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**STATUTES AND RULES**

**OF THE**



**PAPUA NEW GUINEA JUDO FEDERATION**

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## **PREAMBLE**

The adoption of these Statutes and Rules repeals and replaces all former Statutes and Rules of the Papua New Guinea Judo Federation.

## **ARTICLE 1 NAME**

- 1.1. The name of the organisation shall be the Papua New Guinea Judo Federation, which may hereinafter be referred to as the PNGJF or the Federation, as a short title.

## **ARTICLE 2 DEFINITION**

- 2.1 The Papua New Guinea Judo Federation, hereinafter referred to as the PNGJF or the Federation, is comprised of the Provincial Judo Clubs, hereinafter referred to as Club(s), and four (4) Regional Judo Associations, from Southern, Highlands, Islands and Momase, hereinafter referred to as Association, and are affiliated to the PNGJF.
- 2.2 The PNGJF is non-political, non-profit and does not recognise the difference of gender, race or religion.
- 2.3 The PNGJF recognises Judo as that which was created by Jigoro Kano and now exists as an Olympic sport.

## **ARTICLE 3 STRUCTURE**

- 3.1 The PNGJF shall be composed of a minimum of two (2) affiliated Clubs and/or Associations.

## **ARTICLE 4 AIMS**

- 4.1 Among others, the PNGJF has the following aims:
  - 4.1.1 To promote, organise, develop and spread the sport of Judo in Papua New Guinea for the benefit of its participants and the community; and
  - 4.1.2 To protect the interests of Judo in Papua New Guinea from:
    - 4.1.2.1 commercial exploitation of Judo
    - 4.1.2.2 commercial exploitation of Athletes
    - 4.1.2.3 commercial exploitation of persons or resources involved, either expressed or implied in Judo
  - 4.1.3 To organise Judo throughout Papua New Guinea and develop the techniques and spirit of Judo amongst its members; and

- 4.1.4 To establish the National Regulations of Judo in line with those of the IJF and OJU; and
- 4.1.5 To organise and control National Championships and National Grading in Papua New Guinea; and
- 4.1.6 To affiliate with and maintain membership of the:
  - 4.1.6.1 International Judo Federation (IJF)
  - 4.1.6.2 Oceania Judo Union (OJU)
  - 4.1.6.3 Papua New Guinea Sports Federation (PNGSF)
  - 4.1.6.4 National Sport and Olympic Association and other organisations whose aims and objectives are consistent with those of the Papua New Guinea Judo Federation.
- 4.1.7 To establish such funds and accumulate such properties as are deemed desirable for the progress of Judo in Papua New Guinea.

## **ARTICLE 5 AFFILIATION AND MEMBERSHIP**

- 5.1 Each province in Papua New Guinea may be affiliated by more than one Club, and each region by only one Association, which in turn, will have its own provincial club membership.
  - 5.11 If, however, two or more Associations within a Region claim representation, it will be given to the Association recognised by the Regional Sporting Association, or majority of the provincial Judo Clubs. Failing this, preference will be given to the Association which is considered by the PNGJF as the valid Regional Judo Association.
- 5.2 Membership of the Papua New Guinea Judo Federation shall be open to Clubs and Associations who comply with the requirements and relevant rules of the Federation.
- 5.3 An Association or Club becomes a full member following payment of such annual fees as set and authorised by the PNGJF Executive and Congress, subject to the Articles contained in the Statutes of the PNGJF and the Official Bylaws.
- 5.4 A Provincial Association applying for membership in the PNGJF shall make written application to the PNGJF General Secretary, supplying all necessary documentation including rules, names of officers and other relevant qualifications. The PNGJF General Secretary, on the approval of the President, will generally grant provisional membership which will require the ratification of the next PNGJF Congress.
- 5.5 Affiliation to the PNGJF may be granted in the following cases:-
  - 5.5.1. Provisional Membership
    - 5.5.1.1 This is the initial membership in the PNGJF and shall be held for twelve (12) months before full PNGJF membership may be granted. Provisional Membership carries with it all of the privileges of Full Membership except for voting right.

## 5.5.2 Full Membership

5.5.2.1 Full membership may be granted following satisfactory Provisional Membership.

5.5.2.2 Full Membership carries with it the full privilege of participation by officials and athletes in all activities of the PNGJF, OJU and IJF, including participation in the National Championships, Regional Games, Oceania Championships, World Championships and the Olympic Games, subject as always to the general rules of those organisations.

