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1. HISTORY

Ju-Jitsu has emerged under the auspices of the International University Sports Federation (FISU), officially being recognised in 2020. This accolade highlights the growth and popularity of the martial art within the university sporting community.

The inaugural event in 2026 is anticipated to attract a substantial number of competitors from various countries, fostering international camaraderie and showcasing the skill and dedication of student-athletes. As Ju-Jitsu's first appearance looms, excitement is building within the university sports community, with many looking forward to witnessing the display of athletic prowess and sportsmanship.

With the first event taking place in Brazil, a country renowned for its vibrant culture and strong traditions in martial arts, the stage is set for a remarkable celebration of Ju-Jitsu. The city of Brasília, known for its modernist architecture and dynamic atmosphere, will serve as a fitting backdrop for this historic occasion, bringing together athletes, officials, and fans from around the world.

2. STATISTICS

EDITION	YEAR	COUNTRY	CITY	COUNTRIES	ATHLETES			OFFs	TOTAL
					M	W	TOT		
1	2026	BRA	Brasília	–	–	–	–	–	–

3. GENERAL SCHEDULE

DAY -3	DAY -2	DAY -1	DAY 1-3	DAY 4	DAY 5
A	A	GTM / OC	C	C / CC	D

Legend: A – Arrivals / CC – Closing Ceremony / C – Competition / D – Departures / GTM – General Technical Meeting / OC – Opening Ceremony

For Ju-Jitsu, the competitions shall last 4 days

4. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

4.1. GENERAL ENTRY (DEADLINE: -6 MONTHS TO THE EVENT)

The General Entry is the first stage of the registration process, where delegations are invited to register, through the NUSFs, for the Championship indicating a general interest in participating in the event.

Teams and athletes are not required to submit any documentation or undergo a selection processes.

The submission of a General Entry Form is non-binding, indicating only initial interest by the NUSF but not final commitment



4.2. QUANTITATIVE ENTRY (DEADLINE: -3 MONTHS TO THE EVENT)

During the Quantitative Entry the NUSF delegation commits to participate and confirms the delegation composition in terms of numbers and although it does not yet provide individual details, it requires the NUSFs to submit an accurate count of delegation members.

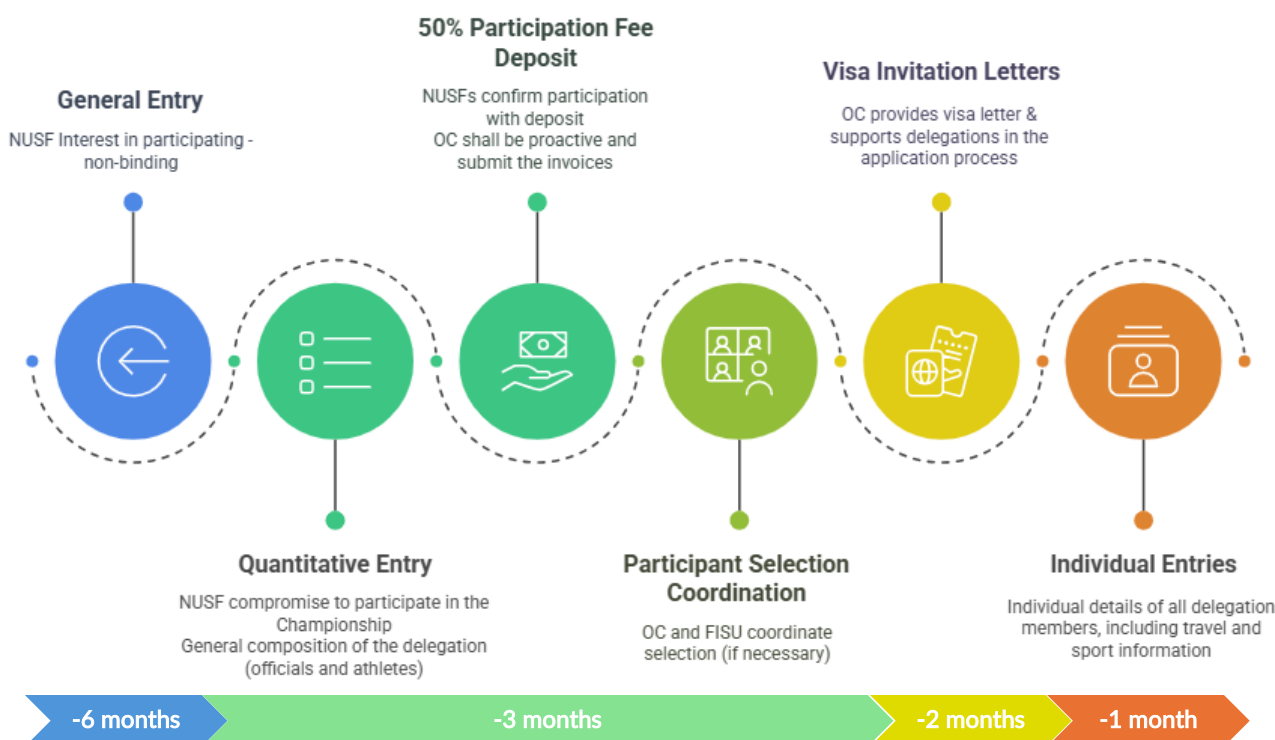
At this stage, a 50% payment of the participation fees is due and must be settled by the Quantitative Entry deadline. By proceeding with the payment, the delegation confirms its participation in the Championship.

