

2017 Sport Jiu-Jitsu International Federation General Assembly Minutes
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 – 10:00AM-2:00PM - Torrance, CA United States

I. Welcome

President, Mr. João Silva, welcomes attendees and states that it his pleasure and honor to once again be present at the General Assembly (GA) meeting where we come together to collaborate on issues, ideas, and projects for the betterment of our sport. The president wishes everyone a successful GA, stating that he believes that every time we come together there are great results due to the collaboration and the putting together of many different heads. The president notes that there are some individuals who unfortunately are not be able to attend due to issues arising from travel visas and/or schedule conflicts, however, they are actively communicating with him and waiting for news and outcomes of this meeting.

The President indicates that he will be jointly conducting the GA with the General Secretary, Summer Casebere. The President requests that all attendees briefly introduce themselves. Attendees present themselves, indicating what federation/country they represent, and their respective position.

II. Attendance

The following attendees are present:

1. SJJIF President
2. SJJIF Vice President / NABJJF President
3. SJJIF General Secretary
4. SJJIF Treasurer
5. SJJIF Executive Assistant
6. SJJSAF President (South America)
7. SJJSAF Referee Director (South America)
8. SJJHF President (Honduras)
9. SJJAF General Secretary / MBBJF Treasurer (Africa)
10. MBBJF Assist. General Secretary (Mauritius)
11. SJJM Proxy/ Int'l Public Relations Officer (Morocco)
12. CASJJ Proxy (Algeria)
13. President (Honduras)
14. SJJ AUSF President (Australia)

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III. Approval of Agenda

The SJJIF General Secretary, Summer Casebere, asks the GA to approve the proposed agenda. The GA unanimously agreed.

IV. Activity Reports

A. President's Report

The President presents the 2017 SJJIF President Report that reports his activity during the 2017 year to further the SJJIF mission and development of Sport Jiu-Jitsu.

Activity as follows:

- a. Development of the SJJIF Presentation (throughout year), which explains what is Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and its history, progression of belt system, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu lifestyle, both the art and culture of the sport and its deep ties to the Brazilian culture. Specific to the SJJIF, the presentation highlights the SJJIF GA meeting and the unique opportunity the federation provides its members to have a vote and voice in the direction of the federation. In addition, it presents the SJJIF Jiu-Jitsu for Everyone philosophy, which is reflective in the programs supported and/or developed by the SJJIF that promotes friendship and inclusion of all individuals to the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu community. To support and build integrity within the sport and amongst the athletes, the SJJIF organizes rule courses throughout the globe to ensure that the community is united and competitions throughout the globe prioritize fair play and are non-bias. Presentation also shares SJJIF participation in international events and/or alliances and membership acquired by the SJJIF to support the growth of the SJJIF and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Also, evidence of SJJIF's intent to become active participants and contributing members of the international sport community.
- b. Professional Consultation (throughout year), providing SJJIF continental and national full members, provisional members, and prospective members with direction and guidance on development of federations, tournament events, and any other issue arising that pertains to the federation and/or sport.
- c. Development of the SJJIF Adapted Jiu-Jitsu Program (throughout year):
 - i. The development of the respective rulebooks for Deaf Jiu-Jitsu, ParaJiu-Jitsu, and Special Jiu-Jitsu.
 - ii. The development of relationships with international and/or national organizations in the respective areas of Adapted Jiu-Jitsu.
 - iii. The organization of the Adapted Jiu-Jitsu World Tournaments hosted in conjunction with the 2017 SJJIF World Jiu-Jitsu Championship.
- d. Stage 1 Development of SJJIF Anti-Doping Program (throughout year):
 - i. Held key meetings (April & June 2017) with representative of WADA to provide direction in the development of an anti-doping program.
 - ii. Introduction of educational component of anti-doping program on SJJIF website.
- e. January 2017 - Trip to Belize to meet Mr. Juan Card and assist in the development of a Belize Sport Jiu-Jitsu Federation.



