



Australian Jujitsu Federation Inc.

Governing Body
Jujitsu and related martial arts

Aikido; Aiki Jujitsu; Brazilian Jiu Jitsu; Hapkido; Jujitsu; Kenpo Jujitsu



June 2021.

Annual General Meeting ~ 1st May 2021 and Annual Report 2020/2021

Meeting opened: 1:10 pm Attendance:



Contacts—State Representatives and Directors

For all details go to the AJF Website
www.jujitsu.com.au

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L to R — Matthew Cugola (QLD Rep), Jody Whymark (Dir), Laurie Gray, in the shadows: ((Jim Stackpoole (AC), Meladee Stackpoole (obs) and Andrew Hammer (obs)), John Finn (Dir), Catherine Schnell, Zaya Zaya (Dir), Syd Brooksby (Dir & Public officer), Larry Papadopoulos (Dir), Sue Foster (Dir), James Carolan, Lynne Quick (Dir & Secretary) Roger Quick (Exc. Dir & Chairperson).

Apologies: Roger Gibson (Dir), Jordan Wilson (Dir), Neil Phillips (AC), Joe Bracks (State Rep NSW), Mark Doubell (State Rep SA), Eddie Tighe (State Rep WA).

Proxies: None.

1.0 MINUTES

Previous minutes for AGM 21st June 2020.

Motion: The minutes be accepted as read and signed as a true and fair record.

Moved: Sydney Brooksby

Second: Laurie Gray

Carried

Business: – Arising from the minutes – No business was raised.



Australian Government

Australian Sports Commission

The Australian Government through Sport Australia recognises the Australian Jujitsu Federation Inc.

2.0 FINANCIAL REPORT and FINANCES

2.1 Financial Statement — The year ending 31st December 2020 was displayed: Opening balance \$37,164.61, closing balance \$33,856.52. Income \$3,795.43 Expenditure \$7,103.52 (excludes amounts transferred between the accounts). Aside from the receipt of joining fees and previous year overdue fees, membership subscriptions were not invoiced for 2020.

The chairperson confirmed AJF representatives and directors received no payment other than reimbursement on approved expenses.

Motion: The financial statements presented be accepted as a true and fair view of the Australian Jujitsu Federation income, expenditure, assets and liabilities at the end of the financial year.

Moved: Jim Stackpoole

Second: Zaya Zaya Carried

Motion: The Public Officer Syd Brooksby, be authorised to sign the 'Annual Summary of Financial Affairs of the Association' and to lodge this with NSW Fair Trading.

Moved: Lynne Quick

Second: Larry Papadopoulos

Carried

Action: Public Officer to lodge all required documentation with NSW Fair Trading.

2.2 Expense Claims

Reimbursement of Reasonable Expenses – no outstanding claims were submitted for the financial year.

2.3 Financial Membership Fee Structure —

Membership subscriptions for the year to 31st March 2022 are retained at the 2019 rates, including the on-time payment discount plus additional discounting on branch locations.

2.4 Invoicing Member Fees 2021/2022 —

All member schools / associations should have received via email, the latest member update that included details of the invoicing process adopted using PayPal. These accounts have now been emailed out with a due date of 28th May 2021. Included on the account are the notes:

"If your school has not recommenced after 2020 or any details have changed, please let us know using the form link: <https://www.jujitsu.com.au/member-update-school-details/>" and,

"Due to Covid-19 invoices were not issued for the 12-months to 31st March 2021. In continued recognition of the ongoing impact on many schools, this year for on-time payment a \$25 discount has been applied to the \$190.00 primary subscription. Plus, a full \$50 discount has been applied for the first three branch locations. Where schools have greater than three branch locations, a 50% discount has been applied to each branch location over three to a maximum of ten locations."

3.0 BOARD MEMBERS and REPRESENTATIVES

3.1 Current Directors and term:

Roger Quick, Lynne Quick, Suzanne Foster, and Larry Papadopoulos – until AGM 2022.

