

INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT



**VOTES BY EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**2016-2017**



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# CHANGE OF NATIONALITY



**Friday, October 14, 2016**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2016-11: Mr. RETINSKII**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of M. Retinskii who used to represent Ukraine and wants to represent Russia.

This request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from Russian Judo Federation
- Release letter from Ukrainian Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before **October 20<sup>th</sup> 2016**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE  
IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGE VALIDATED ON 21/10/2016**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2016**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2016-12: Mr. EL IDRISSE**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of M. EL IDRISSE who used to represent Morocco and wants to represent the USA.

This request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from USA Judo Federation
- Release letter from the Morocco Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before **December 19<sup>th</sup> 2016**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE  
IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGE VALIDATED ON 16/12/2016**

**Tuesday, December 20, 2016**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2016-13: Ms. Loriana KUKA**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Ms. Loriana KUKA who used to represent Switzerland and wants to represent the Kosovo.

This request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from Kosovo Judo Federation
- Release letter from the Switzerland Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before **December 26<sup>th</sup> 2016**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE  
IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGE VALIDATED ON 26/12/2016**

**Wednesday, March 08, 2017**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2017-01: Mr. OLEINIC**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Mr. OLEINIC who used to represent Moldova and wants to represent the Portugal.

This request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from Portuguese Judo Federation
- Release letter from the Moldavian Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before **March 10<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE  
IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGE VALIDATED ON 13/03/2017**



**Wednesday, March 08, 2017**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2017-02: Ms. FLETCHER**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Ms. FLETCHER who used to represent Great Britain and wants to represent Ireland.

This request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from Irish Judo Federation
- Release letter from the British Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before **March 10<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE  
IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGE VALIDATED ON 13/03/2017**

**Monday, March 13, 2017**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2017-03: Ms. Wilsa ALMADA GOMES**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Ms. ALMADA GOMES who used to represent Cape Verde and wants to represent Portugal.

This request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from Portuguese Judo Federation
- Release letter from the Cape Verde Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before **March 16<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE

IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGE VALIDATED ON 17/03/2017**

**Monday, March 13, 2017**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2017-04 Jennifer CZERLAU  
and 2017-05 Alexandra CZERLAU**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Ms. CZERLAU Jennifer and CZERLAU Alexandra who used to represent Romania and wants to represent Hungary.

This request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from Hungarian Judo Federation
- Release letter from the Romania Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before **March 16<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE  
IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGE VALIDATED ON 22/03/2017**

**Monday, March 20, 2017**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2017-06: Ms. Lucilla ZAPPA**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Ms. Lucilla ZAPPA who used to represent Italy and wants to represent Georgia.

This request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from Georgian Judo Federation
- Release letter from the Italian Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before **March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE

IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGE VALIDATED ON 29/03/2017**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2017**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2017-07: Ms. ROPER  
YEARWOOD Miryam**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Ms. Miryam ROPER YEARWOOD who used to represent Germany and wants to represent Panama.

This request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from the Panama Judo Federation
- Release letter from the German Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before **March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE

IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGE VALIDATED ON 31/03/2017**

**Friday, March 31, 2017**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2017-08: Mr. Otto Krister Imala**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Mr. Otto Krister Imala who used to represent Estonia and wants to represent Switzerland.

This request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from the Swiss Judo Federation
- Release letter from the Estonian Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before **April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE  
IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGE VALIDATED ON 03/04/2017**

**Monday, April 24, 2017**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2017-09: Ms. Betina TEMELKOVA**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Ms. Betina TEMELKOVA who used to represent Bulgaria and wants to represent Israel:

- Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete
- Confirmation letter from the Israel Judo Federation
- Release letter from the Bulgarian Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before **April 27<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE  
IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGE VALIDATED ON 28/04/2017**

**Wednesday, May 03, 2017**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2017-10, 2017-11, 2017-12, 2017-13**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of the following athletes:

- Ms. Bazarragchaa ERDENEBAT, who used to represent Mongolia and wants to compete for Azerbaijan
- Ms. Buyankhishig PUREVSUREN, who used to represent Mongolia and wants to compete for Azerbaijan
- Ms. Ichinkhorloo MUNKHSEDEV, who used to represent Mongolia and wants to compete for Azerbaijan
- Ms. Iryna KINDZERSKA, who used to represent Ukraine and wants to compete for Azerbaijan