5.5.2.3 Subject to *Section 5.3* and *Section 5.4* of this Constitution, membership of the PNGJF is open to Clubs and Associations in PNG who are members of, or intending members of the PNGSF, and recognised Regional or Provincial Sporting Associations. Continued membership is dependent upon payment of duly prescribed fees as set by Congress and the observance of the Statutes of the PNGJF and the Official Bylaws.

## ARTICLE 6 ELIGIBILITY STRUCTURE

### 6.1 Eligibility of Participant

6.1.1 For a Judoka to be eligible to participate in National Championships and Judo competitions held under the control or recognition of the PNGJF, OJU and IJF, he/she must conform to the criteria set out in Rule 26 of the IOC Charter relating to the Eligibility Code.

### 6.2 Eligibility Code

6.2.1. All National Competitions held under the control or recognition of the PNGJF shall:

6.2.1.1 respect the spirit of fair-play and non-violence, and behave accordingly of the sports field.

6.2.1.2 refrain from using substances and procedures prohibited by the Rules of the IOC or of the PNGJF, OJU and IJF.

6.2.1.3 respect and comply with all aspects with the IOC, IJF, OJU and PNGJF Medical Codes.

6.2.2 No competitor who participates in the National Championships may allow his person, name, picture or sport performance to be *used for advertising purposes* during the National Championships.

6.2.3 The entry or participation of a competitor in the National Championships shall not be conditional on any financial consideration.

6.2.4 A competitor who participates in the National Championships or Championships held under the control of the PNGJF or OJU is not allowed to carry advertising on his *judogi* other than those laid down by *Article 20* of the PNGJF Sporting Code, 2012.

### 6.3 Propaganda and Advertising at the National Championships.

6.3.1 No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on sportswear, accessories, or more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the National Championships, except for identification purposes.

## **ARTICLE 7 HEADQUARTERS & OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

7.1 The official Headquarter of the PNGJF is situated in the city, town or dwelling where the President resides.

7.2 The official languages will be English and Niugini Pidgin. However, where necessary, Hiri Motu can be used.

## **ARTICLE 8 THE GOVERNING BODIES**

8.1 The Governing Bodies of the Papua New Guinea Judo Federation are:

8.1.1 The Congress

8.1.2 The Executive

## **ARTICLE 9 CONGRESS**

9.1 The Congress is the sovereign authority of the PNGJF.

9.2 The Congress will be held annually in the place designated by the Congress. However, in the event that the Congress does not designate the place of the next Congress, this shall be designated by the Executive.

9.2.1 Where possible, the Congress shall be convened in conjunction with the PNG National Championships. It shall always be taken into account that wherever possible there shall be an equitable rotation amongst the different countries.

9.3 The Congress elects the PNGJF Executive and approves or disapproves their actions since the preceding Congress, approve the Statutes and Regulations and make such modifications as necessary.

9.4 The appointment of the registered and nonregistered members on the Executive.

9.5 The Congress approves or rejects the reports and activities of the executive Members, makes all decisions on proposals submitted by the member Associations or the Executive, and deliberates on all relevant matters appertaining to the PNGJF.

9.6 The Congress may consider only items which are included in the agenda unless a majority of members present vote to the contrary.

- 9.6.1 At least three (3) months before the date set for the Congress, the Secretary General shall invite the member Clubs and Associations to submit any items which they wish to have included in the agenda of the Congress, including nominations for PNGJF office.
- 9.6.2 The Congress agenda must include, among others, the following:
- 9.6.2.1 *approval of the Minutes of the preceding Congress*
  - 9.6.2.2 *reports of the elected Office bearers*
  - 9.6.2.3 *election of Office members and appointment of members*
  - 9.6.2.4 *approval of the Treasurers report and financial audit*
  - 9.6.2.5 *establishment of annual affiliation fees*
- 9.6.3 At least six (6) weeks before the date fixed for the Congress, the General Secretary shall send to the Clubs and Associations via airmail letter, a full list of nominations received for the PNGJF office and consolidated items for the agenda as received by him.
- 9.6.3.1 In addition, he will send a copy of each PNGJF officer's report to Congress.
- 9.7 Each member Association and Club may send one (1) delegate to the Congress who may speak and vote in accordance with the voting rights determined by Congress.
- 9.8 In the event that an appointed delegate other than the President of the Club or Association is to attend the Congress, a member Association or Club shall provide the delegate with proof of delegacy signed by the President of the Club or Association.
- 9.8.1 Where the President himself is the delegate, proof of delegacy is unnecessary.
- 9.8.2 The PNGJF General Secretary will be responsible prior to the opening of the Congress for the examination of credentials and verification of delegates.
- 9.8.3 In the event of a difference of opinion, the matter shall be decided by the Congress before voting entitlement's are announced.
- 9.9 A member Club or Association will be allowed to be represented, assuming the delegacy is in order, by the delegate of another Club or Association who is present. No delegate shall have the right to represent three (3) member Clubs or Associations, including that of the Club or Association he is represented.
- 9.10 Members of the Executive shall not, as such, have the right to vote, except, however in their capacity as delegate (*voting*) of a member Club or Association.
- 9.11 Congress shall be presided over by the President of the PNGJF, or in his absence by the Vice President appointed with the highest order of procedure, as defined by the Congress. The President shall be assisted by the General Secretary, or in his absence by a Secretariat Assistant designated by the President.
- 9.12 Two (2) member Clubs or Associations of the PNGJF shall constitute a quorum and in case of a deadlock, the President shall have a casting vote.
- 9.13 The Congress shall decide by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. Voting shall be done generally by a show of hands or by a roll call. For questions and elections of particular



