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### Preamble:

Judo was created in 1882 by Professor Jigoro KANO. As an educational method derived from the martial arts, judo became an official Olympic sport in 1964. Judo is a highly codified sport in which the mind controls the expression of the body and is a sport which contributes to educating individuals.

Beyond competitions and combat, judo involves technical research, practice of katas, self-defence work, physical preparation and sharpening of spirit.

As a discipline derived from ancestral traditions, judo was designed by its Master Founder as an eminently modern and progressive activity.

The AJU statutes shall comply with Statutes proposed and approved by the IJF, while remaining consistent with the laws of the country of incorporation.

### Article 1 – Definitions

#### 1.1. Statutes

The “Statutes” shall mean all provisions contained in this document, which have been duly approved, with any addendums and /or appendices which may complete, amend or substitute for this document. The preamble constitutes an integral part hereof. These statutes replace the previous statutes.

#### 1.2. AJU

The African Judo Union is made up of National Federations of the African continent. The African Judo Union is a non-political and a non-profit organization. It shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, religion, gender or politics. The AJU is one of the five Continental Unions forming the IJF. This Union is a member of IJF.

The African Judo Union is composed of the National Federations of the African continent, except when a special derogation has been granted by the IJF E.C.

The African Judo Union is in charge of implementing the policies of the IJF and the International Olympic Committee.

The liability of the African Judo Union as a member is limited.

#### 1.3 National Federation

“National Federation” shall refer to a member of the A.J.U.

The liability of National Federations as members of the AJU is limited.

All National Federations are committed to contributing to the assets of the A.J.U.

In the event of the liquidation of the AJU, all National Federations which are members at that time agree to pay the debts and liabilities of the AJU contracted before they cease to be members, as well as the costs, charges and expenses of winding up. Such amounts as may be required must not exceed ten Euros (10 €).

#### 1.4 Country



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“Country” shall mean an independent State recognized by the international community and which has a flag and a national anthem.

### **1.5 President**

“President” shall mean the President of the A.J.U.

### **1.6 Chairman**

“Chairman” shall mean the Chairman of the A.J.U.

### **1.7 General Secretary**

The term “General Secretary” shall mean the General Secretary of the A.J.U..

### **1.8 General Treasurer**

The term “General Treasurer” shall mean the General Treasurer of the A.J.U.

### **1.9 Vice-presidents**

“Vice-presidents” shall mean the 1st and 2nd Vice-president of the A.J.U.

### **1.10. Director**

“Director” shall mean one of the Directors of the A.J.U

### **1.11 Directing Committee**

“D.C.” shall mean the Directing Committee of the AJU.

### **1.12. Executive**

The term “E.C.” shall mean the Executive Committee of the A.J.U.

### **1.13 Congress**

“Congress” shall mean the Congress of the A.J.U. It can be held on an ordinary or an extraordinary basis.

### **1.14 General Headquarters**

The “General Headquarters” shall refer to the administrative headquarters of the AJU where the administrative tasks of the AJU are performed, the locations of which shall be decided by the President to the Executive.

### **1.15 Head Office**

The “Head Office” shall refer to the registered head office of the A.J.U., the location of which shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

## **Article 2 – Aims**

The AJU has the following aims, without this constituting an exhaustive list:

- To implement the IJF and relevant IOC policy in Africa.
- To promote cordial and friendly relations between its members and to lead and organize judo activities throughout Africa.
- To protect the interests of judo throughout the African continent.
- Organize Continental events, to supervise where necessary events organized by its members and to participate in the organization of qualifying continental events for the Olympic Games.
- To develop the practice of judo throughout the African Continent for all the categories of the population.
- To improve the quality of judo training.
- To supervise the awarding of grades, including “dan” ranks, and their compliance with IJF rules.
- To promote the ideals and objectives behind the Olympic movement.



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- To represent the African Judo Union before third parties and to arbitrate in any possible disagreements between Member National Federations.

### **Article 3 - Structure**

#### **3.1 Composition of the African Judo Union**

The African Judo Union is composed of Member National Federations that are in its territory or are validated by way of derogation on its territory by the IJF.

#### **3.2 Statutes of Member Federations**

The statutes and Regulations of Member National Federations must be in compliance with the IJF and AJU statutes and all other regulations and decisions of the IJF and the African Judo Union as well as with the principles of the Olympic Charter. The election of the members of the Executive and Directing Committees must comply with the same principles.

The dates and places of AJU congresses shall be communicated to IJF E.C. one hundred and eighty (180) days before these congresses are held.

The AJU must provide any information concerning its operations and activities in Africa that has been requested by IJF. The AJU has the right to request any information connected with the activities of any AJU Member National Federation, this information must be provided on request.

#### **3.3 Auditing of the use of funds**

AJU may audit National Federations' use of funds originated from the AJU. For this purpose the accounts shall be sent every year to the General Treasurer and shall be made available permanently to the auditors appointed by the AJU.

#### **3.4 Awards**

Any National Federation that hosts a competition for which awards will be presented in the form of prize money or any other reward must, on the first hand inform the AJU on the origin of the funding allowing the award of this prize or reward, and on the other hand accept that the AJU assesses and controls the good faith of this declaration.

