



Bahamas Judo Federation

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Article 1 – NAMES AND OFFICES

Section A. Names

This organization shall be known as the Bahamas Judo Federation. The abbreviation of the names shall be BJJF.

Section B. Offices

The main offices of the BJJF shall be located at the address of the President of the Federation. The BJJF may have other offices as so provided by the Executive Committee.

Article 2 – CURTAIN

The existence of the Federation shall be indefinite.

Article 3 – PURPOSES

Section A. In General

BJJF is an association of Judo conformed by associations of the Bahamas. It has been organized to function exclusively for the educational and sports purposes specifically hereinafter detailed, and no part of its income may serve for the personal benefit of any affiliate or member in particular.

Section B. Specifics

The purposes of BJJF are:

1. Initiate, nurture, coordinate, designate and improve Judo according to the Statutes, Bylaws and Rules of the International Judo Federation (IJF) and of this Federation.
2. Protect and promote the common interests of its members and of Judo and promote cordial and friendly relations among them.
3. Organize, sanction, arrange, control and direct contests, clinics, demonstrations and all Judo events in the Bahamas; including, but not limited to, Bahamas Games and Regional Games wherein the Olympic Committees might be involved.
4. Function as the governing organization of Amateur Judo in the Bahamas.
5. Support the dogma of safety in the practice of Judo, overseeing and maintaining at every moment the purity and the ethical principles of Judo.
6. Arbitrate conflicts among its members.
7. Maintain and improve cordial relations with other associations of Judo affiliated to IJF.
8. Program Technical Courses or Referee clinics and certify Referee.

9. Acquire and request funds and contributions; make disbursements; be a party to contracts and agreements, sue and be sued.
10. Acquire, possess, pledge and dispose of properties, be they personal or real or rights, licenses or interests in properties of any type or nature including rights to Trade Marks.
11. Request and receive loans and authorizing third parties to promote the other purposes herein contained.
12. Maintain and direct an association of Judo, provide services to all individuals, groups and organizations interested in Judo; and in general, do whatever is reasonable and legally necessary, correct, prudent, incidental or convenient to obtain or promote the purposes herein set forth for the operation of an association of Judo in all phases.
13. Propose to all Judo organizations of the Bahamas to become affiliates to BJJF.
14. Establish the mechanisms or the system of communication whereby its members may consult and coordinate among themselves topics and particulars of common interest and present whenever it were possible, a united front in such topics and particulars before BJJF congresses or any other body of forum.
15. Procure all member organizations be legally represented through the Executive Committee or by whoever this Committee designates at meetings or congresses of IJF or BJJF's own congresses, availing itself of the elements that make possible carrying out this mandate.

Article 4 - AMATEURSHIP-DISCRIMINATION

Section A. Following

The BJJF is exclusively an association of Judo amateurs. IN the definition of "amateurs", BJJF shall abide by the rules of IJF.

Section B. Discrimination

All discrimination due to: race, sex, color, religion, nationality, political beliefs, social origin or of any other nature is forbidden at this organization, whose purposes limit themselves only and exclusively to those already mentioned.

Article 5 - AFFILIATION OR MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Categories

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There shall be one category of affiliated Organizations.

Section B. Conditions of Affiliation

Each association shall be represented at BJJF by only one member, which shall be the member that directs, regulates and generally represents the sport of Judo in that association.

Section C. Procedure of Affiliation.

Every association that complies with these Statutes and wishes to affiliate itself must file a request with the General Secretary, with copy to The President of BJJF. All applications for affiliation must include:

1. Name of the association and its office address.

2. A list of Names and Addresses of all its officers.
3. Pay the membership fee for the current year for the association and at least one Coach who is a minimum of Shodan rank in which application is made for BJJF.

Section D. Loss of Affiliation

An association loses its affiliation to this Union:

1. By resigning.
2. Suspension by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, after being in arrears of yearly dues for two(2) years.
3. By violation of the Statutes and/or By-Laws or resolutions of the Executive Committee or of the Congress, or the ethical or moral principles of Judo, thus making itself subject also to suspension by the Executive Committee, until the next ordinary or extraordinary Congress, and subject also to expulsion by two thirds of the vote of those present at the next Congress. The affiliate accused of a violation shall have the right to be heard but not the right to vote when considering said suspension or expulsion.