importance or delicacy or whenever a majority shall so demand, voting shall be by secret ballot.

9.14 The elaboration of Congress procedure shall be included in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE 10 EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS**

- 10.1. If at least two third (2/3) majority of the member Clubs, Associations, the President or a majority of the Executive consider it necessary, an Extraordinary Congress shall be conveyed within three (3) months of the request at time and place as the President decides.
- 10.2. The agenda for the meeting must indicate the reasons for the Extraordinary Congress at the same time as notice of convocation. The discussions and decisions of an Extraordinary Congress shall have equal validity with the same conditions as those of an Ordinary Congress.

## **ARTICLE 11 EXECUTIVE**

11.1 The PNGJF Executive consists of:

- 11.1.1 The President
- 11.1.2 The Four (4) Vice Presidents
- 11.1.3 The General Secretary
- 11.1.4 The Treasurer
- 11.1.5 The Technical Director
- 11.1.6 The Assistant Technical Director
- 11.1.7 The Three (3) Committee Members

11.2 In addition, PNGJF members of OJU and IJF Commissions are ex officio members of the Executive.

11.3 The members of the Executive, with the exception of the Vice Presidents, and Committee Members shall hold office for at least three (3) years in the position to which they are elected by the Congress. At the expiry of their term of office, Executive members may offer themselves for re-election.

11.4 Unless otherwise necessary, no person shall hold more than two (2) posts on the Executive simultaneously.

11.5 The election of the above three-year terms of office shall be separated by a one-year period as follows:

- 11.5.1 The President, Technical Director Assistant Technical Director, having been elected for a three-year term of office at a Congress, the elections for the post of General Secretary and Treasurer shall be held at the next ordinary session of the PNGJF Congress, which is held approximately one (1) year after the Congress at which the President, Technical Director Assistant Technical Director were elected.

- 11.5.2 However, the term of members of the Executives of the PNGJF shall be automatically extended up to the time of the next Congress if the term expires before the meeting of such Congress. If because of resignation, death or any other reason, a post other than that of the President or Vice President becomes vacant on the Executive, the Executive may coopt a replacement, who shall serve until the next Congress, which will approve or not the cooption made by the Executive, and if so approved, the coopted member shall complete the term of office for which the original member had been elected.
- 11.6 Nominations for any of the elected posts on the Executive must be sent to the PNGJF General Secretary in accordance with the requirements of *Article 9.6.1* of this Constitution.
- 11.7 As a general rule, the Executive shall meet at least once per year and particularly during the days preceding a Congress. A meeting of the Executive may however be convened by the President each time he judges it necessary, or on the request of a majority of the members of the Executive.
- 11.8 When for any reason whatsoever a meeting of the Executive cannot take place, necessary decisions may be taken following an exchange of letters, telegrams or other possible means of communication.
- 11.9 The Executive makes all decisions regarding the activities of the PNGJF between each Congress, and approves or not, any urgent decisions taken by the President.
- 11.10 The Executive takes all decisions Congress by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. In the event of a balance of power, the President or his appointed deputy shall have a casting vote.
- 11.11 In order to be considered valid, any meetings of the Executive must include at least two third (2/3) majority of its members and be presided over by the President, or in the event of his absence, by one of the Vice Presidents to be selected following the numerical order established by the Congress.
- 11.12 The duties and responsibilities of the PNGJF Executive are generally elaborated on within Bylaws of the PNGJF, as PNGJF Officers Terms of Reference.
- 11.13 An Executive Member need not have a through knowledge of the technicalities of Judo. However, (s)he will be able to assist in adequately providing the needs of the PNGJF.
- 11.14 The Executive will be appointed at the Annual Congress.
- 11.15 The Executive of the PNGJF shall consist of the Executive Members who are elected by Congress, the four (4) Regional Presidents as automatic Vice Presidents, and three (3) registered and/or nonregistered PNGJF members.
- 11.15.1 The PNGJF Executive makes all decisions regarding the activities of the Federation between each Congress.
- 11.15.2 The PNGJF Executive appoints the "*Three Committee Members.*"
- 11.16 A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the elected Executive Board, excluding Committee Members, shall remove and replace any Executive or Committee Member(s) of the Executive Board who fails to comply with his/her duties before the appointed term of office expires.