### **Article 4 – Membership**

#### **4.1 Application for membership**

Only one federation per country may become a member of the IJF and the AJU. If two or more Federations within a same country claim representation, membership in the AJU will be given to the Federation which is recognized by its National Olympic Committee or by the highest sporting organisation of that country.

#### **4.2 Procedure**

Any National Federation that wishes to join the AJU and the IJF must apply for membership in writing to the IJF General Secretary with a copy to the AJU General Secretary.

The statutes of the National Federation must mandatorily be attached to the membership application and must absolutely state that this National Federation agrees to comply with the Statutes and all the regulations and decisions of the IJF and the AJU.

A reasoned opinion from the AJU must also be sent to IJF General Secretary with the membership application. The AJU Executive Committee will examine the application and together with the IJF EC approve the candidacy.



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**Associated Member:** Associated Membership in the AJU may be granted in the case of a territory which is a department of a country whose National Judo Federation is already a member of the IJF, through the offices of another Continental Union. This Associated Membership, subject to the payment of the annual fees prescribed by the AJU, shall entitle the Associated Member Federation to engage in all AJU activities but shall not include the right to vote as a member Federation at the IJF Congress.

### **4.3 Defence of federations**

The AJU is dedicated to defending Member Federations from all attacks on democracy against the federations in the area of federal elections and the participation in competitions.

AJU Member Federations that are not members of their NOC shall apply for affiliation to the NOC of their country or to the highest sporting authority of that country.

## **Article 5 – Participation in competitions and medical Codes**

### **5.1 Athletes' right to participate**

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games, World Championships, Continental Championships International Championships and competitions held under the supervision of or recognized by the IJF, a judoka and his Staff must comply with the rules of the IJF and the IOC.

### **5.2 Anti-doping**

The AJU shall comply with Olympic Movement Medical Code and the World Anti-doping Code.

## **Article 6 - Official languages**

### **6.1 Official languages**

The official languages of the African Judo Union are French, English and Arabic.

All Official documents of the African Judo Union must be published in French and English. Congresses, meetings and sessions must be held in these three languages.

In the event of a discrepancy in interpretation between the official languages, the original language in which the document was written shall prevail.

### **6.2 Simultaneous Interpretation**

Simultaneous interpretation must be made available at least in French, English and Arabic at all Congresses.

## **Article 7 - Bodies of the AJU.**

### **7.1 Bodies of the AJU**

The bodies of the African Judo Union are the following:

- The Congress is the supreme body of the AJU. The ordinary Congress is held every two years and is governed by articles 8 and 10 hereafter. The powers of the Congress are listed in the article 8.3. The Extraordinary Congress is governed by Articles 9 and 10 of the Statutes.



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- The Directing Committee ("D.C."), governed by Article 11 of the Statutes and whose powers are listed in the article 11.1.
- The Executive Committee ("E.C"), governed by Article 12 of the Statutes and whose powers are listed in the article 12.2.

### **7.2 Signing Authority of the AJU**

The joint dual signature of the President and the General Treasurer is required for the AJU to be bound.

The AJU D.C may designate other persons empowered with a collective dual signature.

## **Article 8 - The Ordinary Congress**

### **8.1 Meetings**

The Congress shall be held every two (2) years, the year before the Olympic Games and the year after the Olympic Games, at a place designated by the D.C.

### **8.2 Powers**

The Congress shall have the power to:

- a) Define, orient and control the general policies of the AJU;
- b) decide on the Minutes of the preceding Congress;
- c) decide on the reports of the President which shall be valid as the D.C. as well as the reports of the General Secretary, the General Treasurer and the Technical Directors;
- d) decide on the accounts of the previous accounting period and the budget for the accounting period to come;
- e) elect every (4) years the members of the D.C for a four (4) year term of office
- f) ratify the designation by the President of one (1) or two (2) additional members of the D.C.
- h) Ratify expulsions decided by the D.C of one of the D.C members.
- g) decide on the expulsion of a member of the D.C. if requested by at least one-third (1/3) of the National Federations;
- h) Approve the Statutes and the regulations, and make all necessary amendments thereto;
- i) decide on sporting and technical issues related to judo training and techniques, refereeing, judo Education, development and promotion;
- j) decide on the validity of the authority of a representative of a National Federation;
- k) decide in the last resort on all issues concerning the aims of the AJU;
- l) decide on all proposals submitted by Member National Federations and the D.C ;
- m) decide on any other issues set down on the agenda.

### **8.3 Proposals of AJU Member Federations**

At least one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days prior to the Congress, the General Secretary must invite the member National Federations to submit points they would like to include on the agenda. These proposals must be sent in at least ninety (90) days before the date scheduled for the Congress.

### **8.4 Agenda and convening of the Congress**

The Congress may consider only the points which are included in the agenda. The agenda shall be decided on by the D.C between sixty (60) and seventy-five (75) calendar days before the date scheduled for the Congress. This agenda must naturally include all issues within the Congress' powers.



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At least sixty (60) calendar days before the date scheduled for the Congress, the General Secretary will send to the Member National Federations, the D.C members and the IJF General Secretary, notice to attend the Congress, signed by the President or the General Secretary, with the Agenda drawn up by the D.C; and the reports of the President, the Chairman, the Secretary General, the General Treasurer and the Directors.