3.2 Term completed with this AGM:

John Finn, Jody Whymark and Roger Gibson – and have re-nominated until

AGM 2024. Sydney Brooksby completes with this AGM and will be retiring.

Zaya Zaya and Jordan Wilson joined the board during the year and are nominated until AGM 2023.

3.3 No other nominations were received, and the board recommended the terms of each person nominated be approved by the meeting.

Motion: The nominating directors be elected for the terms proposed by the board to take effect from this meeting.

Moved: Roger Quick Second: Suzanne Foster Carried

3.4 Public Officer – Mr. Sydney Brooksby, a member of the AJF Advisory Council, has agreed to continue temporarily as the Public Officer.

Action: The Public Officer to lodge all required documentation with ASIC and NSW Fair Trading.

3.5 State and Regional Representatives – 2-year appointment

- ☞ Queensland and NT Matthew Cugola.
- ☞ NSW Joe Bracks.
- ☞ ACT Region Vacant - TBC.
- ☞ Victoria Phillip Mathers.
- ☞ South Australia Mark Doubell.
- ☞ Western Australia Eddie Tighe.
- ☞ Tasmania Vacant - TBC.

A special appreciation was expressed for Ben James who held the position of Regional Representative in ACT

Motion: The State and Regional Representatives be reappointed on confirmation of their availability

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Moved: Roger Quick Second: Jim Stackpoole Carried

3.6 Medical Advisor – Dr. Amy Stokoe MBBS.

3.7 Covid-19 Safety Coordinator – Mr. Larry Papadopoulos was last year appointed to this position and will be assisted by other members of the board and the AJF Medical Advisor. Members are also encouraged to stay aware of the information published on the AJF Website Covid-19 page, particularly the advice and guidance on preparing and maintaining a 'Covid-19 Safety Plan'.

4.0 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS –

4.1 Applications for membership – received and accepted by the Board since the last AGM.

- ☞ Infinity Martial Arts Academy – Principal Neil Owen – accepted QLD BJJ
- ☞ Legacy Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu – Principal Thiago Braga – accepted QLD BJJ
- ☞ Ju-Jitsu Sports Australia – Principal Zaya Zaya – accepted NSW Jujitsu
- ☞ C2 Martial Arts (Legion 13 affiliated) – Principal Crimson Cruz – accepted WA BJJ
- ☞ Self Defence Central Dojo - Tsutsumi Hozan Ryu Jujutsu – Principal Daniel Newcombe – accepted WA Jujutsu
- ☞ Forza Jiu Jitsu – Principal Daniel Ung – accepted NSW BJJ
- ☞ The Agoge Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu – Principal Justin Bennetts – accepted QLD BJJ
- ☞ Kuroyama Budokai – Principal Damon Schearer – accepted ACT Aikido

4.2 Applications Pending - None

4.3 Applications for full membership 'Provisional member' to 'Member school' accepted by the board during the year.— No applications were received. We do encourage all members to consider upgrading to full voting membership.

5.0 DAN PROMOTIONS (To be NCAP Accredited Coaches) – **Notifications received:**

☞ **Kyushin Ryu School of Jujitsu Inc.**— Moti Ram 4th Dan; Kyle Elkenhans 3rd Dan; Andrew Hammer 2nd Dan; Tyler McInerney 2nd Dan; Norm McInerney 1st Dan; Lee Hayes 1st Dan; Taylor Hayes 1st Dan; Monique Hammer 1st Dan.

☞ **Australian Society of Ju-Jitsuans Inc.**

— Suzanne Foster 2nd Dan; Adam Jarrett 2nd Dan; Conrad van Dort 2nd Dan; Pamela Halim 1st Dan; Greg Newton 1st Dan; David Murray 1st Dan.

6.0 Next Annual General Meeting

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March 2022 date and venue to be confirmed.

Special thanks to each attendee without whom there could be no meeting ...



Meeting Closed: at 2:55 pm

ANNUAL REPORTS

7.0 BOARD REPORT

The special resolution passed at last year's AGM adopting a new Constitution was lodged with both NSW Department of Fair Trading and Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), and after acceptance a copy uploaded to our website within the members library. The Board met on ten occasions via Teleconference during the past year, with additional committee meetings held between board meetings.