Section E. Membership

There are three categories of individual membership. A membership fee for each year shall be decided by the Executive Committee. Only Associations have voting rights, individual memberships do not.

1. Member.
2. International Team Member.
3. Coach/ Official.

Article 6 – GOVERNMENT

The Government of BJJF corresponds to:

- A. The Congress
- B. The Executive Committee
- C. The President

Article 7 - THE CONGRESS

Section A. In General

1. The Congress is the maximum governing body of BJJF.
2. Congress shall consist in Delegates and Alternate Delegates designated by the different affiliated associations with the maximum of one(1) delegate and one Alternate Delegate per association.
3. At The Congress, only fully affiliated associations who are up to date in the payment of their dues, shall have the right to one vote (1 vote), which may be exercised by the duly designated Delegate, or in his

absence, by the Alternate Delegate. Delegates of provisionally affiliated associations may be heard but may not vote at Congress.

4. Alternate Delegates of fully affiliated associations may participate, only if the designated delegate withdraws.

5. Congress shall be Ordinary or Extraordinary.

Section B. Ordinary Congress

An ordinary Congress shall be called at least every two(2) years and the following agenda will be followed after opening prayer and acceptance of the meeting of the previous congress.

1. Establish quorum verifying credentials and qualifications of the delegates and their alternates delegates.
2. Reading and approval of the President's report.
3. The General Secretary's report.
4. The Treasurer's report.
5. The Technical Referee Director's report.
6. The Technical Sports Director's report.
7. Reports from the Committees and Delegates to IJF.
8. Report from the Vice-presidents.
9. Matters proposed by The Executive Committees and/or by Affiliated Associations.
10. Elections of the corresponding members of The Executive Committee.

Section C. Extraordinary Congress

Extraordinary Congress may be convened by the Congress or the Executive Committee. They may also be convened by The President and The General Secretary at the request of:

1. A majority of the members of The Executive Committee.
2. By more than half of the fully affiliated associations, that are up to date in their dues. Convocations of the Congress shall be in writing, sixty days, prior to its date, giving the reasons and purposes that prevailed in order to request the holding of an Extraordinary Congress.

Section D. Procedure at Congress

1. Before each Congress, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Credentials Commission from its member to certify credentials of Delegates and of alternate delegates attending the Congress.

2. After the first session of Congress, The President may call other sessions, should be so deemed necessary or if it is requested by at least half of the nations represented.

3. The Congress shall have the following Powers:

a. Consider the report of The Treasurer, and the Balance and/or Inventory for the period since the last Congress.

b. Elect the corresponding members of The Executive Committee. Nominations for positions of the Executive Committee have to be notified to The General Secretary, with copy to The President of BJJ, signed by The President of the fully affiliated Association of the Nominee at least ninety(90) days before the date of The Congress. The General Secretary shall circulate the nominations with the convocation and other documents of The Congress sixty(60) days prior to the date set for The Congress to every Affiliated Association. Nominations shall not be accepted during The Congress. Anyone occupying a position of the

Executive Committee may notify his candidacy for re-election without the need of confirmation from his Association.

c. Impose sanctions on the affiliates, to incumbent Delegates and alternates or to any person elected to an office of the executive Committee when so deserving, in strict compliance with the decisions of the fully affiliated Organizations and with the provisions of these Statutes.

d. Adopt any resolution proposed by a delegate, which has been duly seconded, discussed and approved by majority vote.

e. Amend the Statutes of the Federation, and ratify the decisions taken by The Executive Committee between Congresses.

f. Resolve all questions or matters not foreseen by these Statutes in such a way matter that harmony is maintained with the nature and purposes of the Union.

g. Designate the date and place of the next Bahamas Judo Championship and The Congress of BJF.

h. Grant full affiliation to any Association provisionally affiliated.

i. Consider the budget presented by The Treasurer for its approval.

j. Delegate, under the supervision of The Executive Committee, to the fully Affiliated association who will be the hostess of the next Bahamas Championship, the necessary authority for successfully carrying out the event. It will be the obligation of host Affiliated National association to pay the President's travel expenses, room and board as well as that of The General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Sports Director and the Technical Refereeing Director so that all may attend each Bahamas Judo Championship.

