



# **JJIF Ju-Jitsu International Federation**

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**To :  
Swedish Olympic Committee  
Swedish Sport Authority**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Ju-Jitsu is the fastest growing martial art in the world. The name Ju- Jitsu is derived from the Japanese term for the sport meaning »the Gentle Technique« or the »Flexible Art« and the said sport has become known across the world by a variety of nomenclature and spelling, such as Jiu Jitsu , Jiu Jutsu , Ju Jutsu , Dschiu-Dschitsu, Brazilian Jiu- Jitsu , BJJ , Sport Jiu Jitsu , Jiu Jitsu Newaza , Ne- Waza , Combat Jiu Jitsu etc.

We experience a lack of information and misinformation especially about the structures in the organized sport.

As Sweden [SVENSKA JU-JUTSU FEDERATION] was a founding member of European Ju-Jitsu Federation (1977) from which the JJIF emerged we are highly interested in a stable environment for our martial art and sport in your country.

Trying to understand the Swedish Sport structure but mainly following some social media discussions we observed a discussion of the representation and affiliation of Ju-Jitsu, in this specific case named as Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, to various organisations seems to take place.

On this occasion we like to inform you about our federation and the affiliation to the sports family.

The **JU-JITSU INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION [JJIF]** and the **Ju Jitsu European Union [JJEU]** are the sole International and continental bodies governing the sport of **Ju-Jitsu** , duly recognized by **Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF)**, **SportAccord**, **Alliance of Independent Recognised Members of Sport (AIMS)**, the **World Games Sport (IWGA)** and recognized by the **International University Sport Federation (FISU)**. JJIF is also under the compliance of **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)**.

Since 1997 Ju-Jitsu under JJIF is World Games Sport and we have been present in the First and Second SportAccord Combat Games [2010, 2013]. The last two editions of the USIP Police Games included Ju-Jitsu under JJIF as well.

As fully recognized Sport under the **Olympic Council of Asia [OCA]** we can conduct our sport in the Asian Games [2018, 2022], Asian Indoor and Martial Art Games [2017, 2021], Asian Beach Games [2014, 2016, 2020] and the South East Asian Games [2019].

As Ju-Jitsu is a heritage self defence system and combat sport, evolved centuries ago many styles and disciplines have been developed. Based on this numerous federations are acting in different fields but and applications to GAISF has always been clearly reverted to JJIF and we tried to find ways on cooperation's. JJIF is always trying to offer a big variation to its members and be a home to all practitioners of this martial art and sport.

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Our sport Ju- Jitsu includes the following disciplines: Fighting System , Jiu-Jitsu Ne-waza [also known as BJJ or Brazilian Jiu -Jitsu], Duo System, Show System and Contact Ju- Jitsu [ also known as combat ju jutsu ].

JJIF governs all styles of Ju-Jitsu (Jiu-Jitsu, ..., ...). Several different Ju-Jitsu styles are already represented under the JJIF banner with each being granted wide autonomy as a style. The principal of one national federation as member of JJIF remains. The local representation of different styles must be handled internally on national level.

We felt the urgent need to send this information to you as especially groups of (Brazilian) Jiu-Jitsu claim governance despite the fact that JJIF included an identical discipline 2010 in the competition program. Included in the JJIF World Championship 2011 and Present in The World Games since 2013. Actually the discipline of Jiu-Jitsu (Ne-Waza) is the main discipline in the events under OCA.

We trust that these information can help making decisions about affiliation and cooperation for the best of our athletes and practitioners.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for further questions

Thanking you,

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