Notices of the Congress shall be sent via registered mail and electronic mail with a request for acknowledgement of receipt. The date the registered letter and electronic mail with a request for acknowledgement of receipt are sent, shall be the sole date used as proof that notice was validly sent within the required time limit.

### **8.5 Urgent matters**

The E.C shall decide on the order in which the points on the Agenda will be discussed.

Matters that the D.C considers urgent and which have arisen too late for inclusion on the agenda may be added before the date of the Congress.

### **8.6 Representation of Member National Federations**

Each Member National Federation may be represented at the Congress by two (2) delegates of the same nationality as that Federation, selected among the members of its Executive Committee on the condition they have been elected democratically by their clubs.

Delegates must be registered on the attendance sheet. Only one of the two Delegates have the right to vote, as each Member National Federation shall have a single vote.

### **8.7 Credentials**

Each delegate of a Member National Federation must be in possession of credentials signed by the President of his National Federation unless the delegate is the President himself.

The delegate of the Member National Federation must be citizen and permanent resident of the country he represents.

### **8.8-Interpreting assistance**

Any member National Federation of the AJU whose language is not one of the official languages being used, may also have their own interpreter in attendance.

### **8.9 Observers**

Observers may be invited to the Congress by the D.C.

### **8.10 Voting Right Credentials Commission**

The verification of valid membership of National Federations and of the credentials held by the representatives of National Federations with valid membership in the AJU shall be carried out the day prior to the Congress by the Voting Right Credentials Commission. This Commission shall be composed from three (3) to five (5) members appointed for this purpose by the D.C of the AJU, assisted by the legal expert or the lawyer of the AJU. In the event of a dispute, the Voting Right Credentials Commission shall hear the claims of the parties, draw up a summary of these claims and submit the dispute to the Congress so that the Congress may settle such dispute by way of a vote before any other business is dealt with.

### **8.11 Chairmanship of the Congress**

The Congress shall be chaired by the President of the AJU or if absent, by a Vice-president.

### **8.12 Chairmanship Pro-term**





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During the election of the President or a no-confidence vote against the President, the President will surrender his seat to a Vice-president appointed by the D.C as a Chairperson Pro-term to conduct the said election or no-confidence vote.

In the case of elections for President, the newly elected President will take over the chair immediately after the election.

If a no-confidence vote against the President is ratified, the Chairperson Pro-Term will chair the Congress until it is closed. However, if the no-confidence vote is defeated, the President will resume the chair and will chair the Congress until it is closed.

### **8.13 Quorum**

The Chairperson of the Congress may only declare the official opening of the Congress when at least one-third (1/3) of the Member National Federations are present.

If the quorum to open the Congress is not met, another Congress must be convened and must be held within a maximum period of one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days. The Congress shall only be effective if 25% of the Member National Federations are present.

The agenda will be identical, as well as the conditions for giving notice of the meeting.

### **8.14 Proxies**

Voting by proxy is not allowed.

### **8.15 Voting rights**

The members of the D.C do not have voting rights at Congress. Any person who is elected or appointed as a Member of the EC shall automatically surrender their right to vote at Congress forthwith. If any member of the Directing Committee is President or delegate of its own country he may enjoy the right to vote of his country if he is registered on the attendance sheet at the beginning of the Congress.

### **8.16 Decisions**

The Congress shall decide by a simple majority of the valid votes cast unless otherwise defined in the Statutes. Abstentions and invalid ballots shall not be counted. For questions of particular importance or sensitive issues or whenever one-third (1/3) of the Member National Federations present at the Congress so demand, voting shall be conducted by secret ballot.

### **8.17 Voting procedures**

Voting for elections must be conducted by secret ballot unless there is one (1) candidate. If there is only one (1) candidate that person may be acclaimed, unless one third (1/3) of the Member National Federations present at the Congress request that a vote by way of secret ballot takes place.

Voting in elections for the offices shall be carried out by successive elimination of candidates receiving the least number of votes until one (1) candidate remains or until one (1) candidate obtains more than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast.

### **8.18 Voting Board and Presentation of Candidates**

#### **8.18.1 Scrutineers and Voting Board Chairperson**

The Congress shall organize a voting board by electing Scrutineers and a Chairperson of the voting board, chosen from among those delegates of Member Federations who are not presenting any candidates for office.

They shall be in charge of all matters in connection with voting.

The D.C shall suggest the number of scrutineers to be elected.

#### **8.18.2 Presentation of candidates**



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If an election is being held, each candidate for the office of President will be allowed a maximum of seven (7) minutes to give a presentation and introduce his list.

Any candidate for the office of chairman will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to give a presentation.

Any candidate for the office of General Secretary and General Treasurer will be allowed three (3) minutes to give a presentation.

If there is more than one candidate per office, the speaking order shall be determined by alphabetical order of the candidates' surnames.

### **8.19 Practical voting procedures**

The voting procedure will be determined by the D.C that will be communicated with the agenda of the Congress.

### **8.20 Counting of votes**

Once the voting has been completed, the Chairman of the Congress shall announce that the vote is closed and shall ask the scrutineers to start counting the votes cast.

The Chairperson of the Voting Board will be assisted by the scrutineers to count the votes. The President of the Voting Board will announce the results of the votes cast to Congress.

