Medical Committee.
- The Executive Office has the right to appoint special committees to undertake and handle certain tasks.
- The Executive Office selects and distributes Asia's championships subject to the approval of the General Assembly.
- In its first meeting, the newly-elected Executive Office shall carry out required appointments and elect members to assume the various operational positions as per regulatory rules.

8. Committees:

- Committees General Provisions:
The JJAU has six (6) institutional committees:
 - The Referees Committee (approved by the Executive Office);
 - The Competitions Committee (Sports Development) (approved by the Executive Office);
 - The Legal Committee (formed by the General Secretariat);
 - The Disciplinary Committee (elected by the JJAU General Assembly);
 - The Auditors' Committee (elected by the JJAU General Assembly);
 - The Marketing and Promotion Committee (elected by the Executive Office).

- The additional rules concerning the six (6) institutional committees shall be stipulated in separate regulations pertaining to the Committees, to be issued by the JJAU General Assembly (the Committees Rules and Disciplinary Regulations issued separately).

Elections, Functions and Responsibilities

9. Elections

- **General Provisions of Elections:**

- Members of the Executive Council are elected each four years in the General Assembly meeting dedicated for elections, and such members shall remain in office until the next General Assembly dedicated for elections. The General Assembly reasonably strives to make sure females represent not less than 20% of the Executive Council.
- Nominations to all positions shall be received from members of national committees and submitted to the JJAU General Secretariat via email not less than three (3) month before the General Assembly. Nominations submitted after this deadline will not be considered. The General Secretariat will issue an official statement of stating admitted nominations.
- Members of national federations shall only nominate those who have gained the federations' confidence.
- Nominees must be citizens or residents of the states they represent and their national federations must cover the expenses related to nominees' participations in official meetings.
- Each person may be nominated to several positions in JJAU, but may be elected to assume only one position. Once elected, the nominee's name shall be withdrawn from any other nomination list. Nominees who have been elected will automatically lose their eligibility to be elected to another position. Nominations shall be made specifically to each proposed position.
- Any member of the Executive Council with more than 12 years of service has the right to be nominated to any position, providing that such nomination is endorsed by not less than 20% of member federations, and the member national federations' endorsement shall be confirmed in right and enclosed with the nomination application.
- The General Assembly appoints three (3) auditors for the elections, and such auditors shall distribute, collect and count voting papers except in the case of electronic voting.
- If two or more nominees gain the same number of votes, a new round of voting shall be conducted; if tie continued after the second round of voting, priority shall be given to the member with more years of service in his/ her national federations.
- Each member national federation is entitled to one vote only.

- Except in cases where there is only one nominee for a position, elections shall be carried out in the form of confidential voting.
- Voting is conducted according to the following order:
 - Chairman,
 - General Secretary,
 - Treasures,
 - The thee (3) deputies of the Chairman,
 - The Auditors Committee,
 - The Disciplinary Committee (including its chairman).
- Elections follow the principle of simple majority; the person with the largest number of votes is elected.
- In the elections of JJAU Chairman, General Secretary and Treasures, absolute majority is followed and in the case of multiple nominations, the nominee with the lowest number of votes after each round of voting shall be eliminated so that a single nominee gains the absolute majority of votes.
- If voting papers include a number of votes exceeding the number of actual vacancies, such papers will be deemed invalid.
- In the event of vacancy in the position of Chairman or General Secretary, the Senior Deputy Chairman and the Deputy General Secretary shall assume the positions respectively until the date of the following General Assembly meeting as the General Assembly regulates the appointment process. In the event of other vacancies in the Executive Office, replacements shall be appointed in the following General Assembly meeting, and the members appointed to assume the vacant positions shall remain in office throughout the Executive Office's remaining tenure.
- The order of Chairman Deputies shall be according to the number of votes they have gained, and the Deputy with highest number of votes shall assume the position of Senior Deputy Chairman.
- **Functions and Responsibilities:**
 - The functions and responsibilities of the Chairman, General Secretary, Treasure, Chairman Deputies, technical directors, permanent honorary members and the General Assembly of JJAU shall be determined in separate pages of specifications to be approved by the General Assembly.