This deposit serves as a participation guarantee, and is non-refundable in case of withdrawal, with refunds subject to FISU General Regulations and any OC-specific cancellation policies

4.3. INDIVIDUAL ENTRY (DEADLINE: -1 MONTH TO THE EVENT)

The Individual Entry is the final step in FISU event registration. The NUSF must provide all relevant data and documentation for each delegation member.

The remaining 50% of the participation fees is paid in full to the Organising Committee by this deadline. Failure to do so may result in non-participation in the Championship, unless specifically approved by the Organising Committee



5. SPORT REGULATIONS

The Ju-Jitsu events shall be organised in accordance with the most recent Ju-Jitsu Rules of the Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF). In case of dispute in the interpretation of the rules, the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

The competitions shall last 4 days as indicated in the General Schedule (Section 3) and the competition programme shall be proposed by the Organising Committee Competition Manager and confirmed by the FISU TCC, including the following events:

5.1. COMPETITION EVENTS

JU-JITSU (NEWAZA) - WEIGHT CATEGORIES							
Men's	-56Kg	-62Kg	-69Kg	-77Kg	-85Kg	-94Kg	+94Kg
Women's	-45Kg	-48Kg	-52Kg	-57Kg	-63Kg	-70Kg	+70Kg

Only student athletes with a minimum graduation of Blue Belt will be allowed to participate

The duration of matches will be of 5 minutes

5.1.1. BELT DIVISIONS AND DIVISIONS BY EXPERIENCE LEVEL

The regulation refers to the grading under the styles of JJIF Ju-Jitsu, IBJJF, AJP, or similar, found on https://www.ju-jitsu.sport/fileadmin/jjif/media/downloads/GradingStyles/Graduation_System_Book_v11.pdf

- **Blue and Purple Belt / Intermediate:** 2 to 5 years total grappling experience
- **Brown and Black Belt / Expert:** 5 years or more of total grappling experience

An athlete who is proven to be a black belt in traditional Ju-Jitsu, Judo, Sambo (or similar) or has participated in Freestyle or Greco-Roman Wrestling competition, or has fought in MMA as a professional or as an amateur, shall not be permitted to compete in any tournament in the white belt, novice or beginner divisions and must register under Intermediate or Expert level

An athlete who is proven to have participated on international level, representing a national team, in Judo, Sambo, Grappling, Wrestling, MMA or similar sport, shall participate in the expert division

Seeding

The athletes seeding shall be done using the official JJIF ranking list. The top four athletes registered in each weight category will be considered as seeds of their category.