### **8.21 Challenge of elections**

In the event the validity of an election is challenged, the President shall be immediately notified thereof and shall submit the case to the D.C. If the D.C takes the challenge into consideration, it must be reported to the Congress where re-examination, re-election, re-vote or any other action as deemed necessary by the D.C shall occur. Only AJU Member Federations present at the Congress may challenge the election and any such challenge must be submitted before the end of the Congress.

### **8.22 Ballot rounds**

In the event of an equal vote during an election by way of secret ballot, a second and final round of votes shall be conducted.

In the event that the second and final vote also results in a tie, the election result shall be determined by the drawing of lots conducted by the Chairperson.

For all other elections, when an equal number of votes is cast, the status quo shall be maintained.

### **8.23 Minutes**

Each member of the D.C shall receive a copy of the draft Minutes of the Congress within ninety (90) days after the Congress is held.

The D.C shall approve the draft Minutes at the first D.C meeting held after the said ninety (90) days.

The approved draft Minutes shall be sent to the Member National Federations by the AJU General Secretariat.

### **8.24 Surveillance of Conduct**

The Chairperson of the Congress is the AJU President who shall have the right to take all measures to stop any disruptive conduct obstructing the efficient administration of the Congress.

## **Article 9 - Extraordinary Congress**

**9.1 Convening of an Extraordinary Congress** An Extraordinary Congress must be convened by the President or the Secretary General at a location chosen by the D.C if at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Member National Federations so request, or if 1/3 of the D.C considers it necessary.



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### **9.2 Procedure**

In this case, the Extraordinary Congress must be held within ninety (90) calendar days on which:

- Either the request containing the reasons for the meeting has been sent via registered mail, email or facsimile by two-thirds (2/3) of the AJU Member National Federations,
- Or the D.C has decided (1/3 of the members of the D.C) to convene the Extraordinary Congress.

### **9.3 Agenda**

The Agenda for the meeting must indicate the reasons for the Extraordinary Congress and shall constitute the items on the agenda. Only those items on the agenda shall be discussed.

### **9.4 Decisions**

The discussions and decisions passed at an Extraordinary Congress shall have equal validity with those passed at an Ordinary Congress.

The discussions and decisions passed at an Extraordinary Congress must meet the same conditions as those requires for an Ordinary Congress.

## **Article 10 – Provisions Common to discussions and decisions at Ordinary and Extraordinary Congresses.**

### **10.1 Challenge**

Decisions passed at an Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress may not be annulled if, in spite of the existence of one or several voting irregularities, the vote held on such Decisions would have passed in any event.

### **10.2 Internal appeal procedure**

The National Federations, as well as all legal entities or private individuals directly or indirectly connected to them shall have no right to take legal action against the AJU on the basis of discussions or decisions passed by the Congress of the AJU without having first submitted their complaint to the AJU Executive Committee.

## **Article 11 – The Directing Committee (D.C.)**

### **11.1 Powers**

The D.C. shall determine the orientation for AJU activities and shall ensure implementation thereof within the limits of the aims of the AJU subject to the powers expressly attributed to the Congress under these Statutes.

- The D.C shall handle all issues related to the proper operation of the AJU and shall settle business it is involved in by way of decisions.
- The D.C shall carry out all audits and verifications it deems necessary.
- The D.C shall validate urgent decisions under its authority made by the President.
- The D.C has the power to decide on all issues that have not been placed under the authority of another AJU governing body pursuant to these Statutes.

### **11.2 Composition**



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The D.C. is composed as follows:

- A President who forms a list of seven to nine (7 to 9) members, having the authorization of their national federation to be included in the list, who will be elected at the same time as the President by the Congress and through a list ballot every four (4) years for a term of office of four (4) years;
- Two Vice-presidents are designated by the D.C., on the proposal of the President, among the members, appearing on the President's list, who have been elected by the Congress with the President.
- They are responsible to the D.C. and the Congress.
- A Chairman elected by the Congress every four (4) years
- A General Secretary elected by the Congress every four (4) years;
- A General Treasurer elected by the Congress every four (4) years;

If the President deems necessary that the tasks to be performed by the D.C requires to have two (2) additional members maximum, he could appoint, after the election one (1) or two (2) additional members who will hold voting rights within the D.C. but their appointment should be ratified by the next Congress.

### 11.3 Presidency

The D.C shall be chaired by the President. In the event the President cannot be present at a meeting of the D.C, a Vice-president can replace him.

### 11.4 Filing of candidacies

Names of candidates for the elections of the positions of President, Chairman, General Secretary, and General Treasurer must be received at least one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days before the date scheduled for the Congress. The lists of members for the D.C suggested by the candidates for the position of President must be received by the General Secretary at least ninety (90) calendar days before the date of Congress. The General Secretary shall send the candidacies and the lists of persons proposed as members for the D.C by the candidates to the position of President with the notice and documents for the Congress at least sixty (60) calendar days before the date scheduled for the Congress.

Nomination of candidates from the floor will not be accepted at a Congress.

Individual candidacies and the candidacies presented by the president on his list must be duly signed by the president of the National Federation the candidate is a member of. All candidates must be citizens and permanent residents of the countries of the Federation presenting their candidates, except for political exiles.

*Eligibility to be nominated as an Executive Member of the AJU or any other Zonal Judo Organisation, the nominee must have been a President of an AJU member Fédération for a minimum period of one Olympic Cycle or 4 years.*

Directing Committee members running for re-election do not need the confirmation of their National Federations.