4. The Congress shall limit its affairs to those outlined in the agenda, according to what is established in Section B of Article 7 of these Statutes.

5. The Congress shall adopt resolutions by a simple majority vote of those present or legally represented, except when a different majority be required by Statute.

6. Congresses, ordinary as well as extraordinary, shall be considered validly constituted at the time stated in the convocation, by the attendance of a number of delegates that represents more than half of the Affiliated associations with the right to vote. After one(1) hour, the Congress shall begin with the delegates then present, and the decisions taken shall be legally binding.

7. Congresses, Ordinary as well as Extraordinary, are the supreme authority of the Bahamas Judo Federation.

8. Notices of Congresses shall be sent by The General Secretary, at least Sixty(60) days before the date of Congress and shall inform on the place, date and time at which it shall be held, as well as of the agenda to be considered by The Executive Committee.

9. The President shall exercise the right to vote in case of a tie.

10. Resolutions of conflicting claims of affiliation must be decided on by majority vote of Congress. Organizations whose situations are being discussed and resolved shall have the right to be heard, but not the right to vote.

Section E. Vote by Proxy

1. Vote by Proxy shall be allowed and shall be granted to fully affiliated associations that is being represented by a designated Delegate and in his absence by the Alternate Delegate. The designated Delegate or the Alternate Delegate, may exercise the votes by proxy of only two(2) affiliated Associations in addition to his own.

Article 8 – DELEGATES

1. Each fully affiliated Association and each provisionally affiliated Association may designate delegate and an alternate delegate to represent it at Congress.

2. In order to be eligible to be designated as a delegate or alternate delegate at Congresses, the person must be at least eighteen(18) years of age, have practiced Judo, be a bona fide resident and a citizen of the country of the affiliated Association that designates him.

3. Affiliated Associations must provide their Delegate and Alternate Delegate specific credentials. When the Delegate of a fully Affiliated Association is its President, such credential is not required.

4. Only Delegates or in their absence Alternate Delegates, of fully affiliated Associations may exercise proxy votes of other fully affiliated Association.

5. Besides the vote of the fully affiliated Association he represents, a Delegate or the Alternate may vote, Proxy granted by no more than two(2) other fully affiliated Associations.

6. Alternate Delegates shall be accepted as observers. These shall not have the right to vote, except in the absence of the Delegate, in which event the Alternate Delegate so designated in writing duly accredited by his affiliated Association shall be considered for all purposes as the Delegate.

7. Accreditation of all Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be in writing, duly certified by The President, The Secretary, or another recognized authority, of the affiliated Association that makes the designation. An affiliated Association may, at any time, substitute any or all of its Delegates by means of a written notice addressed to The President or The General Secretary of BJJ and signed by The President or Secretary of the affiliated Association.

8. Observers may be invited to Congress by recommendation of an affiliated Association or of The Executive Committee, but shall only have the right to speak only by invitation of The President of The Congress.

Article 9 - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section A. Composition

The Board of Directors of BJJ is integrated by:

a. The President

- b. The Vice President
- c. The General Secretary.
- d. The Treasurer.

- e. The Technical Referee Director

- f. The Technical Sports Director

Section B. Functions of the Members of Directors

1. THE PRESIDENT:

- a. He shall be elected by Congress of BJJF.

- b. He shall be endowed with the executive authority and in general shall direct BJJF and shall represent it before third parties.

- c. Shall preside over all Congresses and all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee.

- d. He may call meetings of these bodies when and where he deems necessary in accordance to the Presidency, including designation of committees and/or delegates that may act in the name and representation of BJJF.

- e. He shall execute the mandates of The Congress, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and should any other person be mandated to execute specific matters, he shall see these are executed.

- f. He shall be ex officio member of all committees, being authorized to replace, if circumstances and the interests of BJJF so require, any Congresses, he shall have the right to be heard and the right to veto. In the event of a tie, he may issue an additional and decisive vote. At Congresses, he shall have the right to be heard and only if he is also the Delegate of his affiliated Association shall he have the right to vote. In the event of a tie, he shall have the right to cast the decisive vote, regardless of whether he is or is not the delegate of his Association.