Rest Between Matches

Between two fights of the same athlete, there should be at least a minimum break of 5 minutes. In case the next fight is a medal fight, the break shall be 10 minutes.



5.2. CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM - BRACKETS

5.2.1. INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

A. Pools (3-5 athletes)

In a pool, every athlete must compete against all the other athletes. In the event that two or more athletes are tied after all matches have been played, the following criteria will be used to determine their ranking.

- The athlete who has won the most matches
- Points balance – For each competitor(s), a balance is made: all the points scored are added up, and the points conceded are subtracted. The ranking is determined with the athlete possessing the highest positive points balance placed higher
- Number of Submissions / Full Ippon
- Direct comparison of the athletes
- Fight time until a Submission / Full Ippon is achieved
- Rematch

B. Combined Pools (for 6 athletes)

Combined pools will be used if a category has 6 participants. In this system, the participants are divided into two smaller pools. These pools are finished like a regular pool of 3 participants. After the finishing of the small pools, the cross semi-finals and final are held:

The winner of pool A competes in the Semi-Final against the 2nd ranked athlete of pool B and vice versa. The winners of these two fights go to the final to determine the winner and the 2nd place. The two athletes who lost the cross semi-finals get a shared 3rd place.

C. Double Elimination Trees (for 7 or more athletes)

In the double-elimination tree, an athlete must lose two fights before being eliminated and losing the chance to win a medal.

The trees are organised to avoid, as much as possible, that the same athletes must compete against each other multiple times. However, this cannot be avoided entirely.

If the athletes competing for the bronze medal already fought each other, the two athletes who enter the repechage tree as last would be switched. If this would lead to another fight that had happened before, no changes would be made.

All the fights in a tree structure are numbered. This has two purposes:

- To decide the order in which the fights must take place (see also 'fight order')
- An athlete who loses their fight will get a second chance in the repechage. In the 'repechage tree', the number of the lost fights must be looked up to determine where the athlete will be placed in this repechage tree.

There will be no bronze medal play-offs

5.2.2. TEAM CLASSIFICATION

A team classification will be implemented, considering the following points system to award it:

FINAL RANK	POINTS
1 st	200
2 nd	160
3 rd	120
4 th	100
5 th	80
7 th	40
9 th - 16 th	20
17 th - 32 nd	8
Points per Win	25
Participation / No Wins	4

Only the best ranked team will receive a trophy as winner of the Team Classification

For all ranked athletes from 4th to 32nd, a minimum of 1 win is required to get the ranking points

For every won contest, points will be given additionally to the ranking points. For example, an athlete finished on 1st place and won 4 individual matches, so the total points received will be (25 x 4 Points + 200 Points) = 300 Points

5.3. DELEGATIONS COMPOSITION

A. Athletes

EVENTS	MEN's	WOMEN's
Weight Categories	Max. 1 athlete per category	Max. 1 athlete per category
Max. 28 athletes (14 men & 14 women) per delegation		

Participating athletes and coaches will NOT require a valid JJFI license as a condition of entry

At the Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of competitors accredited by the CIC

B. Officials

TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICIALS
Max. 5 officials per delegation



6. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

6.1. INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

For the FISU Championship, the ITOs are appointed by JJIF, with the endorsement of FISU. This appointment process considers several critical factors, including the number of participants, the level and availability of NTOs, and the goal to minimise expenses when possible. To achieve cost-efficiency, JJIF will aim to nominate ITOs from neighbouring countries whenever feasible. This approach not only fosters regional cooperation but also optimises resources.