### 11.5 Term of Office

The Members elected to the D.C shall remain in office until the Ordinary Congress convened in the fourth year of their term.



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Elections for President and the members of his list, composed of seven to nine (7 to 9) members shall take place during the Congress held the year following the Olympic Games.

The elections for the positions of Chairman, General Secretary and General Treasurer must be held at the time of the same Congress.

### **11.6 Plurality of offices**

No Member National Federation shall have more than one (1) member on the AJU D.C.

### **11.7 Vacant seats**

If because of death, resignation, a long-term impediment, impeachment or any other reason, a seat other than that of the President becomes vacant on the Directing Committee, the D.C may appoint an interim Member to serve until the next Congress.

### **11.8 D.C.'s meetings**

As a general rule, the D.C shall meet at least once (1) per year and particularly during the days preceding the Congress. A meeting of the Directing Committee may, however, be convened by the President each time the President deems it necessary or at the request of a majority of the members of the D.C.

If an elected member of the D.C cannot attend a meeting of the D.C for a valid reason, he can give a proxy to another member of the AJU D.C. but cannot send someone to replace him if this latter is not a member of the D.C.

### **11.9 Agenda**

An agenda must be established for each meeting. The members shall submit to the General Secretary the items they wish to have included on the agenda thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date scheduled for the meeting. The General Secretary shall prepare the agenda, inform the President and then send the notice of the meeting, along with the agenda and the necessary working documents fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the meeting. If an urgent matter arises, it may be added to the agenda and discussed in the D.C meeting pursuant to a decision of the D.C.

### **11.10 Written Consultation**

When, for any reason whatsoever, an ordinary D.C meeting cannot take place, the required decisions may be passed by way of a vote in writing by electronic or snail mail. Decisions passed by way of written consultation shall have the same validity as decisions passed at ordinary D.C meetings.

### **11.11 Decisions**

The decisions of the D.C shall be passed by way of simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the President or the Vice-president who substitutes for the President shall have a casting vote.

The Vice-president appointed by the President as a substitute shall have the right to cast his own vote in addition to the vote of the President.

### **11.12 Quorum**

In order for decisions to be validly passed, the meeting of the Directing Committee must have been properly convened and at least half of its members must be present or represented and the meeting must be chaired by the President or a Vice-president.

### **11.13 Commissions**

The D.C may be assisted by Standing Commissions or Commissioners to work on the following topics, on an indicative basis, but not limited to:



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- Refereeing
- Education
- Communication
- Medias
- Ethics
- Kata
- Judo for Women
- Athletes
- Protocol
- Marketing
- Administration
- Finances
- Social
- Veterans
- Judo and Peace
- Discipline
- Development
- Grades

### **11.14 Organization of Commission Work**

The composition and the responsibilities of the Standing Commissions as well as the responsibilities of the Commissioners shall be determined by the Directing Committee

### **11.15 Accountability**

All the Members of the D.C are accountable to the D.C and the Congress.

### **11.16 Key Point Information**

The General Secretary shall provide a statement of the key points regarding decisions made at D.C meetings before the Members leave the Meeting.

### **11.17 Impeachment**

If a D.C member commits gross negligence or is repeatedly absent at D.C Meetings without justification, the D.C may impeach that Member with a majority of two-thirds (2/3), of its members. Impeachment will be applicable immediately.

The D.C shall appoint an interim Member to replace the impeachment member by way of a simple majority vote. The D.C shall ask for the ratification of the decision to impeach the D.C member at the next Congress. The D.C shall also put the impeachment of a D.C Member on the agenda of the next Congress at the request of one (1/3) of the National Federations.

If the no-confidence vote is passed by the Congress, the said D.C member will immediately be impeached from his seat on the D.C and the D.C shall appoint an interim Member to replace the impeached member.

## **Article 12- The Executive Committee**

### **12.1 Composition**

The Executive Committee is composed of the President, the Chairman, the General Secretary, the General Treasurer and two Vice-presidents.

### **12.2 Powers**

The Executive Committee shall direct and manage the AJU and applies or ensures the application of the decisions taken by the Managing Committee; they shall give a report to the Directing Committee once a year.

They held meeting on an exclusive notice of the President at any time and any place decided by himself; The EC represents the immediate working body of the President.

The decisions of the EC are submitted to the D.C to be ratified or not.

## **Article 13 – The President**

### **13.1 Powers**

The President directs the AJU and represents the AJU towards third parties.



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The President must comply with the AJU Statutes and the Rules and Decisions of the AJU governing bodies.

The President shall chair Congresses, and the Meetings of the D.C. and E.C

The President has the power to decide on all urgent questions under the authority of the D.C. The D.C must be notified of any decisions made in this context at the latest at its next meeting and validate them.

The President shall be free to organize the secretariat of the AJU Head office as he sees fit.

### **13.2 Vacant seat**

In the event the President is prevented from holding office during his term of office due to resignation or for any other reason, Presidency shall be assumed by a Vice-president.

The interim President shall serve until the next Congress in which a new President will be elected.

## **Article 14- The Chairman**

### **14.1 Powers of the Chairman**

The Chairman is elected by the congress for a term of office of four (4) years.

The Chairman is responsible for the application of the decisions taken by the President and the DC of the Union.