Membership, Federations and Fees

10. JJAU Membership

10-1. Application Submission

- JJAU membership are available only to national federations (or any other lawful form of national organizations) regulating jiu-jitsu in each state. Only a single national federation of each state can be jiu-jitsu member; if there was two or more national federations in the same state, only the national federation recognized by the Olympic Committee or a higher sports body will be admitted as a JJAU member.
- Each national federation willing to join JJAU is required to provide the General Secretariat with the following documents:
 - Joining application signed by the chairman and the general secretary.
 - Copy of the articles of association (English version).
 - Statement of the executive committee and description of the organizational structure.
 - Statement of the activities the national federation has conducted in the last two years.
 - When applicable, endorsement of the national Olympic committee in the state (or a higher sports body) confirming that the federation is recognized as the jiu-jitsu regulatory authority in the state.
- Membership application implies a full acknowledgment of the JJAU rules and internal regulations. After receiving the above-mentioned documents, the Executive Office evaluates the membership application and take decision in this respect, and the Executive Office's decision shall be approved by the General Assembly.
- A national federation may not be a member of JJAU and at the same time a member of another international organization claiming to be the continental jiu-jitsu regulatory authority.
- JJAU always considers cooperation with other sports regulated by national federations, without prejudice to the independent identity of each sports.

10-2 Membership Classes (Categories):

Memberships fall into three (3) classes on the national level and one (1) class for multinational societies:

- **Full national member:**
This class includes members who have completed **four (4) years** as official national members and fulfilled their obligations as JJAU members including fees.

A full national member is entitled to:

- Being briefed on JJAU status,
- Propose topics to be considered and listed in the General Assembly agenda,
- Receive the agenda along with General Assembly meeting-related documents,
- Receive invitation within specified deadline to attend the meeting and vote,

- Name nominees to the positions of JJAU Chairmanship (Chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer)
- Name nominees for other positions in the JJAU Executive Office,
- Take part and vote in elections,
- ~~Invite/~~ being invited to extraordinary General Assembly meetings,
- Practice such other rights as specified in the JJAU Articles of Association, internal regulations, decrees and resolutions,
- Host official world championships, and
- Participate in all JJAU events.

- **Official national member:**

This class includes members who have completed two (2) years as temporary national members and fulfilled their obligations as continental federation members including fees.

An official national member has the same rights of the full national member, except the following:

- Name nominees to the JJAU Chairmanship, and
- Host Asia's official championships.

- **Temporary national member:**

This class is granted by the Executive Council, and shall be approved later by the General Assembly, to applicants who have fulfilled initial obligations of JJAU membership.

This status continues for not less than two (2) years and no more than four (4) years, and this duration is not renewable.

The temporary national member may neither vote nor deliver a speech in the general assembly, except upon the invitation of the Chairman or who acts on the Chairman's behalf.

The temporary national member applying for official national membership is not necessarily required to be represented in the General Assembly during which such application is being evaluated, unless the applicant is invited by the General Assembly to reply to certain questions related to promotion to the JJAU official membership.

The temporary national member is entitled to be notified of General Assembly-related information, such as the agendas and news and the resolutions passed in official meetings, as well as to participate in JJAU activities.

- **Associate member:**

Associate members can be multinational or international associations/ federations practicing regulatory activities in line with JJAU practices and philosophy.

Associate members are not entitled to vote. Associate members are only entitled to evaluate and promote the methods of cooperation with JJAU through specific agreements or initiatives to be endorsed by the General Assembly on a case-by-case basis.

Associate members are required to fulfill JJAU membership obligations including fees.

11. National Federations:

National federations are the jiu-jitsu national regulatory bodies which, by joining JJAU, constitute the members of JJAU.

Duties of JJAU-listed national federations:

- Inform JJAU of any changes in their articles of association and internal regulations, and regularly elect their executive offices and inform JJAU of the results of such elections.
- Regulate jiu-jitsu on state level, including national championships which are preferred to be organized annually, and send the results of such championships to JJAU in order to report correct information to those engaged in sports sector.

Similarly, when the national federation acts as the regulatory federation of JJAU championships, the federation shall send the results to the General Secretariat in order to publish the same on JJAU's website, including the following details:

- Full names of the finalists, and names of the winners categorized according to age and weight classes.
 - Players' nationalities.
 - Players' birth dates.
 - Names of officials and referees.
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- Settle the annual fees of JJAU membership.
 - Inform JJAU of the latest updates on the efforts to develop jiu-jitsu in the State where the federation regulates the game, as well as to respond to JJAU's requests, circulars, surveys and others.
 - Promote and follow the system certifications and degrees granted in accordance with the rules of JJAU, which shall bear the logos of the Union and the national federation requesting the documents.
 - Submit suggestions for the amendment of the articles of association, technical rules and laws of JJAU upon request.
 - Accept and implement the resolutions issued by JJAU's General Assembly and Executive Office.