- g. He shall authorize the signature of The Treasurer for all disbursements of BJJF.

- h. Jointly with The General Secretary, he shall execute all contracts, public or private, with prior approval of the Executive Committee. These shall be ratified after-wards by the Congress.

2. THE VICE-PRESIDENTS:

- a. There shall be up to a maximum of three, one for each work area:
 - a) North
 - b) Central and
 - c) South
- In each work area the Executive Committee shall name as Vice-presidents of the BJJF, the President of the regional confederation.
- In the work area where no confederation exists or is not in function, a Vice- President will be named from the area until the matter is resolved or until the Executive Committee considers it necessary. The vice-president assists the President and will represent him and the BJJF in their respective work area.

b. They shall perform other ordinary duties of their positions, including substituting the President in his absence, as designated by The President, The Executive Committee or these Statutes.

c. Each Vice-president shall attend meetings of another body of which he is a member, with the right to be heard and to vote, except at Congress, wherein he shall have the right to be heard but not to vote, unless he be a delegate of a fully Affiliated Association.

d. They shall report on the activities in their area, at each BJJ Congress.

3. THE GENERAL SECRETARY:

a. The General Secretary shall be elected by the Congress of BJJ.

b. He shall keep minutes of meetings and events of BJJ, except for those specifically entrusted to another person or to a committee, by Congress, The Executive Committee or these Statutes.

c. He shall send notices and/or citations of all meetings and all events. He shall certify the timely mailing of all notices and/or citations of each meeting and shall discharge other duties of his position as designated by the President, The Executive Committee or these Statutes.

d. He shall distribute copies of notices convocations and minutes in Spanish as well as in English to all affiliated Associations.

e. He shall translate all messages of the President and the General Secretary of IJJ, to the Spanish language as well as the English language and shall distribute to all affiliates.

f. He shall publish an updated list of the names and addresses of all affiliated Associations keeping the list update.

g. He shall prepare a tentative agenda for the consideration of the Executive Committee before each Congress.

h. He shall revise all Statutes, Regulations and/or Agreements of BJJ and of the affiliated Associations, in order to make sure these are not in conflict with any Statute, Regulations and/or Agreements of BJJ or the IJJ.

i. He shall certify, together with the Treasurer, to the Executive Committee, the names of the fully affiliated Associations that have a right to vote at any given Congress in accordance to these Statutes.

4. The Treasurer:

a. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Congress of BJJ.

b. He shall receive and be responsible for the funds of the BJJ.

c. He shall pay all debts approved by The Executive Committee and shall be responsible for keeping accounts up to date.

d. He shall prepare a financial statement at the end of the fiscal period.

e. He shall distribute copies of the financial statement to each member of the Executive Committee, and each delegate, at each Congress, and a financial statement before each meeting of the Executive Committee.

f. He shall submit all books and financial records of the BJJ to an Auditing Committee or to Certified Public Accountant appointed by Executive Committee for a yearly audit.

g. He shall sign, with the approval of the President, all registry of BJJ funds. He shall deposit all BJJ funds at the bank(s) designated by the Executive Committee.

h. He shall mail to all affiliates, no later than January 10th of every year, the annual invoice of dues pending for the BJJ and of IJJ, immediately depositing the funds received in the BJJ account(s). Fully affiliated Associations shall pay their dues before May 31st. of each year, except when a Pan-American Championship takes places before this date, in which case the affiliates are obligated to pay before the championship.

i. Every year, he shall prepare the budget to be submitted to The Executive Committee.

j. In general, he shall perform all duties of a financial nature assigned to him by the Executive Committee, or any other mandate authorized by Congress.

k. He shall certify, jointly with The General Secretary, to the Executive Committee, the names of the fully affiliated Associations that have the right to vote at any Congress according to these Statutes.