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- f. April 2-7, 2017 - SJJIF president attendance at the SportAccord annual convention/meeting in Aarhus, Denmark.
 - i. Met with WADA representative;
 - ii. Met with Peace & Sport representative;
 - iii. Met with Commonwealth Games representative;
 - iv. Met with Deaflympics representative.
- g. SJJIF participation in Peace & Sport the #whitecard campaign that promoted peace in sport internationally.
- h. May 2017 – Launch of the 2017 SJJIF World Jiu-Jitsu Championship dates and facility.
- i. June 10, 2017 – SJJIF president attendance at the Summer Special Olympic Games in Long Beach, California for networking purposes and promotion of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu in their events.
- j. June 2017 - SportAccord special meeting that SJJIF president attended in Lausanne, Switzerland to discuss membership application and process. While in Lausanne, the president met with:
 - i. Deaflympics representative where he gained the support of the Deaflympics for the SJJIF Deaf Jiu-Jitsu Worlds, receiving the special pins to award athletes with.
 - ii. WADA representative to gain direction and guidance on the development of a SJJIF anti-doping program.
- k. August 2017 - World Police & Fire Games meeting to develop a partnership in respect to the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu event of their Games.

President notes that this concludes the presentation. The General Secretary interjects to make note that the presentation project was developed as a resource of all members of the organization and aimed at incorporating photos and information on the different projects and activities of the national federations to truly reflect all its members. General Secretary encourages national federations to send photos and write-ups that can be used to update presentation. President adds that the presentation is available to all members to translate and add to so that it can be a more effective resource.

The floor is open for questions and comments; however, there are no questions or comments from members.

b. Vice-President Report

Vice-President, Samuel Aschidamini, presents report on 2017 SJJIF World Jiu-Jitsu Championship, which included the introduction of the Adapted Jiu-Jitsu events and totaled at approximately 2,900 competitors. There were 43 countries, other than the United States, which participated in the event. The black belt women participation had significant growth in regards to number of participants (over 200) and the level of black belt. Cash prizes were increased at the 2017 SJJIF World event, with equal payouts to both male and female divisions in an effort to support equality of genders in the sport.

Expectations for the 2018 championship are high due to the immense positive feedback from the event. The new venue and caliber of the event had a significant impact on how the world event is viewed on an international level, per feedback received. In addition, the Long Beach Sport Arena and date are already secured and it will allow for early promotion by the federation and provide competitors with ample time to prepare and plan for participation at the world event.



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The floor is open for questions and comments; however, there are no questions or comments from members.

c. General Secretary Report

General Secretary, Summer Casebere, presents report on 2017 sanctioned events activity and notes that report does not accurately reflect total number of events hosted at the continental and/or national level due to limited responses from members. It is noted that a benefit of everyone using the software system and inputting all events in system will be the ability to generate accurate reports for future meetings and analysis.

General Secretary presents report on 2017 met goals of the SJJIF president which includes further consolidation of the continental federations and development of Adapted Jiu-Jitsu and the respective rulebooks which were developed to align with the respective Deaflympic, Special Olympics, and Paralympic guidelines.

South American president, Cleiber Maia, interjects to suggest that members update the SJJIF with event activity that includes information on date, venue, media links if applicable, and a brief summary of event to provide better information on activity. President João Silva adds that this information should be provided directly to the General Secretary and stresses how critical it is for both national and continental federations to ensure that all activity is provided to ensure accuracy of reports and ranking.

General Secretary continues to present report on 2017 met goals, which include meeting with WADA and development of the SJJIF anti-doping procedures, the official meetings with Deaflympics, SportAccord/GAISEF, and the World Police & Fire Games, further development of national federations, and launching for the new SJJIF software.

South American president, Cleiber Maia, interjects to ask for more information on the World Police & Fire Games, in which President João Silva expands on organization, events, and potential partnership. The floor is open for questions and comments regarding report on met goals; however, there are no questions or comments from members.

General Secretary presents General Secretary activity in 2017 which includes finalizing the SJJIF Rulebook per discussions from the 2016 General Assembly meeting and feedback provided throughout the year from members, development of Adapted Jiu-Jitsu rulebooks, development of anti-doping procedures, development of press releases and news on the SJJIF homepage, organization of the general assembly meeting, and the ongoing processes of acquiring recognition from international organizations.

