



Sport Jiu Jitsu International Federation

Sports Jiu-Jitsu International Federation Guidelines & Requirements for National Federations

The Sport Jiu-Jitsu International Federation is a non-governmental, non-profit, non-discriminatory, non-political organization seeking to further develop and/or unify existing Sport Jiu-Jitsu, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and Jiu-Jitsu federations throughout the world under one governing body that share the vision of reaching Olympic greatness and international recognition. Each founded federation, along with existing federations, will work diligently to uphold the principles set forth by the Olympic Charter.

All sanctioned federations will work under the Sport Jiu-Jitsu International Federation's one set of governing rules, offer rules courses to educate practitioners of the sport in its rules, host competitions in Gi and NoGi, and rank athletes in their respective territories using the SJJIF software. All national and continental federation presidents are required to attend the SJJIF annual meeting at the SJJIF Worlds to participate in voting and understand the implementation of SJJIF guidelines, requirements, and rules & regulations. The uniform structure of how these events are executed will lend validity to the sport, enabling it to grow into a recognized Olympic sport.

Guidelines & Requirements

1. All national federations must be registered as, non-profit, non-discriminatory, non-political organization. It shall not discriminate on ground of race, religion, general, cultural, ideological, gender, or politics.
2. All sanctioned national federations must recognize the SJJIF as the only worldwide governing body for Jiu-Jitsu in all its forms and ensure that none of their Executive Board members and officials participate in, hold any official positions in, or support in any way or take part in the activities of other conflicting international organizations.
3. All members of the governing body must have a clear criminal record.
4. All sanctioned national federations must support the SJJIF in its Olympic movement and make all efforts to achieve its objectives.
5. All national federations must develop and/or align their constitution to conform to the SJJIF Statutes, Rules, & Regulations.
6. National federation presidents are required to attend the SJJIF annual meeting to participate in voting and understand the implementation of SJJIF resolutions, guidelines, requirements, and rules & regulations.
7. All sanctioned national federations must implement the resolutions of the SJJIF Executive Board and General Assembly.

8. All sanctioned national federations must implement the Anti-Doping rules and regulations of the IOC, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the SJJIF and conduct anti-doping educational campaigns.
9. Promote fair play, youth development, and education.
10. Encourage peace and cooperation amongst participants in sport.
11. Promote cooperation, friendly relations and mutual understanding among its members.
12. Actively promote and popularize Jiu-Jitsu, and to improve the health through its practice.
13. Respect the principles of democracy, equality and harmony within the sport of Jiu-Jitsu
14. Be a registered Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Black Belt with the SJJIF or have a certified SJJIF Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Black Belt that will sign certificates in that country.
15. Register the federation name that has been authorized by the SJJIF. (business license)
16. Name must immediately follow and or include Sport Jiu-Jitsu Federation (i.e. Canada Sport Jiu-Jitsu Federation or Sport Jiu-Jitsu Canadian Federation)
17. In countries where a registered Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu National Federation exists as a sole governing body of that sport, it will be accepted by the SJJIF on the condition that it amends its constitution to conform to the SJJIF Statues, Rules, and Regulations.
18. SJJIF will provide a logo for the national federations that must be present in all national federation related material, events, and documents.
19. SJJIF ranking logo(s) must be present on all flyers and posters.
20. National federations must register and designate a website domain for its national federation (e.g. www.asjff.org or www.sjjasf.com).
21.)All websites must have a link to the SJJIF website:
 - a. Membership linked to SJJIF
 - b. SJJIF Rules linked to SJJIF
 - c. Ranking linked to SJJIF
22. National federations are responsible for registering all teams, academies or clubs within their territory.
23. National federation should grant a certificate for clubs, academies and teams who are registered with the national federation.
24. All national, regional or any other competitions sanctioned by the national federation within the country can be organised by still keeping the lineage of the original Jiu-Jitsu system, provided it is according to the law of that particular country and adhering to the rules and regulations of the SJJIF.
25. All SJJIF official sponsor logos are required to be present on all event related promotions such as; website, emails, newsletters, flyers, posters, etc.
26. Host minimum of 2 events a year.
27. Host meetings to share the rules and mission of the SJJIF that are open to all individuals and/or organizations. National federations or country representatives should be encouraged to follow the SJJIF rules and mission.
28. Host seminars to acquire new Directors, Promoters, Referee members, etc. for that particular state and recommend certification process.
29. Appoint Director, Promoter, Referee Director, etc. to forming the District body.

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30. The national federation cannot be mixed and/or biased to any club, academy and/or team.
31. The national federation must be a neutral organization, creating a neutral environment for all teams that support the federations, mission and events under the SJJIF.
32. The national federation must resist all forms of external pressure, including but not limited to political, religious and economic pressures that may infringe upon their commitment to comply with the Olympic Charter and/or the SJJIF Statutes.
33. All SJJIF sanctioned federations must work with the SJJIF software/ranking system to ensure organization and records of participants around the world, and to update the SJJIF world ranking system.
34. The federations are responsible for organizing the competitions in their country.
35. English is the official language of the SJJIF. Portuguese is the auxiliary language of the SJJIF.
36. All SJJIF representative federations are responsible for translating all SJJIF official publications to the native languages of their governing territories. In an event of a dispute, all decisions shall be based on the English text.
37. All national federation should pay an annual membership fee of \$400.00 USD.
38. The SJJIF will provide a national federation membership certificate upon approval of the national registration.

Sub-Federations

The national federations under the SJJIF are required to welcome other federations or events to work under the rules and regulations of the SJJIF and establish sub-federation under their designated territory. All sub-federations must follow the same guidelines set forth by the SJJIF.