## **ARTICLE 12 THE PRESIDENT**

- 12.1 The President is elected by Congress, and;
- 12.2 The President directs the PNGJF and represents the it before third parties.
- 12.3 The President presides over meetings of the Congress and Executive
- 12.4 The President is elected by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at the Congress of the PNGJF for a term of three (3) years and he shall be eligible for re-election.
- 12.5 In the case of absence of the President by reason of resignation, death or for any other reason, the Presidency shall be assumed by a Vice President who is next in order of precedence, until the next Congress.

## **ARTICLE 13 VICE PRESIDENTS**

- 13.1 A Vice President, under the recommendation of the Executive, resumes the responsibilities when the President is not on active duty due to official business or personal reasons.
- 13.2 Subject to *Article 2* of this Constitution, four (4) Regional Association Presidents automatically become Vice Presidents of the PNGJF Executive, and shall be elected to and removed from office by their respective Regional Associations having full membership in the PNGJF.
  - 13.2.1 They shall be ranked in accordance with the order of precedence established by the PNGJF Congress, and shall generally be the Presidents of their respective Regional Judo Associations.
  - 13.2.2 The Vice Presidents assist the Presidents and replace him whenever necessary, following the numerical order established by Congress.

## **ARTICLE 14 SECRETARY GENERAL**

- 14.1 The Secretary General is elected by Congress every three (3) years. He concerns himself with the work of the Secretariat and with relations with the member Associations of the PNGJF and third parties, and is responsible for the official minutes of all meetings of the PNGJF.
  - 14.1.1 He shall aid the President in the discharge of his duties and carry out his orders and directions of the Executive and Congress.
  - 14.1.2 If deemed necessary, the Congress may appoint an Assistant Secretary as an ex officio member to assist the General Secretary, when so required.
- 14.2 The Secretary General is responsible for the operation of the PNGJF Secretariat and for providing such secretarial facilities as are required by the PNGJF.

## **ARTICLE 15 TREASURER**

- 15.1. The Treasurer is elected by the Congress by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote every three (3) years. He shall be responsible for the PNGJF Treasury and Finances, as well as advising on all financial matters concerning the PNGJF.
- 15.2. All expenses not previously approved by the Executive, before being incurred shall previously be authorised by the President and Treasurer, or by three members of the Executive. The Treasurer shall render for the benefit of the Congress, a report on the financial situation of the PNGJF.
- 15.3. The Treasurer shall within sixty (60) days of the PNGJF National Championships and Congress render a report on the cost of that event to the PNGJF funds.

## **ARTICLE 16 TECHNICAL DIRECTOR**

- 16.1 The Technical Director is elected by Congress by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote every three (3) years. (S)He is responsible for the technical activities of the PNGJF, including the PNGJF Technical Commissions administration.
- 16.2 The Technical Director shall render for the benefit of Congress, a report of all technical activities.

## **ARTICLE 17 ASSISTANT TECHNICAL DIRECTOR**

- 17.1 The Assistant Technical Director is elected by the PNGJF Congress and is responsible to the Technical Director. (S)He assists the PNGJF Technical Director, as required, in all technical aspects of the PNGJF, including the control of the PNGJF National Championships.

## **ARTICLE 18 PNGJF TECHNICAL COMMISSION**

- 18.1 The PNGJF Technical Commission comprises one Technical Official from each member Association affiliated to the PNGJF.
  - 18.1.1 The Chairman of the Commission is the PNGJF Technical Director.
  - 18.1.2 Member Associations are required to nominate their representative technical official to the Executive and Congress for ratification.
- 18.2 The PNGJF Technical Commission is responsible for advising the PNGJF, and in particular the Technical Director, on all matters relevant to the technical development of Judo in the member affiliated Clubs and Associations of the PNGJF.