5. The Technical Refereeing Directing:

a. He shall be elected by the Congress of the BJJ.

b. He shall be responsible for BJJ activities inherent to his position.

c. He shall maintain contact with all Refereeing Defectors of the affiliated Associations.

d. He shall determine and interpret the Competition Rules for championships organized or approved by the BJJ.

e. He shall council all BJJ affiliates in relation with changes the IJJ Competition Rules.

f. He shall establish a uniform plan for referee examinations and clinics for all affiliated Associations, assisting those that so request it.

g. He shall represent BJJ at meetings of the IJJ Refereeing Commission.

h. He shall hold refereeing seminars, clinics and examinations and certify and registry of referees.

i. He shall collaborate with the Technical Sports Director for the improvement of Bahamas Judo.

j. The obligations and duties mentioned are enumerative and do not set limits, it being possible to draft rules of procedure, to that end.

6. The Technical Sports Director:

- a. He shall be elected by the Congress of the BJJF.
- b. He shall be responsible for championships.
- c. He shall be responsible for organization courses, symposiums and all that which tends to raise the competitive sports level of Bahamian Judo.
- d. He shall program Sports Assistance for all affiliated Associations that so request it.
- e. He shall submit to the Presidency his work plans for consideration and discussion of The Executive Committee.
- f. He shall represent BJJF at meeting of the IJJF Sports Committee.
- g. The obligations and duties herein mentioned are enumerative and not limits, it being possible to draft rules of procedure to that end.

Article 10 - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section A. Composition

The Executive Committee shall be composed of The President, The Vice President, The General Secretary, The Treasurer, The Technical Refereeing Director and The Technical Sport Director. The Executive Committee shall deliberate and decide by may orate vote on matters of importance that may arise between meetings, including filling existing vacancies of sheik Executive Committee. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called at the request of the President or of two of its members. At any meeting of the Executive Committee the presence of the majority of its members is necessary to constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of the majority of its members present shall be necessary to adopt any resolution. Any decision made by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the next Congress for its consideration.

Section B. Powers and Duties of the Executive Committee

1. In addition to the attributes provided by these Statutes it shall have the following powers and duties:
 - a. Comply with and see that these Statutes, the decisions of the Congress and its own decisions are complied with.
 - b. Edit the minutes, prepare the books and general inventories and to submit them to the Congress.
 - c. Accept provisional affiliations of Associations.
 - d. Impose and apply penalties for violation of these Statutes Between Congresses.
 - e. Remove or suspend by a two thirds(2/3) vote of its members, between Congresses, any of its members that demonstrates conduct harmful to the BJJF or to any of the affiliated Associations and which prejudices the best interests of the sport of Judo or to any of its members, in that through negligence in carrying out his duties or through inappropriate conduct, has undetermined the integrity of an official position. Allots thirty(30) days should transpire from the date of the charge made and the discussion of the charges against any member of the Executive Committee. Said charges should be discussed during a special meeting convened for that purpose and the member so charged shall have the right to be heard but not the right to vote when taking the decision.

- f. Collect and deposit dues and funds of the BJJ and authorize disbursement.
 - g. Propose the site, conduct and approve all BJJ championships as well as competitions of North, Central and South Area. Supervise all other activities and competitions of Bahamian Judo.
 - h. Explain, define and interpret any disposition of these Statutes, when such request is made.
 - i. Discipline its members between Congresses for improper conduct and suspend or recall affiliation for just cause, after holding a hearing following the procedure established in paragraph "e" of this Article.
 - j. Substitute, while retaining responsibility, power and authority of the officers, committees and other associates of the BJJ.
 - k. With the recommendation of the Technical Directors, (Sports and Refereeing), name for each of the work areas, at least one assistant for each of the Technical Directors.
 - l. Administer and direct the affairs of the BJJ with out limitations, except those established by the Congress and the powers conferred by these Statutes.
 - m. Proclaim the winner of each weight category the Bahamas Championships organized by the BJJ. It is expressly indicated that no affiliated Association participating in the championship will be declared overall winner of the championship, Medals obtained will be totaled for statistical purposes only in accordance with the norms established by the IJJ.
2. Before each Congress, it shall hold a preliminary meeting with the following purposes:
- a. To designate a Credentials Committee which before beginning the Congress will check the credentials of the Delegates.
 - b. To revise, confirm or modify, the date and time of the Congress.
 - c. To consider the agenda proposed by the General Secretary and prepare the final agenda for the Congress.
 - d. To elaborate, if necessary, special rules, in conformity which the Statutes, to carry out the Congress.