- Attend annual general assembly to the extent possible.
- National federations desirous to leave JJAU are required to provide JJAU Executive Office with the local federation's general assembly resolution to this effect not less than 4 months from the annual general assembly of JJAU; if the JJAU general assembly was not held due to any reason whatsoever, the national federation may terminate its membership as of the 31st of December by informing JJAU of the same not later than the 30th of June, and the general Assembly of JJAU shall decide regarding the use of all legal rights against the federation's resolution and/ or request financial compensation.
- JJAU Duties towards national federations:
 - Keep national federations informed of all the internationally important matters, such as jiu-jitsu-related international developments, event agenda, major championship results, international lists issued by the JJAU for Dan holders, elections, membership, referee registration and others.
 - Inform national federation of the resolutions issued by JJAU General Assembly and Executive Office.
 - Prepare the JJAU constitution, internal regulations and technical rules and distribute them among national federations. Issue and distribute technical information to improve jiu-jitsu globally.
 - Strive to solve the matters of dispute between national federations if requested.
 - To serve national federations by providing them with information and administrative and technical support via the General Secretariat.
 - Provide guidance and support to national jiu-jitsu organizations in order to develop jiu-jitsu locally, increase the number of participants and expand the scope of participations in JJIF initiatives.
- Before these articles and regulations come into force, the same shall be submitted to JJIF for approval. These articles and regulations will come into force only after the issuance of approval by JJIF stating that these articles and regulations are in full compliance with JJIF regulations and rules.
- Only national federations which are members of JJAU are entitled to the membership of continental federations.
- The Chairman and General Secretary of JJAU are entitled to attend the meetings of Executive Council and General Assembly of continental federations, but they are not entitled to vote.

- National federations may act as advisors to JJAU in the matters concerning national federations or nominees from their territories, and assist JJAU in supervising and continental activity and reporting such activities to JJIF.
- The results of elections will be approved if the result was endorsed by at least fifty percent (50%) and one of the national federations attending the continental federation's general assembly dedicated for elections.
- As for the elections of the continental federation's office, any person from the same continent who is a member of national councils (preferably for not less than 5 years) is entitled to nominate himself to any position, subject to the endorsement of the concerned continental federation, and such endorsement shall be confirmed in writing and enclosed with the nomination application.
- The national federation shall invite a representative of JJAU to attend the general assembly dedicated for elections; such representative has the right to fully participate in general assembly deliberations, and the host national federation is required to cover the expenses of travel and residence incurred by the JJAU representative.
- The national federation shall submit an annual report in writing, inclusive of a financial report, on the activities of JJAU office.
- Only continental federations are entitled to issue referee cards.
- Continental federations may approve continental Dan grades.
- The local federation shall inform JJAU before June 30 of the schedules and venues dedicated for next year's continental activities so that the same is listed in JJAU agenda for the following year.
- These JJAU articles and regulations apply to all continental championships organized in association with JJAU, including advertising, broadcasting and other marketing matters.
- The national federation may organize and supervise continental championships, and continental championships may include all age groups and both genders. Continental championships shall be organized in accordance with JJAU internal regulations and rules.
- As far as continental champions are concerned, JJAU has the right to suspend the participation of competitors or officials due to misconduct and violation to JJAU instructions; in such event, JJAU is required to inform the state to which concerned players belong, together with JJAU General Secretariat in order to take disciplinary actions.
- National federations are required to implement and effect JJAU's anti-doping policy in continental championships. The national federation organizing championships is required to cover the full fees of travel, residence and participation of the doping controller appointed by JJAU, as well as the expenses of conducting doping tests and analysis.

- National federations which are members of JJAU have the right to constitute regional groups taking into account the joint interests, and may also organize regional championships and forums.

12. Operational Fees:

- Annual membership fees are equal for all JJAU members and as of the date of these articles of association, annual membership fees are USD 400.00 (four hundred Dollars).
- Membership fees are payable in January. Any state that has not settled the fees payable towards membership in the current year is not entitled to vote in any of JJAU meetings, and the players from such defaulting state are not entitled to participate in the meetings or discussions regulated under the rules of JJAU. In this respect, the General Secretariat will send a reminder in February to each defaulting member.
- JJAU fees shall be settled in order to organize world championships and activities under the Union's sponsorship, and such fees shall be submitted to JJAU together with the nomination application and a budget demonstrating the initiative's expected financial results. The said budget shall demonstrate the economic procedures and impacts associated with promoting the image of JJAU through marketing, public relations and broadcasting, as well as any other requirements as per JJAU regulations.

The fees of:

- World championships;
- World championships for juniors and potential champions; and
- International training camps

Shall be determined by the management of JJAU taking into account their association with the strategic requirements and international considerations.

Participation fees shall not be over priced and are non-refundable for awarded participants. Fees paid by participants who have not been awarded shall be returned to them within 30 days from the date of the Executive Council's resolution.