## **ARTICLE 19 THE THREE (3) COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- 19.1. Subject to *Article 11.15.2* of this Constitution, three (3) registered or nonregistered members of the Federation are to be appointed as *Committee Members* to the Executive Board by the duly elected Executive Board. The Committee Members powers will be limited unlike those of the elected Executive members by Congress.
- 19.1.1. The term of office for the Committee Members is subject to performance. Subject to *Section 11.16*, removal and/or appointment is at the discretion of the elected Executive Board by Congress.
- 19.1.2. The Committee Members can deliberate on matters, but do not have voting rights at the Congress.

## **ARTICLE 20 FINANCIAL/FEDERATION YEAR**

Unless, otherwise, a contrary intention appears, the Financial/Federation Year of the Federation commences on 1st January and ends on the 31 st December of the same year.

## **ARTICLE 21 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

- 21.1 The operating and administrative expenses of the PNGJF are covered by the resources provided by the annual dues set by the Federation, as well as from donations and all remittances from other sources.
- 21.2 All such annual fees as approved by the Congress shall be paid by Federation members to the PNGJF Treasurer by 31<sup>st</sup> March of the year concerned.
- 21.3 Subject to *Article 5.2.2* of this Constitution, non-payment of fees shall render a Club or an Association ineligible for participation in the activities of the Federation, or its affiliates, until such a settlement is effected.
- 21.4 Member Associations shall pay to the PNGJF a percentage prescribed by the Congress, of the gross receipts of such events as the PNG National Championships, PNG Cup or other National "meets" and other such events held under their auspices.
- 21.5 All income and expenditure of the PNGJF is processed through the PNGJF Treasurer, who shall be responsible for providing the Congress with a certified audited statement prepared by duly qualified chartered and licensed accountants appointed by the Congress.
- 21.5.1 Should the Congress fail to so appoint such accountants, the PNGJF Executive shall make the appointment. The audit accountants shall reside in the same city, town or area as the PNGJF Treasurer.
- 21.6 All monies and fees remitted by the PNGJF Treasurer shall be acknowledged by official receipts. Any banking adjustment necessary, due to currency fluctuations, shall be adjusted by the PNGJF Treasurer and the sum involved shall be considered owing by or to those member Associations.

21.7 All of the executive officers of the PNGJF, namely the Executive will offer their services freely, however, where possible, their travelling, accommodation and living expenses within the prescribed allowance will be assumed by the PNGJF in the case of all meetings or missions of an official nature, with the exceptions of meetings or missions for which expenses are assumed by other organisations.

21.7.1 In the case of PNGJF Technical Officials being required by the PNGJF to officiate at a PNGJF controlled event, their expenses shall be covered by the PNGJF in the same manner as that applicable to the PNGJF Executive. Expenses incurred by any other technical official shall be assumed by their respective Clubs and/or Association.

21.8 All television, radio, film and photographic rights, as well as concessional rights relating to PNG National Championships and of international matches are the exclusive property of the PNGJF. These rights may not be sold or negotiated without the written agreement of the Executive, which may delegate its authority to negotiate the sale or utilisation of these rights, but which shall retain the sole responsibility for the final decision and for the utilisation of income from the sale of the rights.

## **ARTICLE 22 REGULATIONS AND BYLAWS**

22.1 The PNGJF may enact through the decision of Congress such regulations or Bylaws deemed necessary for the application of these statutes and the general administration of the PNGJF.

22.2 When the Congress is not in session, and in case or an urgency, the President may, with the consent of the Executive enact provisionally, regulations which however must be approved later at the next Congress. Such regulations enacted provisionally shall be binding on all members of the PNGJF until the next Congress.

## **ARTICLE 23 MODIFICATION OF THE STATUTES**

23.1 For anything which is not covered in these Statutes, the Executive may take action in accordance with the Congress decision.

23.1.1 These Statutes become effective upon approval by the majority of full member Clubs and Associations of the PNGJF.

23.1.2 Future modifications must be approved by not less than a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the Congress.

## **ARTICLE 24 CONFLICT OF RULES**

24.1. Should the Rules of any member Club or Association of the PNGJF conflict with those of the PNGJF, the PNGJF rule shall take the precedent and be binding.