General Secretary informs the general assembly that the further development of the SJJIF anti-doping policy will be a key project of 2018. It is noted that the SJJIF is in full support of an anti-doping policy and believes that sport without doping is a key component of fair play that demonstrates respect, integrity, and honesty to the sport, oneself, and others. All members are advised to use information & resources available through the SJJIF website to implement Stage 1: Awareness & Outreach and Stage 2: Education & Prevention in 2018 to support a successful adoption of Stage 3: Implementation & Enforcement.

General Secretary presents an overview of the SJJIF News feature implemented in 2018 as a resource for communicating with the BJJ community. Members are encouraged to make use of this feature as an outreach & information tool, noting that a wide range of articles, reflecting the many different languages and countries represented by the SJJIF will only lend validity to the international representation of the SJJIF.



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The floor is open for questions and comments regarding report on General Secretary activity. South American president, Cleiber Maia, asks if the SJJIF presentation is only in PDF form and unable to edit. The General Secretary confirms that the SJJIF presentation is in both PDF and Word form allowing members to edit and add to as needed. There are no further questions or comments from members.

d. Finance Report

SJJIF Treasurer, Patricia Silva, presents the 2016 balance sheet with detail, and the profit and loss account. Treasurer Patricia Silva indicates that this is an updated report that includes information unknown at the time of the last general assembly meeting. SJJIF total income in 2016 was \$188,518 USD, however, it closed at \$-2,314.00 USD. Clarifications are provided regarding travel expenses of the president.

The floor is open for questions and comments again; however, there are no further questions or comments from members. The General Secretary asks the assembly to accept the financial reports for 2016. The General Assembly unanimously approves the 2016 financial reports of the SJJIF.

Treasurer Patricia Silva presents the estimated 2017 financial reports and indicates that the profit and loss report is as realistic and as skeptical as possible in an effort to present realistic data. Treasurer indicates that estimated report includes accurate information from January through October 31, 2017, however, there are many pending expenses from the SJJIF World Jiu-Jitsu Championship. Treasurer proceeds to review report by line, providing clarifications as needed and informs general assembly that the finance report will be modified moving forward to provide more detail on item expenses in finance report. It is projected that the SJJIF will close the year with an estimated profit of \$6,000 USD.

The floor is open for questions and comments, however, there are no further questions or comments from members. The General Secretary asks the assembly to accept the estimated financial reports for 2017. The General Assembly unanimously approves the 2017 estimated financial reports of the SJJIF.

V. Continental Council VP Reports

a. NABJJF Report

President Sam Aschidamini reports that the North American federation realized its 2017 goal to expand the number of events into new territories of the United States, adding three tournaments locations to the competitive event calendar. The events were as follows:

- a. All Americas, Los Angeles tournament had a 15% increase in attendance /2 day event.
- b. San Diego tournament was a first time event, which had to close registration early due to full capacity at 725 competitors/1 day event.
- c. Phoenix, Arizona tournament had over 900 competitors/1 day event.
- d. Las Vegas, Nevada tournament had 560 competitors/1 day event.
- e. Los Angeles Open tournament had 1,928 competitors/3 day event.
- f. North American tournament had 1,500 competitors/2 day event.
- g. Phoenix, Arizona tournament had 550 competitors/1 day event.
- h. San Diego, California tournament had 583 competitors/1 day event.



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- i. Upcoming events: Golden State tournament in San Francisco with projections of 400 competitors and Orange County tournament in Orange County with projections of 700 competitors.

Mr. Sam Aschidamini reports that 2017 implementations were the new NABJJF logo. The focus of 2018 will be to grow the participation of existing events hosted by the federation, and possibly expand to one new location. It is noted that expansion to new cities and states present new challenges because localized BJJ communities are unfamiliar with NABJJF events. Expansion requires a long-term commitment to allow BJJ communities to familiarize themselves with the rules and organization of NABJJF/SJJIF events.

Mr. Sam Aschidamini notes that a growing challenge is the growing number of competitor events and event organizers, where there is an overlap in events or simply close proximity to other event dates/locations. However, he notes, that competition is good for the growth and development of NABJJF because it drives the federation to continually improve. Both the SJJIF and NABJJF are always striving to be better and different because there is a long-term commitment to the sport and its athletes.