The requests are in compliance with the IJF regulation:

- Confirmation letters & passport copies of the athletes
- Confirmation letter from the Azerbaijan Judo Federation
- Release letters from the Mongolia Judo Federation and the Ukrainian Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before **May 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE  
IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGES VALIDATED ON 05/05/2017**



**Monday, May 29, 2017**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2017-14: Ms. Abiba ABUZHAKYNOVA**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Ms. Abiba ABUZHAKYNOVA who used to represent Uzbekistan and wants to represent Kazakhstan.

This request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete

Confirmation letter from the Kazakhstan Judo Federation

Release letter from the Uzbekistan Judo Federation

Please kindly send me your approval before **May 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE

IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGE VALIDATED ON 02/06/2017**

**Friday, June 2, 2017**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2017-15: Mr. Abbas ABASOV**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Mr Abbas ABASOV who used to represent Turkmenistan and wants to represent Azerbaijan.

This request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete

Confirmation letter from the Azerbaijan Judo Association

Release letter from the Turkmenistan Judo Federation.

Please kindly send me your approval before **June 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE

IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGE VALIDATED ON 07/06/2017**

**Friday, June 2, 2017**

**SUBJECT: CHANGE OF NATIONALITY 2017-16: Mr. Nathon BURNS**

Dear EC members, Dear Friends,

Please find attached the request of nationality change of Mr Nathon BURNS who used to represent Great Britain and wants to represent Ireland.

This request is in compliance with the IJF regulation about change of nationality:

Confirmation letter & passport copy of the athlete

Confirmation letter from the Irish Judo Association

Release letter from the Great Britain Judo Federation.

Please kindly send me your approval before **June 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE

IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: CHANGE VALIDATED ON 06/06/2017**

# DISCIPLINARY MATTERS



**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**SUBJECT: IJF EC MEMBERS VOTE: VENEZUELA JUDO  
FEDERATION**

Dear EC Members,

Following the IJF Disciplinary Commission decision to suspend the Venezuelan Judo Federation from all the IJF events, and in order to not penalize the athletes, we propose to authorize the Venezuelan athletes listed in the IJF WRL to participate in the IJF events **under the IJF flag**.

This matter will be managed by the **IJF Sport Commission**.

Please send your approval before **February 12<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Best regards,

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

**Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**SUBJECT: DOPING CASE**

Dear EC Members,

Please find attached the recommendation from the Medical Commission, with regards to the case of the Chinese athlete SU Xin (+78kg, CHN) from Tokyo Grand Slam 2016.

Please send back your vote by **April 18<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

Marius L. Vizer

President

International Judo Federation

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

# MISCELLANEOUS



**Monday, December 12th, 2016**

**SUBJECT: VOTE BY THE IJF EC MEMBERS**

Dear EC members, Dear Colleagues,

We propose to change the IJF Procedure of participation in IJF Competitions for the athletes who want to represent another country (document attached) in order **not to apply** this procedure to VETERANS category competitions.

You will find attached a proposition of new text.

Please send your approval until **December 19<sup>th</sup> 2016**.

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE

IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**



**Tuesday, December 27th, 2016**

**SUBJECT: WORLD RANKING LIST AMENDMENT**

Dear EC Members,

Following the discussion with our President and Presidents of Continental Unions I propose the following amendment:

To increase the WRL points for Continental Championships and Junior World Championships to the same level as Grand Prix.

The new WRL amendment version is attached.

I kindly ask you for your approval - deadline **December 30<sup>th</sup> 2016**.

Many thanks in advance

Best regards

Vladimir BARTA

Head Sports Director

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

**Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**SUBJECT: IJF ADR AMENDMENTS TO VOTE**

Dear EC Members,

Upon request of WADA, IJF has to make some amendments to its anti-doping rules.

Please find attached the articles to be amended in one document, the new doping rules if the changes are accepted and some explanations to each amendment.

If you need any further information, do not hesitate to contact us, our Medical Commission will be able to answer.