He manages the headquarters of the Union and is in charge of the administration management of the Continental Union.

### **14.2 Vacant seat**

In the event the Chairman is prevented from holding office during his term of office due to resignation or for any other reason, the position shall be assumed by a member of the D.C to be nominated by the D.C until the next Congress.

## **Article 15 – The General Secretary**

### **15.1 Powers**

The General Secretary shall be responsible for the administration of the Secretariat and relations with the Member National Federations. The General Secretary may benefit from the services of a personal secretariat in his city of residence.

The General Secretary has the right to represent the AJU towards third parties by way of an express power of attorney given by the President.

### **15.2 Responsibilities**

The General Secretary shall be responsible for the administration work of the AJU in accordance with the Statutes and regulations and for the application of the Decisions of the D.C and of the Congress. The General Secretary shall keep close contact with Directing Committee Members, the Chairpersons of Commissions, and with the Member National Federations.

The General Secretary shall be responsible for the information and the correspondence within the AJU in cooperation with the head office' departments.

The General Secretary shall be responsible for the organization of Congresses and the D.C meetings.

The General Secretary shall establish the agendas for those meetings after consulting the D.C.

The General Secretary is responsible for administrative coordination of the Head office, for sending invitations and regulations for the AJU Championships and other important events of the AJU.



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### 15.3 Vacant seat

In the event the General Secretary is prevented from holding office during his term of office due to resignation or for any other reason, the position shall be assumed by a member of the D.C to be nominated by the D.C until the next Congress.

## Article 16 - General Treasurer

### 16.1 Powers

The General Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the Treasury of the AJU and shall keep regular accounts, prepare financial statements and draw up the annual finance plan which will be presented for approval at each Congress.

The General Treasurer administers the capital of the AJU and settles its financial obligations. The General Treasurer must be consulted on all financial matters.

The General Treasurer shall explore possibilities of increasing the Treasury of the AJU and shall submit proposals to the D.C.

The General Treasurer shall participate in negotiations with the AJU official suppliers and shall coordinate with the President the TV rights to the AJU Judo Championships.

The General Treasurer is also in charge of managing the copyright protecting the AJU emblem.

The General Treasurer may represent AJU towards third parties by way of an express power of attorney given by the President.

### 16.2 Budget

All income and expenses must be included in the annual provisional budget as approved by the D.C. Any expenses not included in the budget or which have not been approved by the D.C shall require prior authorization by the President and the General Treasurer before they are incurred.

### 16.3 Financial position

For each E.C meeting, the General Treasurer shall provide an up-to-date report of the AJU financial position.

### 16.4 Vacant seat

In the event of a vacant seat of the General Treasurer is prevented from holding office during his term of office due to resignation or any other reason, the position shall be assumed by a member of the D.C appointed by the D.C until the next Congress.

## Article 17- The Vice-presidents

### 17.1 Composition

The AJU comprises 2 Vice-presidents, the 1st and 2nd Vice-president designated by the D.C., on the proposal of the President, chosen among the members, appearing on the President's list, who have been elected by the Congress with the President.

### 17.2 Powers of the Vice-presidents

The Vice-presidents assist the President according to the attributions given by him.

## Article 18 - The Technical Directors

### 18.1 Appointment

The Technical Directors are proposed by the President and appointed by the D.C, among the members, who, appear on the list of the President, and have been elected with the President by the Congress.





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They are accountable before the D.C and the Congress.

In the event that a Technical Director is prevented from holding office during his term of office due to resignation or any other reason, the position shall be assumed by a member of the D.C appointed by the D.C until the next Congress.

### **18.2 - Sports Director**

The Sports Director shall guide and manage the sporting activities of the AJU.

The Sports Director is in charge of implementing the technical rules, sports rules in accordance with the IJF Rules and checking their implementation and the competition organization.

He is responsible for the Sports activity and its development. He shall check the Sports activity.

He shall manage the preparations and the course of the competitions with the assistance of other members of the D.C and Commission Members. The Sports Director shall assume the role of Technical Delegate for the various international judo events organized by other Associations, Federations and organizations connected to the AJU.

The Sports Director shall act as the chairperson of the AJU Sports Commission. The Members of the Sports Commission are proposed by the Sports Director to the D.C.

### **18.3 - Refereeing Director**

The Refereeing Director shall guide and manage the refereeing activities.

He is in charge of implementing the refereeing rules in accordance with the IJF rules and checking their implementation during the AJU championships.

The Refereeing Director shall act as the chairperson of the Refereeing Commission. The Members of the Refereeing Commission are proposed by the Refereeing Director to the D.C.

### **18.4 – Education and Coaching Director**

The Education and Coaching Director shall guide and manage the educational and Coaching activities of the AJU and shall be responsible for proposing new developments and changes in the field of judo education.

He implements the instructions of the IJF Education and Coaching Commission and shall compile statistics. The Education Director shall be in charge of studies to further the development of judo.

The Education and Coaching Director shall act as chairperson of the Education Commission. The Members of the Education Commission are proposed by the Education and Coaching Director and validated by the D.C.

### **18.5 Communication and Protocol Director**

The Communication and Protocol Director is in charge under the authority of the President and the General Secretary to circulate all useful and necessary information to all the National Federations.