A. Number & Roles of ITOs

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS	
NUMBER	FUNCTION
1	Head Referee
3 per mat + 1 to rotate	Mat Referee
A total of 11 ITOs are required	

B. ITOs Costs

According to the Collaboration Convention signed between FISU and JJIF, the costs of the ITOs are the following:

- JJIF will cover:
 - Technical Delegate's flights
 - ITOs' flights
 - ITOs' per-diem
- Organising Committee shall cover:
 - Technical Delegate's accommodation in single room
 - Technical Delegate's meals
 - Technical Delegate's internal transportation
 - ITOs' accommodation
 - ITOs' meals
 - ITOs' internal transportation

6.2. NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Concerning the NTOs, these individuals are appointed by the Ju-Jitsu National Federation or the appropriate governing bodies within a country, under the supervision of the Organising Committee.

A. Number & Roles of NTOs

NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS	
NUMBER	FUNCTION
2	IT operators (Smoothcomp software + Video Review)
4	Table Crew Timing and Scoring
2	Gi Checker / Call Room
6	Runners / Bracket Manager / Marshals
A total of 14 NTOs are required	

B. Agreement with the NF

Concerning the NTOs participation, it falls outside the scope of FISU or JJIF. It is therefore advisable for the Organising Committee to reach an agreement directly with the National Federation. This collaboration will help ensure clarity and alignment on the financial aspects associated with it, including the following:

- NTOs Nomination – Ensure all NTOs possess the necessary qualifications to work in an international event
- Management and distribution of the technical official's clothing/uniforms
- Arrangement of suitable accommodation for the required period, if needed

It is strongly recommended to initiate communication with the National Federation promptly regarding the appointment of these officials. This proactive approach will help avert any potential personnel shortages that may arise from conflicting event dates, thereby expanding the available options and ensuring a more successful engagement

7. SPORT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

7.1. COMPETITION VENUES

- Number of competition venues – 3
- Type of venues – Indoor
 - Competition mat – 8m x 8m
 - Safety zone – minimum 1m each side,
 - Outside area – 1m each side
- Lighting – min. 1.500 lux

7.2. TRAINING VENUES

- Number of training venues – 1
- Type of venue – Indoor
 - Enough space for 10 training platforms – 3m x 3m, with safety zones



7.3. FACILITIES

- Official weigh-in room
- Unofficial weigh-in room

7.4. EQUIPMENT

A. Venue Equipment

- Scale – min 3 (official scale, test scale and training venue scale)
 - Capacity – weigh up to 200kg
 - Precision – max. 50g
 - Coach boxes – 2 per competition mat
- Video replay challenge system

B. Uniforms & Sport Equipment

- Uniforms [Gi] and sports equipment shall be according JJIF University event rules.
- OC shall provide red and blue belts (10 each)

Please refer to the [Minimum Requirements document](#) for more detailed information

8. TRAININGS

The Organising Committee is responsible for coordinating and communicating the training schedule to each delegation, ensuring appropriate access to facilities based on the sport and competition schedule. Some of the factors to be considered are:

- Create a training schedule based on the indications of the FISU TCC
- Provide a number of matts based on the number of registered athletes
- Provide hydration and basic medical assistance for training sessions
- Share a detailed training plan with each delegation at least 48 hours before their arrival
- Ensure training venue availability throughout the Championship

Please refer to the [Section 5.2.3 of the General Handbook](#) for more detailed information regarding Trainings

9. MEDICAL SERVICES

A. FISU Requirements

- First aid and Emergency Medical care
- Medical transportation
- OC on-call first aid medical services shall be available on a 24-hour basis
- A minimum of two ambulances per venue should be available and on duty from the start of warm-up until at least 45 minutes after the final competition of the day

B. Participants Medical Insurance

All participants must have valid travel medical insurance, covering:

- 24/7 Emergency Assistance
- Emergency Medical Expenses
- Medical Evacuation/Repatriation
- Trip Cancellation/Interruption
- Accidental Death or Injury