Thank you in advance for sending your vote no later than **January 19<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Best regards,

Marius L. Vizer

President

International Judo Federation

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSAL BROCHURE WITH THE AMENDED RULES**

Dear EC Members,

Please find attached the brochure that we propose for distribution about the amended rules. Should you have any observations or comments, please send them urgently, as well as your approval, **within 24 hours**.

Thank you and best regards,

Marius L. Vizer

President

International Judo Federation

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**SUBJECT: ADAPTATION OF THE NEW JUDO REFEREEING RULES FOR THE NEXT OLYMPIC CYCLE**

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, Mr Vizer asked me to coordinate a document for the adaptation of the new judo refereeing rules for the next Olympic Cycle.

To avoid any confusion, with the existing rules, I have made the decision to mention only the changes of rules which were decided during the seminars in Abu Dhabi and Tokyo.

I used the text (dated January 19th) which we had validated, and working together with Bernd we made some small rearrangements and precisions.

For a better understanding, I added pictures from the document realized by Ezio.

Please find the document in attach.

I contact you following your comments and suggestions. If you have some remarks, please inform me ASAP.

Thank you for your confirmation of your agreement under **24 hours**.

Following the validation by the EC Members, we will send the document to all national federations.

Best regards,

Jean Luc

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**SUBJECT: TEAM EVENT TOKYO 2020**

Dear EC Members,

Regarding our application process for adding the Team Event to the Olympic Judo programme in Tokyo 2020, I would like to inform you that before submitting our final application we have received a few additional questions from the IOC Sports Department who are going to present our application to the Commission.

One of them is related to gender equality - meaning equal participation quota for both women and men. Some sports have already introduced this for Tokyo 2020 and it is one of the goals of the Agenda 2020. Attached you will find a situation with the current quota distribution, the more balanced proposal that we currently have and what it would look like with 50-50%.

Our current quota and the proposed quota are an accurate reflection of the current participation in IJF events. However, we mentioned to the IOC that we could allocate our 20 universality places to women only if it was an absolute requirement and thus gain even more balance.

Please let me know your opinion and I will keep you informed regarding the requirements of the IOC.

Thank you and best regards,

Marius L. Vizer  
President  
International Judo Federation

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

**Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

**SUBJECT: URGENT VOTE PROPOSAL BROCHURE WITH THE  
AMENDED RULES: VERSION 03/02/2017**

Dear EC members,

Please find attached the latest version of the IJF Refereeing rules that will be diffused to all the National Federations this afternoon.

I kindly ask your validation until today **15h00**.

The reason is that tomorrow, 4<sup>th</sup> February will take place 2 competitions: Odivelas European Open 2017 (Portugal) and Sofia European Open 2017 (Bulgaria).

The IJF Refereeing rules must be applied during these competitions.

Thank you in advance for your prompt feedback.

Best regards,

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

**Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**SUBJECT: TEAM EVENT OLYMPIC GAMES - QUOTA**

Dear EC Members,

As we are in the process of submitting the application for inclusion of the Judo Team Event in the Olympic programme, in Tokyo 2020, we have had several consultations with the IOC, independently and also directly related to the application.

IOC seriously insist on having gender equality in judo and in all sports.

If we do not comply, there are no chances for the Team Event to be accepted and the way things appear right now, before the Olympic Games we will have to achieve this equality, as all other sports are on this path.

Please send me your comments until **February 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 12 pm** the latest.

Thank you and best regards,

Marius L. Vizer

President

International Judo Federation

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

**Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**SUBJECT: VOTE ABOUT JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017**

Dear EC Members,

As you all know, our intention was to hold the Junior World Championships 2017 in DPR Korea.

Although we signaled to the local organizer, comprising the government, the judo federation and the national Olympic committee, during numerous discussions in 2016, that there are some outstanding issues like costs of travel to Pyongyang, safety and security of participants and their belongings, communications with the outside world, possibility of live streaming, nature and quality of food for delegations etc.

These are issues that continue to be uncertain today as well. In addition, one of the conditions that we always reminded them during our meetings, was a stable international situation of the country. At present, this situation is alarming, and it does not seem to become more peaceful in the near future. A number of countries – national federations and individuals concerned, communicated with IJF, via formal or informal channels, that they are worried about this event. Some of them declined participation, others expressed concern regarding the participation of their children at this event.