Sanctioned Events

With the intent of creating a unified, balanced, and fair organization of events, the SJJIF will assist in establishing a unified calendar and set of rules that will assist in ensuring that each event is successful. All SJJIF sanctioned events will be posted in this SJJIF official event with the purpose of avoiding double booking and supporting one another's events.

All SJJIF sanctioned federations will be required to submit an event application with a minimum of 90 days prior to event date in order to receive approval.

1. No event shall be conducted unless an event application has been submitted and approved by the SJJIF.
2. All events must be conducted in a professional venue (no academy gyms or equivalent).
3. An approved sanctioned event cannot be transferred to another organization, unless cleared and approved by the SJJIF.
4. Sanctioned Event Sponsorship must be cleared with the SJJIF
5. No sanction will be issued for any event where the word "Olympic" or any derivative thereof is used in any advertisements or notice in connection with the event

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6. All events will be registered under the SJJIF calendar and there will be proximity regulations for the following:
 - a) There must be a 3 weeks wait period between use of venue of a prior tournament.
 - b) No two events will be allowed in the same city on same date.
 - c) SJJIF sanctioned events may be hosted on the same day with a minimum of 200 miles distance.
7. Use of software provided by the SJJIF for all tournaments for bracketing and ranking is mandatory.
8. Event fees must be paid by designated and set date to the SJJIF.
9. Follow SJJIF quality standards on events for the following:
 - .. T-shirts
 - .. Medals
 - .. Mat areas
 - .. Rules & Regulations
 - .. Prices
 - .. Banners
 - .. Marketing Material
10. All tournaments must follow all the rules and regulation set by the SJJIF. To review these rules visit www.sjjif.org.
11. All staff must have completed a training course prior to the event.
12. Events must comply with any regulations of health and safety put forth by the region they represent.
13. All expenses must be paid by the respective representative for one of the SJJIF representatives to be present the day of the event to assist and/or inspect the implementation of the SJJIF rules.
14. All sanctioned events will be qualifiers for an international/world championship.
15. Encourage individuals, academies, and teams to register with the SJJIF to be part of the SJJIF software/ranking system.

SJJIF International Competitions

Today all Jiu-Jitsu competitions are divided by teams, however, in order to make Sports Jiu-Jitsu an Olympic game we need to adhere to the Olympic system for all events organized internationally. Therefore, it is crucial that all SJJIF national federations develop and organize national teams, representing their country, allowing athletes to represent their country only, and not private flags or teams.

Each national federation will be responsible of ranking their athletes through the SJJIF software/ranking system to organize their national team.

All national athletes should have their country name clearly stated on the athletes' GI front side collar chest level (left side) and on the back of the Gi.

Membership

All sanctioned federations will work with one, and only one, membership ID card provided by the SJJIF. This will allow the SJJIF to keep an accurate record of all individual participants and overall count of competitors worldwide, assisting in the process of Jiu-Jitsu evolving into an Olympic Sport.

1. National (Territorial) Federation Membership Benefits:

- a) Will be listed as a SJJIF Certified National (Territorial) Federation.
- b) The national (territorial) federation can be part of the continental federation (e.g. African Sports Jiu-Jitsu Continental Federation, European Sports Jiu-Jitsu Continental Federation)
- c) The name and the flag of the country will be displayed on the SJJIF website.
- d) The SJJIF will recognize only one national federation of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu or Sport Jiu-Jitsu per country.
- e) The SJJIF will support the national federation in the development of the sports within its country.
- f) National federations, at their own cost, will be able to organize and send a national team to all SJJIF sanctioned international events.
- g) National federations will have part of a tournament discount program.
- h) The member representing the national (territorial) federation at the annual general assembly of the SJJIF will have the right of voting.
- i) The national federation will be issued with a letter or a certificate as proof of being sole member from its country affiliated with the SJJIF.

2. Individual Membership Requirements

- a) Individual member will have to be an affiliate of the SJJIF recognized national federation of its country, if in existence, and help to promote the sport within the country.
- b) In countries where the SJJIF has registered more than ten (10) individual memberships, the SJJIF will encourage them to work together to develop a national federation which will help the SJJIF reach its Olympic mission and objectives.
- c) View SJJIF website at www.sjjif.org for registration and fees.

3. Membership Benefits

- a) Member will have an SJJIF ID card and sanction number.
- b) Will be listed as a current member under the SJJIF website.
- c) Member will be part of a world ranking system.
- d) Member will have access to list of results and fight records.
- e) Member will be part of a tournament discount program.
- f) Member will have complimentary admission as a spectator to any SJJIF tournament.

g) All ranking system will be made with the implementation of the country of the athlete.

Certificates

1. Black Belt Certificate Benefits

- a) Black Belt certificate
- b) Will be listed as a SJJIF Certified Black Belt under the SJJIF website.
- c) Member will be part of a world ranking system representing his/her country.
- d) Member will have access to list of results and fight records.
- e) Member will have complimentary admission as a spectator to any SJJIF tournament.

2. Academy Certificate Benefits

- a) Academy will be registered as a SJJIF Certified Jiu-Jitsu Academy under the SJJIF recognized national federation of the particular country.
- b) Academy, together with the national federation, will be part of a world ranking system.
- c) Academy will have access to list of results and fight records.

Discount Program

All academies, individuals, black belts, and supporters who are registered under a national federation will have the following discount benefits from the SJJIF:

- ◆ Academies
- ◆ Individual
- ◆ Black belt
- ◆ Supporter

Discipline

All national federations, athletes, clubs, academies, teams, and individual should respect the sport law prevailing in their country, as well as the SJJIF statutes, rules and regulations.

Understand that in the case of a breach of contract, failure to abide by the SJJIF regulations, or any other circumstances, will lead to the termination of its rights by the appointed Federation. That federation gives up the rights to the name, business license, etc. to the newly appointed SJJIF representative.