The floor is open for questions and comments, however, there are no further questions or comments from members.

b. ASJJF Report

President Edson Kogahara was regrettably unable to attend the SJJIF 2017 General Assembly meeting due to scheduling conflicts with events in Asia that required his presence immediately after the SJJIF World Jiu-Jitsu Championship. SJJIF President João Silva met with him prior to the meeting to discuss the ASJJF report.


President João Silva reports that the Asian federation hosted many events, as usual, but not as many as originally planned. There were 45 GI events 13 No GI events, significant contributors to the SJJIF ranking with a total of 58 competitive events in Asia (Japan, Korea, Philippines, Thailand, and Taiwan).

A significant struggle of 2017 was the fact that federations and events are being blocked by other organizations claiming Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu as part of their sport. For example, Singapore, which was a growing territory for the ASJJF had all events blocked. Therefore, some of the national federations developed by the ASJJF in Asia had to prioritize fighting with their national sport committees for the right to represent Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and host events, which is an ongoing situation. However, the goal remains to continue to develop national federations. President Edson Kogahara also shared that they are having challenges with the growing number of event organizers and events that often lead to an over-saturated competition calendar.

The floor is open for questions and comments; however, there are no questions or comments from members.

c. Oceania Report

President Minol Tavares Tutida of the SJJAUSF reports that the SJJAUSF hosted its second event in the capital of Australia, and they were able to once again use the venue built for the Olympic Games when hosted in Australia. Although the event was small due to an overlap with school holidays, the feedback was positive and they were able to provide a live feed of the event. In addition, they were able to acquire



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sponsorship that provided nutritional gift bags for athletes. This event allowed the SJJAUSF to sponsor an Australian athlete's flight to the SJJIF World Jiu-Jitsu event.

In 2017 Mr. Minol Tavares Tutida began working with other event organizers and developed a template contract to facilitate other event organizers hosting events under the SJJAUSF, and consequently the SJJIF. The template contract is offered to all members of the SJJIF as a template to use when bringing in event organizers.

In 2018 the goal is to work more closely with the other national federations of the Oceania region, ideally developing joint event(s).

The floor is open for questions and comments. President João Silva inquires on the status of a pending partnership for the Oceania region in which Mr. Minol Tavares Tutida informs the general assembly that there have been scheduling conflicts in setting up the meeting. There are no further questions or comments from members.

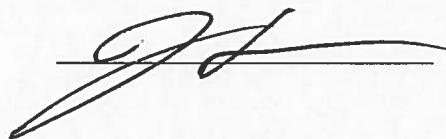
d. SJJSF Report

President Cleiber Maia reports that 2017 had many significant successes for the South American federation, and they are as follows:

- a. Agreement with the National Institute of Trauma & Ortopedics to provide services to athletes.
- b. Convention with the Brazilian Confederation of Sports for the Deaf to promote Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu in the the Deaf community, organize Deaf Jiu-Jitsu events, and support the SJJIF initiative to host a Deaf Jiu-Jitsu World Championship.
- c. Praia Para Todos events co-hosted with the Instituto Novo Ser that provided a Jiu-Jitsu class on the beach and promoted Jiu-Jitsu to individuals with special needs.
- d. Rules Courses, Pedagogy of Jiu-Jitsu, and First Aid Workshops.
- e. Television coverage in Brazil highlighting the Adapted Jiu-Jitsu program, athletes, and events developed by the SJJSF.
- f. Social Projects in the City of Magé and the Bairro do Rocha to teach and promote Jiu-Jitsu to children in communities with limited economic resources.
- g. Forum on Urban Violence where President Cleiber Maia presented how the SJJSF is utilizing Jiu-Jitsu as an instrument of education, cultural, health, and social integration.
- h. Tournaments: Rio Challenge, Brasil Open 2017, 1 Campeonato Brasileiro de Jiu-Jitsu de Surdos, Panamericano 2017, Teresopolis Challenge 2017, Sul-Americano Open 2017, Sul-Americano de Jiu-Jitsu De Surdoes, and Encontro de Veteranos 2017.
- i. Implementation of tournament survey to gather data that can direct future improvements and changes.
- j. Participation in the Gracie Pro to promote Adapted Jiu-Jitsu, in which 5 adapted matches were organized to promote the social inclusion of these divisions and athletes.