In light of all the above and with little hope that the international situation of the country will improve in the coming months, I would like to propose to postpone this event to the near future, but only when the political situation is stable at an international level.



From all the proposals and intentions received, the best conditions for organization and safety were from Croatia. This would be a good alternative in the case we decide to postpone the event in DPR Korea.

Please send me your vote regarding this matter **within 24 hours**.

Thank you for your diligence and cooperation.

Best regards,

Marius L. Vizer

President

International Judo Federation

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

**Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**SUBJECT: URGENT AND IMPORTANT: AGENDA OF THE IJF CONGRESS 2017 IN BUDAPEST**

Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the draft of the agenda of the IJF Congress which will be held in Budapest, Hungary, **on August 25<sup>th</sup> 2017**, for your validation.

I kindly ask you to send us your approval before **May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017, 9:00 (Paris time)**.

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE

IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

**Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSITION OF TEXTS FOR APPROVAL**

Dear EC members,

We propose below a text for your approval in order to include it in the IJF regulations:

No one shall exercise the function of a referee during the events organised by the IJF, if he/she holds the position of National Refereeing Director and /or Responsible for the selection of the referees and of their notation.

The Presidents of the Federations cannot act as coaches during the events organised by the IJF.

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*Nul ne peut exercer en tant qu'arbitre lors d'un événement organisé par le FIJ, si il occupe, au sein de sa fédération nationale, les fonctions de responsable national de l'arbitrage et/ou de responsable de la sélection des arbitres et de leur notation.*

*Les Présidents de fédérations ne pourront exercer en tant que coach lors des événements organisés par la FIJ.*

Please kindly send your reply before **May 29<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE

IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

**Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**SUBJECT: URGENT VOTE: TEAM EVENT**

Dear EC members,

The acceptance by the IOC of the Mixed Team Judo Event for the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020 is a very important objective for the IJF.

We need to make our best in order that the IOC accepts this proposition.

At the moment, the project is advancing well for us, but in order to strengthen our application with the IOC, it would be very important to organize as soon as possible this kind of event during an official competition.

Although the competition is already planned for Cadets and Juniors World Championships, the best opportunity, showing a strong wish from our side, would be to organize it during the next World Judo Championships in Budapest instead of the traditional team competition for men and women separately, on the last day of the competition.

The teams for these Mixed World Championships would be composed of 6 competitors, 3 men and 3 women by teams of nations.

We propose you to change the programme of the World Championships of Budapest in 2017 by introducing the Mixed Team Competition on the last day.

Thank you in advance for supporting this proposition.

Deadline for reply: **24 hours**.

Best regards,

Marius L. Vizer  
President  
International Judo Federation

Jean-Luc Rouge  
General Secretary  
International Judo Federation

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

**Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**SUBJECT: VOTE BY EC MEMBERS**

Dear EC members,

Please find attached the request received from the Lithuanian Judo Federation regarding Matsvei Kalesnik, judoka that has been permanently living in Lithuania since 2010 as a refugee and a member of a family that has received asylum in Lithuania, but has a Belarusian citizenship, to participate in competitions under the flag of Lithuania.

As his refugee status is officially recognized and **as he does not have Lithuanian nationality**, we propose that he competes in international competitions under the IJF flag.

Please kindly send your approval until **July 10<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,

Jean-Luc ROUGE  
IJF General Secretary

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

**Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**SUBJECT: URGENT APPROVAL**

Dear EC Members,

I have the pleasure to inform you that we have been in talks with CNN International in order to get judo promoted on CNN.

Following several meetings, including the IJF Media and IT Team as well, we received the attached offer.

I believe our presence on CNN will boost the image of our sport and will bring added value and notoriety to all our projects and activities. This collaboration would be beneficial especially in the context of a successful addition of the Mixed Team Events in the Olympic programme and the general recognition that Judo and IJF have at present.

Please consult the attached document and send me your approval and/or comments by **July 21<sup>st</sup> 2017 at 11:00 hrs CET.**

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,

Marius L. Vizer

President

International Judo Federation

**DECISION: APPROVED BY A MAJORITY**

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