Private contracts and associated fees shall be negotiated with awarded participants and stakeholders in terms of the rights of TV broadcasting, online broadcasting or sponsorship of initiatives and agreements.

Miscellaneous

13. Qualification:

13-01 Member's Qualification

- All JJAU members must be recognized by their National Olympic Committee (NOC) for at least one (1) year, so that they can attend all events of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) including the OCA games such as Indoor Games, Beach Games, Asian Games and Youth Games.
- All Ju Jitsu members who are recognized by the JJAU but not recognized by the NOC are not eligible to participate in the OCA events and games such as Indoor Games, Beach Games, Asian Games and Youth Games.
- Members who are recognized by JJAU and JJIF but not officially recognized by their NOC can only be part of Asian Championship and World Championship
- Members who are recognized by NOC and did not participate and join in Asian Championship and World Championship for two consecutive years will be suspended and not allowed to participate Indoor Games, Beach Games, Asian Games and Youth Games.
- The next Executive Board Meeting of JJAU, will be the decision whether to continue or to terminate the suspension of Members

13-02 Player's Qualification

- In order to be qualified to participate in JJAU competitions, players are required to comply with the rules issued by the Union which has the authority to evaluate the players' qualification to participate in world championships and other activities organized by JJAU.
- In order to represent a different state in international champions, the concerned player is required to change his/ her citizenship. In the case of changing citizenship for the second time, the concerned player may participate in world championships only after the lapse of four (4) years from obtaining his/ her new citizenship.
- In order to represent a state, the player is required to hold the citizenship of such state. In the vent where a player holds two citizenships, he/ she may not represent more than a single state within twelve (12) months.
- For world championships, qualification rules issued by the International World Games Association shall prevail.

Nationalization:

Article (24) requirements of representing national federations:

- One the citizens of a state member in JJAU are entitled to represent such state in all continental and international games.
- A nationalized player's participation in all continental championships is subject to the lapse of 4 + 1 (four + one) years from date of nationalization, and JJAU shall be notified in writing of the same.
- If a player does not hold any citizenship, he/ she shall provide evidence that he has always complied with jiu-jitsu qualification requirements. A player who has previously represented a state in Asian Games may not represent another state if his/ her country of birth or previous place of birth was annexed with another state or if he/ she has played for the previous state as the national Olympic committee or the higher sports body in the home country of such player was not a member of the Asian Olympic Council or was not a member of JJAU at that time.
- Players born to parents who are the citizens of another state may represent such state, subject to the provision of required evidence and confirm that they have never previously represented the state where they were born.

Competitors' participation is subject to the following requirements:

- Represent the states where they born, unless they have acquired another citizenship.
- Represent their state of which there are citizens and in which they have lived for a continuous period of not less than 5 years.
- Lose the citizenship which they represent and in which they have permanent residency.
- Born to Asian parents, fulfill the above requirements and have not lost the citizenship of a state outside Asia.
- Female players born outside Asia can participate if they obtained the citizenship of any Asian state after marriage.
- Players born outside Asia are not qualified unless they meet the above-mentioned requirements.

Article 25:

Unless JJAU and OCA resolve otherwise, there are no age limits for participants in Asian Games.

14. JJAU Awards

- JJAU has three categories of awards granted to the persons who have provided outstanding services, namely:
 - JJAU Medal.
 - JJAU Excellence Award.
 - JJAU's National Federation Award.
- JJAU Medal: this award is granted to the members elected, chosen or appointed who have provided service to the JJAU Executive Council or committees for three (3) consecutive tenures (twelve years), and have been elected, chosen or appointed for a forth.
- JJAU Excellence Awards: this award is granted to those who provided exceptional services for the development of jiu-jitsu.
- JJAU's National Federation Award: this award is categorized into gold, silver and bronze: This award
 - Golden award: upon the completion of sixteen (16) years of continuous membership and work;
 - Silver award: upon the completion of twelve (12) years of continuous membership and work;
 - Bronze award: upon the completion of eight (8) years of continuous membership and work;

15. Amending Fines and Fees

The amounts specified in the JJAU articles of association concerning fines and fees may be changed, amended or updated by virtue of resolutions issued by the Executive Office and approved by the General Assembly of JJAU.

16. Dissolving JJAU

In the event of dissolving JJAU, the Union's rights and properties shall be distributed among JJAU's members upon its dissolution.

17. Enforceability

These Articles of Association were referred to the JJAU General Assembly held in Abu Dhabi on April 25, 2016 and have been approved by the General Assembly. These Articles of Association are effective and enforceable as of the above-mentioned date.