The goal of 2018 will be to improve the image/quality of the tournaments as the credibility has been established. The BJJ community of Brazil looks for the 'glamour', which is essentially the PR of the federation and its events. Prospectively speaking, President Cleiber Maia believes that 2018 will be a positive year of growth and he is optimistic in building relationships with other national federations of South America.

The floor is open for questions and comments. President João Silva comments that as continental and national federations become stronger and have the financial



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resources to award prizes at tournaments, awarding travel tickets to the SJJIF World Jiu-Jitsu Championship should be considered as it will support more international athletes in participating at the world event. President Cleiber Maia also comments that travel tickets can be awarded to the top ranking athletes of a nation or continental region. There are no further questions or comments from members.

e. SJJAF Report

President Jildson Simoes was regrettably unable to attend the SJJIF 2017 General Assembly meeting due to scheduling conflict. However, General Secretary Muhamad Tawfiq Jaunbocus is present and will be reporting on the SJJAF 2017 activity.

Mr. Muhamad Tawfiq Jaunbocus reports that there has been significant and steady growth in Africa; however, it remains a very challenging continent in terms of communication, finances, equipment, and many other things. However, they have been able to develop; creating systems of communication, developing websites, etc. to continue growing.

National Federations are hosting seminars and tournaments. For Africa, a key tool in promoting Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and sports for all is by including all ages, which is supporting its rapid growth. Activity in the African continent is as follows:

- c Mauritius: Dagotiere Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Open Tournament 2017, Open Africa Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2017, MBJJF Grand Baie Open Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Beach Challenge, Open Beau Bassin/Rose Hill Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Tournament, and Open Rose Belle Regional Tournament;
- c South Africa: Johannesburg No-Gi Open 2017;
- c Seychelles: Jiu-Jitsu Beach Games and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Beach Games;
- c Morocco: National Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2017;
- c Tunisia: Tunisia Open Championship 2017;
- c Angola:
- c Mauritania: Sand Games and Open Tournament 2017;
- c Nigeria: February Open Tournament 2017.

Mr. Muhamad Tawfiq Jaunbocus reports that all national federations are implementing the use of national flags to promote more participation and national pride in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and for its athletes. In addition, he is working hard to acquire partnerships, alliances, and memberships to organizations that further validate the work of the federation. The SJJAF acquired membership to the International Sport and Culture Association (ISCA) and is affiliated with the Universal Peace and Violence Amelioration Centre (UPAVC). The SJJAF's ability to prove that Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is bringing peace and harmony to communities of Africa allowed them to gain the UPAVC's support which has been very helpful. He notes that it is important to be part of such organizations because it allows Jiu-Jitsu to be part of the education and culture of African nations, and the SJJAF will continue to seek relationships with said organizations.

Mr. Muhamad Tawfiq Jaunbocus reports that the SJJAF organized the first Open Africa Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championship 2017, and to date it is the biggest Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu event in Africa with over 15 African countries participating. He notes that they implemented the use of national flags at this tournament, which added a very nice element to the tournament. Overall, it was a highly successful event.

Mr. Muhamad Tawfiq Jaunbocus notes that many representatives from African national federations had significant challenges in acquiring the necessary travel visas to



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attend both the SJJIF World event and the General Assembly meeting. In addition, several national federations are facing challenges resulting from new sport laws that are prioritize organizations affiliated with SportAccord or the IOC. However, he notes that SJJAF is developing a response and notes that a march is being organized to campaign for equal rights for all sports. In addition, they have reached out to an international human rights commission to address the discrimination presently occurring in Africa. Presently, the SJJAF is organizing the second Open Africa championship scheduled for February of 2018. In addition, goals for 2018 are to organize more tournaments and continue developing Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu throughout Africa.

The floor is open for questions and comments; however, there are no questions or comments from members.

f. ESJJF Report

President Marcello Rosa reports that he represents the European continent out of Portugal, and that a challenge he is facing in Europe is the organization of tournaments. He notes that each country in Europe has different, and strict laws regarding the development of federations. In addition, each nation has unique circumstances that effect the success of tournaments.