The OC is solely responsible for providing first aid, emergency medical care, and transportation to the designated hospital. All other medical costs shall be borne by the participant's insurance

Refer to Section 3.4.1 of the General Handbook for more detailed information regarding Medical Services

10. DOPING CONTROL

A. FISU Requirements

- The requirements regarding the number and type of doping tests, as well as the total number of tests to be conducted, can be found in the *FISU Doping Test Requirements* document. This information is available exclusively to the Organising Committee.
- The OC Doctor or Head of the Medical area shall coordinate the doping testing and contact the FISU CMI to clarify the moment or disciplines in which the tests will be carried out.
- All doping tests costs (including collection, transportation, laboratory analyses) shall be borne by the Organising Committee.

B. Athletes Selection

- Athletes are eligible for testing once accredited until departing from the official event accommodation.

Please refer to Section 3.4.2 of the General Handbook for more detailed information regarding Doping Control



11. PROTOCOL, SPORT PRESENTATION & AWARDING

11.1. MEDALS TABLE

JU-JITSU							
WEIGHT/BELT DIVISIONS		MEN			WOMEN		
MEN	WOMEN	G	S	B	G	S	B
BLUE / PURPLE BELT							
-56Kg	-45Kg	1	1	2	1	1	2
-62Kg	-48Kg	1	1	2	1	1	2
-69Kg	-52Kg	1	1	2	1	1	2
-77Kg	-57Kg	1	1	2	1	1	2
-85Kg	-63Kg	1	1	2	1	1	2
-94Kg	-70Kg	1	1	2	1	1	2
+94Kg	+70Kg	1	1	2	1	1	2
BROWN / BLACK BELT							
-56Kg	-45Kg	1	1	2	1	1	2
-62Kg	-48Kg	1	1	2	1	1	2
-69Kg	-52Kg	1	1	2	1	1	2
-77Kg	-57Kg	1	1	2	1	1	2
-85Kg	-63Kg	1	1	2	1	1	2
-94Kg	-70Kg	1	1	2	1	1	2
+94Kg	+70Kg	1	1	2	1	1	2
TOTAL		14	14	28	14	14	28

A. FISU Requirements

The Organising Committee is responsible for providing the medals as shown in the table above. Medals must be awarded for all categories. The top 3 athletes in each category are eligible for medals.

As there will be no play-off for the bronze medal, both semi-final losers will be awarded bronze medals

The table below provides a comprehensive overview of the total number of medals awarded across all competition disciplines. Please note that extra/reserve medal sets and the FISU set are not included in these figures.

JU-JITSU MEDALS	
Gold	28
Silver	28
Bronze	56

The Organising Committee must provide FISU with a set of medals of the event

B. Recommendations & Considerations

It is crucial to have additional sets of medals on hand as a contingency. Some medals may be defective and may need to be replaced.

A trophy should be awarded for the top ranked team in Team Classification

Medals are not mandatory for Officials in Ju-Jitsu

11.2. SPORT PRESENTATION

Sports presentation is vital for elevating a Championship from a competition to an unforgettable experience. It encompasses everything from music and lighting to commentary and fan engagement, creating a unique atmosphere that engages the audience.

In case there is a big screen in the venue for the spectators, some educational video (provided by JJIF) regarding the rules of the sport can be displayed at the beginning of the competition day

A. FISU Requirements

- **Audio Elements**
 - Sound System: A high-quality sound system is essential for announcements, music, and commentary, ensuring clear communication and an engaging atmosphere.
 - Microphone: Essential for general announcements such as schedule, results, athletes introduction, general information, and others.
 - Thematic Music: Curate an energetic playlist to be played during introductions, warm-ups, and medal ceremonies to elevate the excitement.
- **Commentary and Announcing**
 - Live Announcements: Make timely announcements regarding event schedules, combat results, and athlete backgrounds to keep the audience informed and engaged.
- **Athletes Introduction**
 - Ceremonial Introductions: Develop exciting and personalised introductions for the athletes, showcasing their achievements and backgrounds.