## ARTICLE 25 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 25.1 The President of the PNGJF, the Executive or the Congress may take disciplinary action against any person, club or association for any action which is considered to be, or likely to be, prejudicial to the objects and rules of the PNGJF.
- 25.1.1 Disciplinary action may take the form of fines, suspension or expulsion from the PNGJF.
- 25.2 Subject to *Article 11.6* of this Constitution, disciplinary action will be applied to elected members of the Executive and/or Committee Members appointed by the elected Executive prior to the expire of their terms of office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the elected Executive Board.
- 25.3 Subject to *Article 21.3* of this Constitution, member Clubs and Associations failing to pay affiliation fees before the 1st of March or each year shall be automatically suspended from all provincial, regional and national activity until they pay what they owe in full.
- 25.3.1 Member Clubs and Associations in arrears at the time of Congress shall not be permitted to take part in the meeting.
- 25.3.2 Member Clubs and Associations with more than two (2) years in arrears shall be disaffiliated from the PNGJF and shall not be readmitted at any time until they pay what they owe in full.
- 25.4 If an affiliated Member, Club or Association contravenes the Statutes of the Papua New Guinea Federation, the International Judo Federation or the Oceania Judo Union for any reason of discipline, the PNGJF will restrain, suspend or expel such a Member, Club or Association.

## ARTICLE 26 SPORTING RELATIONS

- 26.1 No Federation member is allowed to have sporting relations with non-PNGJF members or with members who have been restrained, suspended or expelled for arrears of payment or disciplinary reasons.
- 26.2 Non-compliance with this rule will entail immediate suspension and a report shall be prepared for Congress pending disciplinary action by Congress.
- 26.3 Member Clubs or Associations of the PNGJF shall furthermore forbid their members to have contact with non-affiliated Judo organisations, organisations lapsed in fees, suspended or expelled for any other reason, or organisations not recognised by the Provincial Clubs or Regional Judo Association.
- 26.3.1 In the case of a province or region which has no Judo organisation affiliated to the PNGJF, assistance can be given by the nearest PNGJF members if the organisation has the ultimate aim to join the PNGJF.

## **ARTICLE 27 REGIONAL COMPETITION**

- 27.1 Regional competitions between member Associations of the PNGJF shall be approved by the President of the PNGJF or the General Secretary in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to such competition.
- 27.2 Provincial and or regional competition with a province or region which has no Judo organisation as yet to be affiliated to the PNGJF is permitted by the PNGJF in the interests of the development of Judo, and the raising of that Province's technical level to facilitate its eventual affiliation with the PNGJF.

## **ARTICLE 28 JUDO GRADES**

- 28.1. The Papua New Guinea Judo Federation recognises those Judo grades awarded officially to its own licensed members, to the exclusion of all others.
- 28.2. The Papua New Guinea Judo Federation will also recognise those Judo grades awarded officially to its own licensed members, by the OJU, IJF, Kodokan and, to the opinion, is awarded in line with Rules of the PNGJF, OJU and IJF as specified in the *PNGJF Grading Syllabus, 2012*.
- 28.2.1. Any grade claimed in contravention of this rule shall not be recognised by the Papua New Guinea Judo Federation, the Oceania Judo Union or the International Judo Federation.

## **ARTICLE 29 HONORARY MEMBERS**

- 29.1 The Congress may bestow the title of Honorary Life Member or Honorary Member to Personalities who have been, or will be of service to the Federation.
- 29.1.1 Nominations of such posts shall be presented to the Congress by the Executive.
- 29.1.2 The Privileges of the Honorary Members shall be elaborated in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE 30 USE OF DONATED EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES**

- 30.1. The donated and/or acquired training equipment and facilities of the PNGJF from donor agencies must but utilised by the recipients in the manner in which they are intended.
- 30.2. The PNGJF, through vote by an absolute two-thirds majority of the Executive or the Congress, whichever comes first, will resolve to decide on the best use of such equipment and facilities should a contrary intention appears.



- 30.3. Upon advise from donour agencies to the PNGJF Executive, the PNGJF will use all possible avenues to repossess such equipment and/or facilities from recipients acting contrary to the intended purpose, and allocate to those areas that are in need.
- 30.4. The PNGJF Executive will assist in repossessing and disposing of equipment, facilities and properties to donours should the need arises.
- 30.5. Aggregivated persons are to seek legal redress through the courts of law, or through other appropriate means of dispute resoluton.

## **ARTICLE 31 DISSOLUTION**

- 31.1. In the event of dissolution of the PNGJF, the accumulated property and funds of Federation shall be divided equally as a percentage of contribution amongst its registered members as stated in the Bylaws.