President João Silva comments that Europe nations are beginning to reach out to SJJIF, and ideally this will allow the European continent to be further developed. Mr. Marcello Rosa adds that his goal for 2018 is to continue organizing events and developing relationships to expand the ESJJF. He requests that all other SJJIF members support ESJJF events by promoting them in their respective nations and encourage athletes to travel to events.

President João Siva adds that he believes this is a key goal of 2018. Adding that complete transparency of all the work the SJJIF and its members are doing is also key. He believes that together, the SJJIF and its members are accomplishing great things and we need to highlight the work, events, social programs, etc. that are being developed.

The floor is open for questions and comments; however, there are no questions or comments from members.

VI. Approval of New Members

General Secretary Summer Casebere presents the next item, which is to approve the Provisional National Members into Full Member status as per the SJJIF Statutes & Bylaws. This year, the SJJIF has received membership applications from the following countries: Cameroun, Nigeria, South Africa, Honduras, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nepal, Ukraine, Mexico, India, and Belize that have been approved and given provisional membership status as they await final approval from the general assembly. The federations are:

- a. South African Brazilian jiu-jitsu Federation
- b. Federation Congolaise de Sport Jiu-Jitsu
- c. Nepal Jiu-Jitsu Association
- d. All Ukrainian Association of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
- e. Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Sports Federation of India
- f. Association Sportive Grappling & Jiu-Jitsu Bresilien Du Cameroun
- g. Nigeria Jiu-Jitsu Federation
- h. Samurai Association for Sports Art



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- i. Sport Jiu-Jitsu Belize Federation
- j. Federacion Hondureña De Jiu-Jitsu Brasileño
- k. Sport Jiu-Jitsu Mexican Federation

The SJJIF notes that they have received applications from other federations whose documents have not been fully reviewed, and therefore have not acquired provisional membership status. President João Silva advises that any federation applications which did not acquire provisional member status prior to the 2017 General Assembly meeting will have to undergo established process; which means that they applications will be reviewed, provisional member status will be granted upon initial approval of application, and membership status will be voted on at the 2018 SJJIF General Assembly meeting. The assembly unanimously agrees.

The floor is open for questions and comments. President João Silva provides background information on the Sport Jiu-Jitsu Belize Federation and All Ukrainian Association of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and reports that the Sport Jiu-Jitsu Mexican Federation has not had activity or communication with SJJIF. Consequently, SJJIF President João Silva proposes that the Sport Jiu-Jitsu Mexican Federation continue with provisional member status. The assembly unanimously agrees.


There are no further questions or comments from members. The General Secretary asks the General Assembly to ratify the acceptance of all remaining provisional members. The assembly unanimously agrees and welcomes all new national federation members.

Mr. Jovany Varela, President of the Federacion Hondureña De Jiu-Jitsu Brasileño, is present and is invited to share some words with members of the general assembly. Mr. Varela shares some history and the timeline on the development of the Honduras federation and its social program in the capital of Honduras that provides Jiu-Jitsu classes for free. In addition, he shares that a developing project is to further unify the nations of Central America to come under the SJJIF.

VII. Voting of Proposed Items for the 2017 SJJIF GA

The General Secretary, Ms. Summer Casebere, directs the GA to the provided Voting of Proposed Items for the 2017 SJJIF GA to facilitate voting process. Ms. Summer Casebere reviews voting procedures, voting cards, and majority vote guidelines per SJJIF Statutes & Bylaws. President João Silva requests that although the white voting card was introduced this year, per last year's request to have a passing vote option, members should try to participate in all votes based on what they think is best for their national federation, the international federation, and sport. Items presented in order of vote.