B. Recommendations & Considerations

- **Audio Elements**
 - DJ: Enhances the atmosphere and overall experience of a sports competition, by creating and maintaining energy, motivating the athletes and engaging the crowd. Music is not allowed while fights are ongoing, only during the breaks.
- **Commentary and Announcing**
 - Engaging Commentary: Hire knowledgeable commentators who can provide insights about the athletes, techniques, and race strategies. This adds depth to the viewing experience.



11.3. JU-JITSU PRE-COMPETITION PROTOCOL

A. Athletes Introduction

Event Host:

"Now, let's introduce our contenders for the [men's/women's/teams] Championship! Please join me in welcoming our athletes with enthusiasm!"

- Country Flag Display (if any big screen available)
 - "Representing [Country], we have [Athlete's Name]!"
 - "[He/She] recently finished [insert notable performance], and holds a personal best of [insert time, if available]."
 - "Notably, [he/she] has also won [mention any major titles or accolades, such as national championships]."

12. SERVICES

The Organising Committee should provide a variety of services for the event, including:

- Ice
- Laundry
- Wi-Fi

Please refer to the Section 3.11 of the General Handbook for more detailed information on all services

12.1. ICE

The supply of ice is one of the most common requests from participating delegations, particularly for injury treatment and recovery purposes.

- The Organising Committee must supply ice for treating injuries during both practice and competition, as part of the medical coverage for the event. It does not cover large quantities of ice needed for recovery treatments, such as cryotherapy.

The Organising Committee secure a reliable ice provider on standby, anticipating the request from teams and establishing clear procedures for ice procurement, including pricing and how to access this service

12.2. LAUNDRY

Laundry services are essential for many sports, particularly in long-duration competitions and team sports, where athletes may require frequent changes of clothing.

- Laundry services must be provided in all Team Sports Championships and in all sports with more than four competition days.
- Self-Service or Full-Service Laundry can be considered (hotel/accommodation and external services included in the latter)

Self-Service is the preferred option, giving more flexibility and control to the teams. If not, it is important to negotiate reduced pricing and adjust the timing for collection/delivery of uniforms with the provider

12.3. WI-FI

Wi-Fi is an essential service for university students, as it serves as a critical infrastructure that fosters communication and supports their academic responsibilities.

- Participants can easily access real-time information about event schedules, results, and updates. This allows them to plan their day effectively, ensuring they don't miss out on key events and activities.
- Participants can engage with live broadcasts, social media updates, and other digital content related to the event.
- For many students, academic responsibilities continue even during events. Wi-Fi connection ensures they can access study materials and educational resources, maintain communication with professors, and keep up with online courses.

Wi-Fi should be provided free of charge for all participants at the event, both at the accommodation sites and at the competition venues



13. GENERAL TIMELINE

TIMELINE	ACTIONS
Event -12 months	• Coordination Visit ◦ Venues visit and Equipment approval (FISU TCC) • Competition programme approval (FISU TCC) • Venue medical plan approval (FISU TCC)
Event -6 months	• General Entries (NUSFs)
Event -3 months	• Quantitative Entries (NUSFs) • 50% payment from participating countries (NUSFs / OC) • ITOs & NTOs list (FISU / JJIF)
Event -1 months	• Individual Entries (NUSFs) • 100% payment from participating countries (NUSFs / OC) • Final Bulletin (OC / FISU / FISU TCC)
Event -1 day	• Accreditation and participants list confirmation (NUSFs) • Technical Officials Meeting (ITOs / NTOs / TCC / OC) • General Technical Meeting (NUSFs / OC / FISU)
EVENT	
Event +1 week	• Send all documents and media to FISU (OC)
Event +1 month	• Final Report to FISU (OC)

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