Section C. Elections and Procedures

1. To be eligible and nominated for a position on the Executive Committee, the candidate must have the approval of the fully affiliated Association of the country where the person is a bona fide permanent resident and of which the person is a citizen. The person must also be at least Eighteen (18) years of age.
2. All the officers elected by the Congress shall continue in their elected positions for the time provided by these Statutes regardless if other persons are designated by their association as delegates to Congresses held during their term.
3. Members of the Executive Committee shall remain in office for at least four(4) years, in the position for which they were elected by the Congress.

4. All members of The Executive Committee shall be elected an Ordinary Congress by a majority vote. They shall remain in office until then next Congress wherein their successors are elected or until they resign, are removed, or pass away. The must comply with these Statutes.

5. Each member of The Executive Committee shall have the right to be heard and the right to vote at during their meetings. In the event of a tie in the voting, the President shall cast deciding vote.

6. The regular meetings of The Executive Committee shall be held at least once every two(2) years, at the place and date designated at the previous meeting. The first meeting of The Executive Committee shall be immediately after and at the place of the Ordinary Congress. Special meetings may be called by the President or by request of a majority of the Executive Committee. Notices of special meetings shall be made at least thirty(30) days prior to the date of the meeting.

7. To be considered valid and binding any formal meeting of The Executive Committee has to be preceded by a notification to all members, half of its members must assist and in the event the President is absent, should be preside by the Vice-president of the working are wherein the meeting is to be held.

Article 11 - CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Aspects of meetings of the BJF not specifically covered by these Statutes shall comply with "Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure".

Article 12 – COMMITTEES

1. Executive Committee
2. Technical Committee

In addition to these, the Executive Committee may name the following committees:

3. Finance Committee.
4. Education Committee.
5. Tournaments Committee.
6. Certifications and Standards Committee
7. Grade Registration Committee.
8. It may also appoint representatives of the BJF before any entity. The executive committee may create and dissolve any Committee, designate members and Presidents thereof, and determine the membership and duties of said Committee.

Article 13 - TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Section A. In General

The Technical Committee shall be composed of the Technical Directors of BJF and their assistants. It shall be responsible for all technical and sports matters. In may, through the jurisdiction of the Federation, create and determine grades and ranks of Judo, prizes for ability, examinations and standards of Judo as established by the IJF and determine how and when the Competition Rules shall very temporary from the competition Rules of the IJF. IN all cases the proposals must be brought before the Executive Committee for approval and publication among the affiliates.

Section B. Duties and Powers

The duties and powers of the Technical Committee shall include:

1. To establish minimum standards to grand grades, ranks and prizes for ability in the American Continent.

2. To Recognize or reject applications for grades and ranks through communications with the technical bodies of Associations.
3. To interpret and oversee compliance of the Competition Rules, establishing any other regulations and procedures of competition that might be necessary.
4. To declare or certify Bahamian Judo Champions and outstanding players, as well as prizes and declarations of this nature.
5. To create a uniform plan of Technical Directives for all affiliated Associations.
6. To develop and present to The Executive Committee for its approval, any other development plan and projections that it believes necessary for the development of Judo.
7. To draft a training program and procedure for the certification of officials for Judo competitions at an international level, within the national level hierarchy.
8. Keep constant contact with the Technical Directors of IJF with respect to all technical matters and maintain The Executive Committee, and the affiliated Associations informed of every news that arises in their area.
9. To establish and maintain a system to prepare a register of competitions, seminars, clinics and special courses.
10. To draft a program to certify BJJ Referees and recommend Referees to IJF
11. To investigate charges of improper conduct and behavior of its members and report its decisions and recommendations to The Executive Committee. It shall investigate and report to The Executive Committee any condition, practice or abuse by members or non members that tend to fool, impose upon or place in danger the public or in any way causes Judo or this Federation dishonor. With the approval of The Executive Committee it shall take the necessary measures to correct any condition, practice or abuse. It shall also be responsible to render a report on motions of a technical nature that arise during a Congress or Championships. The resolutions of the Technical Committee in relation to the interpretation of Judo rules shall be binding without the need of approval by Congress. Attempts shall be made to hold meetings of the Technical Committee of BJJ on occasion of the BJJ's Congresses.