The Communication and Protocol Director is in charge of the officials ceremonies during all the events organized under the responsibility of AJU.

He runs the AJU website.

### **18.6 Other Directors**

Other Directors may be appointed for specific missions upon proposal made by the President and approval of the D.C. Their activities will terminate by the end of their mission.

## **Article 19 – Place of Performance of AJU Tasks**



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Administrative tasks shall be performed at the place where the administrative premises are located, known as general Headquarters. The President shall make a proposal to the D.C regarding the location of General Headquarters.

All the original AJU documents shall be finalized and archived at General Headquarters.

The Executive Committee and the D.C shall meet at the place stated on the notice for the relevant Meeting as chosen by the President. The operating budget for the various departments at the Headquarters shall be set by the D.C.

## **Article 20 – Events organised and recognized by the AJU**

### **20.1 Right to organise**

The right to organize international events will only be granted to those Member National Federations which are able to guarantee compliance with free entry on their territory to all participants of the Members National Federations who want to participate and which have proved that they are competent to organize such competitions.

The Member National Federation must agree to comply with the specifications and all the rules applicable to the competition they host.

AJU events are composed of the AJU tournaments and events appearing in the AJU official calendar which is published annually and approved by IJF.

### **20.2 Candidacies**

All Member National Federations shall have the right to apply as a candidate to organize an official event on the continent.

National Federations which are candidates must apply to the General Secretariat as defined in the relevant Regulations. The National Federal shall comply with the provisions of the Olympic Chart and prove they are competent to organize such championship or other events.

## **Article 21 – Spirit of Judo**

Delegations participating in AJU events or in events recognized by the AJU, as well as the organizers of such events must respect the spirit of Judo and the IJF code of Ethics and behave accordingly.

## **Article 22 - Accounting Period**

The financial, tax and accounting period of the AJU shall start on 1st January and end on 31st December of each year.

## **Article 23 - Income and expenditures**

### **23.1 Resources**

The resources of the AJU shall be derived from the annual membership fees paid by the Member National Federations, TV broadcasting Rights of its continental events, sponsorship agreements, marketing of the AJU activities, visuals, merchandising and AJU licence fees, investments in moveable and immovable property, as well as donations and all remittances from other sources.

The AJU may also benefit from contributions in kind, such as equipment and the services of personnel made available by other organisations.

In addition, the AJU shall collect participation and organization fees of the continental events.

### **23.2 Membership fees**



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The members of the AJU are liable for the payment of membership fees directly to the AJU. The amount of the membership fees shall be proposed by the AJU D.C and submitted to the Congress for approval.

### **23.3 Non-payment of membership fees, all other fees, royalties or debts**

A Member Federation whose membership fees or any other fees, royalties or debts to the AJU or to the IJF, have not been paid by the 31st of March of each year, will not be authorized to take part in events held under the auspices of the AJU.

### **23.4 Out-of-pocket expenses**

Authorized representatives of the AJU shall offer their services without pay. Their travel and accommodation expenses, as well as per diem for personal expenses, will be borne by the AJU during all official meetings and missions, with the exception of meetings or missions for which expenses are borne by another organization.

## **Article 24 - Auditing of Accounts**

The General Treasurer shall recommend an auditing firm to the D.C for approval for the purpose of auditing and verifying the AJU accounts.

The General Treasurer shall participate in the auditing process of the AJU accounts organized by the firm appointed. Auditing shall take place for each accounting period before the Congress. The firm appointed may also be instructed by the D.C to audit AJU Members using AJU funds.

At the request of the D.C, a representative from the auditing firm appointed may attend D.C and Congress Meetings.

## **Article 25 – Grades and “dan” Ranks**

### **25.1 Official recognition of grades**

The AJU officially recognizes only grades and “dan” ranks which are awarded by the Member National Federations to their own members, to the exclusion of others. A National Federation may not award a grade and/or a “dan” to a member of another Member National Federation without the written agreement of that Federation. Any grade or “dan” rank awarded without this agreement will not be validated.

Each Member National Federation is in charge of representing the AJU for the purpose of ensuring compliance with International regulations on grades and “dan” ranks throughout its territory.

### **25.2 Grade diplomas**

IJF grades and “dan” ranks shall be awarded by the President of the AJU, where the candidate originates from.

### **25.3 Application procedure**

The awarding of the IJF grades and “dan” ranks shall be performed according to the procedure validated by the D.C.

From the 1st to the 6th “dan”, ranks shall be awarded under the responsibility of Member National Federations.

The 7th “Dan” shall be awarded upon the proposal of Member National Federations by the Executive Committee of the AJU, after the opinion of the AJU Grade and “Dan” rank Director is given.



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As for the 8th “Dan”, Ranks shall be awarded by the IJF Executive Committee upon proposal of Member National Federations and after the opinion of the AJU, as well as the opinion of the Grades and “dan” Rank Commission of the IJF.

### **Article 26 – Disciplinary Procedure**

#### **26.1 Scope of authority**

The Disciplinary Commission of the first instance may take the disciplinary actions enumerated in the IJF disciplinary Code against its members, legal ad natural persons directly or indirectly linked to its members, athletes, referees and officials.

However, given that the AJU members are members of the IJF as well, a consultation of the IJF is necessary before undertaking any disciplinary procedure concerning a federation.

