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Decisions of the Technical Delegates **JJIF Technical Congress 2010, St. Petersburg** **and Board Decisions on the matters deferred by the TC**

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SUMMARY

The 45 technical delegates attending the JJIF Technical Congress, representing 25 countries, on the proposals made by the JJIF Board, made the following decisions, to be subjected to the attention and approval of the JJIF General Assembly:

1. On the proposal to change the age categories (unanimous decisions):

- 1.1. **Children 8-9 years old and 10-11 years old** are not in the attention of JJIF, since there are no international events for these ages. However, the JJIF should have guidelines and recommendations for the national federations with respect to these athletes.
- 1.2. For the creation of the **Veterans category**, a Working Group will be created at the JJIF level, which will decide on the details (such as specific age, conditions/criteria for participation etc.). The members of the WG will be nominated later.
- 1.3. The ages for the Seniors, Juniors, Aspirants remains as they are. The **cadets** category will comprise athletes with ages between 12 and 14.
- 1.4. With respect to the ages of the athletes making up a **Duo couple**: the age difference between the partners is not important, provided that:
* the age is considered according to the year of birth, not the actual birth date of the competitor



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* if the two couple members belong to different age categories, the couple will be registered for the highest age category (example: one 15 years old athlete (Aspirant) + 18 years old athletes (Junior) will participate in Juniors)

* the athlete can compete in one higher age category – goes for fighting system and duo system (Aspirant can compete with Juniors, Juniors can compete with Seniors). However, a team (duo) made up of one Aspirant and one Junior can only compete in Juniors, not also in Seniors (the Aspirant, although member of a Junior team, cannot jump over two age categories and compete with the Seniors)

* the entire Junior category (of proper aged-athletes) can participate in the Senior category

- 1.5. The same athlete cannot compete in both Duo and Fighting systems, on the same tournament. **He/she must choose only one system.**
- 1.6. If a competitor participates in the Duo competition, he/she is allowed to be part of a mixed couple and of a couple of his/her gender on the same tournament. The organizer will observe that the Duo men and women are scheduled for one competition day, while the mixed duo is scheduled for the other day.
- 1.7. A competitor can participate in only one age category in the same tournament. Even if the competitions for Aspirants and Juniors are on different days, but within the same event, the same athlete cannot compete in both age categories.

2. On the proposal regarding Duo categories (unanimous decisions):

- 2.1. The Duo Free model is rejected.
- 2.2. For the rest of the proposals, given the multitude of opinions expressed and the lack of consensus, the decision was made to create a working group which will analyze the technical aspects, the strategic aspects and the ways in which the competition system can be changed. The Board will set a deadline for the WG and a clear mandate with respect to their tasks.

The WG on the Duo system proposals is made up of: Stane Preskar (Slovenia), Constantin Cory Vacarenco (Romania), Christian Beisteiner (Austria), M.H. Rostamian (Iran).

The Board set the deadline for the WG on Duo as being the JJIF 2011 Summer Camp. The full proposal is expected to be sent to the Board prior to the Summer Camp and the discussions and testing will occur during the Summer Camp.

3. **On the proposal regarding the Ranking list in Duo system**, the Board has responsibility, but they informed the technical delegates with respect to their opinion. When the criteria are set, the Board will inform all interested parties.

The JJIF Board decision is that starting with 2011, in Duo, the qualification will be awarded per country, not per couple. The qualified country will decide which team of athletes it will send to the respective event.

4. With respect to the change of the weight categories:



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- 4.1. The proposal to introduce one lighter category in seniors men (-55 kg) was **rejected** (4 votes in favour, 6 votes against).
- 4.2. The proposal to introduce one lighter category in seniors women (-48 kg) was **undecided** and left to the Board for decision (6 votes in favour, 6 votes against).
- 4.3. The proposal to introduce one heavier category in seniors men (+100 kg) was **rejected** (4 votes in favour, 9 votes against).
- 4.4. A proposal was made by the JJIF President to create a **Working Group on safety and health**, which should investigate the types of injuries that may occur, the statistics on the type of athletes involved in competition, and then to make a proposal to introduce new weight categories or not. No decision was made by the delegates on this point. **The JJIF Board decided to create this WG. Guidelines will follow.**
- 4.5. A unanimous decision was made to weigh all competitors for the Fighting system (even the plus categories), in the same outfit, for statistical purposes. This decision shall be added to the competition rules.
- 4.6. The decision about the right to participate in the immediately higher weight category was **adopted** with 9 votes in favour (ex: a 76 kg athlete can compete in -77 kg or in -85 kg; he is not allowed to compete in -94 kg), in opposition to the “zero tolerance” proposal, which required the athlete to be above the inferior limit of the weight category in order to compete (8 votes in favour).

The JJIF Board decided that since only 10-13 out of the 45 technical delegates expressed an opinion with respect to the adding fighting categories, starting with 2011, one lighter category for women (seniors) will be added, namely -48 kg, and one lighter category for men (seniors) will also be added, namely -55 kg.

5. Organization of championships:

- 5.1. The proposal to have **seniors World Championships** every year, organizing them every two years in Europe, every other two years on the other continent was left **undecided** (2 votes in favour, 2 votes against). The same was the issue of holding World Championships for Seniors, but open for the participation of Juniors, taking out completely the World Championships for Juniors. The Board will make a decision and submit it to the approval of the General Assembly.
- 5.2. The limit of one competitor/weight category or duo category, for each country, was changed, with 10 votes in favour, 7 votes against (**max 2 persons per category are allowed – with overall limit 8 men, 5 women and 4 duo teams**).

The decision of the JJIF Board is that 2011 will be the last year when we organize World Championships for Aspirants and Juniors. Starting with 2012, these age categories will compete in official events only at the continental level.

A seniors' World Championship will be organized every year, with the application of the “overall limit of athletes” rule. Every 2 years the WCh will be held in Europe, every other 2 years it will be hosted by another continent. The World Championship of 2011 will take place in Cali, Colombia, on October 28-30.



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6. Universal scoreboard program, online registration and athletes database

The Board has the deciding power on these issues, but they informed the delegates about the efforts being made to create a database with all athletes, referees, and coaches, as well as of the future intent to make possible online registration for events.

Also, integrated systems of scoreboards, competition lists, drawing system will be set up and approved by the JJIF Board, at their earliest convenience.

7. Ne-waza ju-jitsu

It was approved by the JJIF Board, with an emphasis on the need for education, for referee education, for participations to seminars and camps before we can introduce it into our competition system.

8. Referee education and evolution

Again due to the multitude of ideas and proposals, the referee group will discuss them and make concrete proposals to the JJIF Board.

9. Sports and organization code

The JJIF is preparing updates **Sport and Organizing Code**, with check-lists for organizers, indicating what the requirements are for preparing for a Technical Congress or a World Championship, and outlining the expectations that a participating country should have.

This document will be available for download on the JJIF website and open dialogue with NF's will start to support working group on that issue.

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