Article 14 - EDUCATION AND DIFFUSION COMMITTEE

The Committee is made up of: The General Secretary and at least three(3) persons appointed by The Executive Committee.

It shall be in charge of all aspects of publicity, it shall inform those outside the Union of the true spirit and art of Judo and of the benefits that are to be derived by means of active participation in Judo. It shall cooperate with BJJ in all aspects of promotion and development of Judo. It shall be its responsibility to provide the media with accepted detailed and complete information of all activities sponsored by BJJ.

Article 15 - TOURNAMENTS COMMITTEE

The Committee is made up of the Technical Directors and at least three(3) persons appointed by The Executive Committee. It shall be responsible for all Technical matters in all events.

Article 16 - REGULATIONS OF COMPETITIONS

The IJF Competitions Rules and the IJF Sporting Code shall regulate the competitions and refereeing in all Judo Championships sponsored or sanctioned by BJJF. Only under special or extraordinary circumstances may the Technical Refereeing Director and/or the Sport Technical Director apply modifications.

Article 17 – FINANCES

1. Each affiliated Association shall pay the Treasurer its affiliation dues of BJJF and the IJF before May 31st. of each year, except when the Pan-American Championship is held before that date. In such event, payment shall be made before the Championship.
2. Failure to pay dues or other authorized contributions within the time prescribed shall impede the Association from representation in any competition sponsored by BJJF or at any meeting or event held by the BJJF. Continuous debt of dues or other fees for a period of two(2) years shall be cause for loss of affiliation of the Associations in arrears.
3. Once the established payment period has expired, participation of the affiliate by no means will be authorized in any activity (Championships, Congress, etc.), organized or sponsored by this BJJF for the rest of the calendar year. Should any Bahamian Championship or event be held before the date set for payment of affiliation, the fee shall have to be paid anytime before the event.
4. All income (funds) shall be devoted to payment of the necessary expenses of the BJJF

Article 18 – EMBLEM

The Emblem of BJJF shall be determined by the Executive committee.

Article 19 - GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

The established Geographic Areas are three(3):

1. North
2. Central
3. South.

Geographical areas are established as work zones with the purpose of fomenting Bahamian Judo. In no way shall it be construed as a prohibition toward countries of one area to participate in Championships of any other area or of attending clinics, championships, conferences and other events of one and another area.

Article 20 - SPORTS RELATIONS

No affiliated Association may carry out sports related activities with groups not affiliated to those Associations affiliated to BJJF and to IJF, nor with members that have been suspended. Violation of this Article shall entail temporary or permanent suspension of the affiliated Association, depending on the gravity of the violation.

Article 21 - DISTRIBUTION DUE TO THE DISSOLUTION OR LIQUIDATION OF THE FEDERATION

The BJJF is established as a non profit organization and none of the income of the BJJF shall serve private interests of any other organization or person. In the event of liquidation or dissolution of the BJJF, be it voluntary or involuntary, no member shall have the right to any distribution or division of the remaining property or of its produce. The remainder of all assets, be it money or other properties received by BJJF from any source, after payment of all debts and obligations shall be donated to a sports or charitable institution, to be selected by a majority vote of The Board of Directors. A Commission of three(3) members shall be appointed by The Congress to liquidate all pending invoices of the BJJF. Congress, The Board of Directors and The Executive Committee shall be dissolved once the Liquidation Commission is appointed, from whence the latter will represent the BJJF. The dissolution of BJJF shall require a two thirds(2/3) vote of the members who are up to date in their dues.

Article 23 - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of BJJF shall be from the 1st. day of January (Jan.1), to the thirty first(31st) day of December of every year.

Article 24 - HONORARY MEMBERS

The BJJF Congress may grant the title of Honorary President or Honorary Member to persons that have served the BJJF. nominations shall be presented to Congress by The Executive Committee. Honorary President or Honorary Members shall have the right as such to attend Congresses or events of BJJF.

Article 25 - AMENDMENTS OF THE STATUTES

The Congress may amend these Statutes totally or partially, at any Extraordinary Congress called for that purpose, by a two thirds(2/3) vote of the members present, as long as amendments have been communicated and notified to all members, by the General Secretary, with at least sixty(60) days prior to the holding of the Congress.