#### **26.2 Composition**

The Disciplinary Commission of the first instance shall be composed of a Session Chairman, a Vice-president and three (3) other members, who shall all be appointed by the E.C.

These Members must be independent from the IJF, at least two (2) of them must be legal specialists, and who have not provided consulting services either for the AJU, or for a Federation member of the AJU.

#### **26.3 Operating procedures**

The operating procedures for the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance shall be governed by the IJF Disciplinary Code and shall be based on the IJF ethical code.

### **Article 27 Disciplinary Appeal**

#### **27.1 Scope of authority**

The Disciplinary Appeal Commission has the authority to decide on appeals delegated by the IJF or upon the request of National Federations. The appeal for cases proceeded in first instance by the AJU shall be heard at the IJF level or at the level of the CAS in Lausanne.

#### **27.2 Composition and Operating procedures**

The composition and the operating procedures for the Disciplinary Appeal Commission are the same as the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance's.

#### **27.3 Ethics**

The AJU shall implement the Code of Ethics of the I.J.F.

### **Article 28 – AJU Honours and Awards**

#### **28.1 Outstanding service to the AJU**

The D.C. may submit a motion to Congress to bestow the title of Honorary President, Honorary Member or Honorary Officer to key persons who have been of outstanding service to the AJU.

#### **28.2 Criteria**

Honorary President of the AJU: the candidate must have served as President of the AJU for a term of office of over eight (8) years.



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Honorary Officer of the AJU: the candidate must have served as a Member of the D.C. for a term of office of over eight (8) years.

Honorary Member of the AJU: the candidate must have served as a Member of the D.C. for a term of office of over four (4) years or as a Member of an AJU Commission or as the President of a National Federation for a term of office of over eight (8) years.

The D.C. may bestow awards to key figures or dignitaries who have been of outstanding service or who have made significant contributions to the AJU. Nominations for such awards shall be approved by the D.C.

The E.C. shall examine the compliance of such nominations based on the rules for such awards.

## **Article 29 - Amendments to the Statutes**

### **29.1 Procedure**

Amendments to the Statutes must be presented by the Directing Committee to the Congress and must be approved by a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of the Member National Federations present or represented at the Congress.

### **29.2 Date of application**

Amendments to the Statutes become effective when validated by the Congress, except if opposing provisions voted by Congress emphasize it.

## **Article 30 – Specific Regulations**

The D.C shall establish specific regulations in special fields that are not covered under these Statutes.

## **Article 31 - Expulsion, Resignation, Suspension**

### **31.1 Grounds**

A National Federation may be suspended or expelled from the AJU on the following grounds:

- Non-payment of membership fees
- Gross negligence after final decision made by one of the AJU Discipline Commissions.

### **31.2 Suspension or exclusion: Submission of the case to the Discipline Commission**

If a National Federation violates the Statutes of the AJU or acts against the legitimate interest, the principles or the objectives of the AJU or of the IJF, the Directing Committee may submit the case to the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance of the AJU and propose to the Commission all measures it deems fit to put an end to the prejudice being caused, including by way of restricting or suspending the activities of the relevant National Federation or expelling the latter.

The decision to suspend the National Federation applies from all sports, administrative and social activities.

#### **31.2.1**

If an individual member of a Member National Federation of the AJU violates the Statutes of the AJU or acts against the legitimate interests of the AJU or in contravention of the IJF Statutes, or the principles or objectives of the AJU, the D.C. may, after hearing the opinion of the National Federation, or the AJU, submit the case to the Disciplinary Commission of the first instance of the AJU and propose to the Commission all measures it deems fit to put an end to the prejudice being caused to the AJU, including by way or suspending or expelling the relevant individual member.



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Cases that lead to disciplinary measures and occur during a continental event are submitted to the AJU Disciplinary Commission.

### **31.3 Expulsion of a Member Federation or an individual member of the African Judo Union**

The AJU has the right to recommend expulsion of a Member Federation or an individual member of AJU through the IJF.

The “Disciplinary Commission” of the AJU must comply with the rights of the defence.

Such case may be appealed before the IJF “Disciplinary Appeal Commission”.

### **31.4 Relations with IJF dissident organizations or Member National Federations which have been suspended.**

Member National Federations are prohibited from having sporting relations with judo organizations, non-affiliated to the IJF, unless permission is given by the IJF.

Sporting relations with Member National Federations which have been suspended likewise.

Any Member National Federation violating this provision will immediately be suspended and reported to the Disciplinary Commission, which will take necessary disciplinary action.

### **31.5 Relations with countries which are not IJF Members.**

In the interest of developing Judo and raising its technical level in all countries, friendly sporting relations with countries which are not members of the IJF are authorized. However, AJU Members are under the obligation to act cautiously and must verify that the third parties they have relations with and which are not IJF Members have not violated the rules or decisions of the NOC in their country.

## **Article 32 - Dissolution**

The AJU may not be dissolved except by way of a Congress especially convened for this purpose and at a motion carried by a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

Upon dissolution, the assets of the African Judo Union shall be distributed equally to the Member National Federations with the same aims and objects of the AJU.

## **Article 33 – Validation of the Statutes by the IJF**

The present statutes of the African Judo Union incorporated shall be validated by the Executive Committee of the IJF and become effective once approved by the IJF President and the regulatory authority of the country of incorporation.