- a. Provisional Members: Requirement to submit a video (brief) introducing themselves and sharing some information on their federation, events, and projects. The assembly unanimously agrees.
- b. Age Divisions: Select a new format for division names, specifically:
Choice A: Kid 04/05, Kid 06/07, etc.
Choice B: Kid 1, Kid 2, etc.
Vote: Choice A

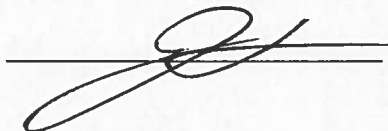


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- c. Age Divisions: Specify new format for division names, specifically:
Choice A: Kid 04/05, Kid 06/07, etc
Choice B: Kid 4/5, Kid 6/7, etc.
Vote: Choice A
- d. Age Divisions: Specify new format for division names, specifically:
Choice A: Replace slash between ages with dash.
Choice B: Leave as is.
Vote: Choice A
- e. Age Divisions: Select a new format for division names, specific abbreviation for the Master division:
Choice A: MT
Choice B: MS
Vote: Choice A
- f. Age Division: Specify new format for division names, specifically:
Choice A: MT 30-35
Choice B: MT 30UP, MT 36UP
Choice C: MT 30, MT 36, etc.
Vote: Choice C
- g. Black Belt Titles: Titles per provided table. The assembly unanimously agrees.
- h. Weight Divisions: Adjustment to weight charts for Kid, Adult, and Adapted Jiu-Jitsu divisions per an SJJIF study. Goal is to provide more evenly distributed matches to provide fair matches. The assembly unanimously agrees.
- i. Uniform Policy: Rash guard under GI for both men and women. The assembly unanimously agrees.
- j. Uniform Policy: Spats under No GI shorts for both men and women. The assembly unanimously agrees.
- k. Ranking Point System: Changes per provided table to allow one gold medal to hold more value than two silver medals. The assembly unanimously agrees.
- l. Legal Techniques: Move the age of legality of Dojime to 16 years of age from the current 12 years of age due to risk of breaking ribs. The assembly unanimously agrees.
- m. Legal Techniques: Move the age of legality of Ezekiel technique to 16 years of age from the current 12 years of age due to risk. The assembly unanimously agrees.
- n. Open Weight Division: Only create an Open Weight division if there are more than three competitors, with a minimum of two competitors from different teams, to facilitate a fair ranking point system, resulting from observation of existing system. The assembly unanimously agrees.

VIII. VIII. SJJIF 2018 Objectives

General Secretary Summer Casebere presents that the 2018 objectives will be a continuance of the hard work that the SJJIF has been doing. The SJJIF will continue to develop SJJIF community & educational events around the globe, SJJIF Adapted Jiu-Jitsu program at the CF and NF level, continue to propagate the SJJIF mission, further develop SJJIF committees and working groups, and develop social work & events through Sport Jiu-Jitsu. Specific goals will be for CF/NF's to translate the 2018 SJJIF



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Rulebook in respective languages, better communication amongst federation members through email and WhatsApp, and implementation of NEWS tab on SJJIF website.

Long-term objectives of the SJJIF are to organize and establish the minimum national federations required by the IOC and WADA within the next two years and abide the guidelines of transparency, integrity, democracy. Sport development & solidarity, and control mechanisms.

The floor is open for questions and comments; however, there are no questions or comments from members.

IX. 2018 SJJIF General Assembly

General Secretary Summer Casebere confirms that the 2018 SJJIF World Jiu-Jitsu dates are already confirmed and the next Annual SJJIF Conference and General Assembly meeting will be scheduled according to the SJJIF World event. The General Assembly is informed that a vote on whether to host the 2018 General Assembly meeting before or after the 2018 SJJIF World Jiu-Jitsu Championship will occur during the 1st quarter of 2018 via electronic vote.

The floor is open for questions and comments; however, there are no questions or comments from members.


X. Concluding Remarks and Closing of the General Assembly

The President thanks everyone for his or her participation in today's meeting, stating that he recognizes the commitment it takes to be present. He believes that this is what makes the federation unique, working and voting together to determine the progress and betterment of the sport and federation. For 2018 he encourages all members to seek growth in partnerships and alliances as he believes that we would see tremendous growth as a federation.

President João Silva then presents awards of appreciation to members of the SJJIF. The first award is presented to Mr. Muhamad Tawfiq Jaunbocus in appreciation of his dedication to the growth and uniting of the Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu community in the African continent. The second award is presented to Mr. Cleiber Maia in appreciation of his dedication and effort to the inclusion of Adapted Jiu-Jitsu in the South American continent. The final award is for Mr. Edison Kagohara in appreciation of his dedication and effort to developing competitive events in the Asian continent and being the largest contributor to the SJJIF Ranking.



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