Currently 78 member schools/associations are represented with athlete participation at 17,749 participants (based on 85% participant response from schools (if extrapolated out this would total 20,976). Participant break-down is 70% males, 30% females, with 54% adult and 46% under 18-year. The membership and participation numbers do not yet reflect the impact of Covid-19.

8.0 COVID-19 AND RETURN TO SPORT –

A separate page has been maintained this past year on our website, providing information and links to various related sites including both government and health. Together with guidelines to provide member schools with assistance on preparing and maintaining their individual safety plans. Special thanks to board members and in particular Dr Amy Stokoe, Suzanne Foster, Larry Papadopoulos, and Roger Quick.

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9.0 SPORT AUSTRALIA RECOGNITION –



Sport Australia reaffirmed the AJFs status as the National Sporting Organisation (NSO). This followed the review and updating of our Constitution, approved by members at the last AGM. Plus, AJF recognition from the ju-jitsu international body with direct links to Sport Accord, and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

10.0 INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION



On the 12th December 2020 the Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF) in Session, unanimously approved and ratified the AJF as a full member and the recognised jujitsu organisation in Australia.

JJIF is the international body recognised by Sport Accord, the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), and the World Games (see also 2022 Birmingham USA).

This followed negotiations through 2019 and 2020 with JJIF and Ju-jitsu Sports Australia (JISA), now a member of the AJF and at the time recognised

by JJIF, culminating in AJF and JISA achieving agreement on 14th September 2020 to a shared responsibility for the administration of competition under the international rules of JJIF during a period of transition through to 30th June 2023. (Older members may recall previous JJIF membership was held by the Australian Society of Ju-jitsuans).

Sport Accord World Sport & Business Summit



Picture during the 2019 Sport Accord World Sport & Business Summit held on the Gold Coast. L to R: Zaya Zaya (JJSA President), Lynne Quick (AJF Dir), Panagiotis Theodoropoulos (JJIF President), Joachim Thunfart (JJIF Director General), Roger Quick (AJF Exec. Dir). Subsequently joining the team were Jordan Wilson (JISA) and Larry Papadopoulos (AJF Dir).

The AJF has created a new council comprising board members Zaya Zaya (chairman), Jordan Wilson, Larry Papadopoulos and Roger Quick to administer and promote JJIF events in Australia and prepare competitors for international competition,

For members involved in competition, this now opens opportunities to compete and qualify at the international level with a pathway to the World Games and potentially in the future, the Olympics.

On the international sporting calendar, coming up this year the JJIF World Championships 2021 31st October to 7th November in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates ([details click here](#)). And in 2022 the Asian Games under the Olympic Council of Asia. ([view details here](#)) (scroll all the way to the bottom of the page).

Details on the various systems of competition (available on our website) include:

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Fighting System:

In the Fighting-System two competitors fight against each other in a sportsmanlike competition of Ju-Jitsu. This is articulated in three-minute combats between athletes from opposing teams. The system is divided in 12 categories according to weight and sex (male categories: -56kg, -62 kg, -69kg, -77kg, -85kg, -94kg, +94kg; female categories -49kg, -55kg, -62kg, -70kg, +70kg). The actual combat is divided in three parts:

- **Part I** sees the Jutsukas involved in distance combat and controlled attacks with arms and legs. Once a grab has been made, the fight enters



- **Part II** and hits are no longer allowed. The Jutsukas try to bring one another down with various throwing techniques. Points are given according to how 'clean' and effective the actions are judged.

Once down on the tatamis (mats), the match enters its ...

- **Part III.** Here points are given for immobilization techniques, controlled strangulations or levers on body joints that bring the opponent to yield.

The winner is the Jutsuka who has accumulated the most points during the fight or the one who performed a "perfect technique" in all three parts, winning by Ippon.

In this case, the fight will end before the time runs out. This type of competition requires timing, agility, strength and endurance

- **Part 1:** Punches, strikes and kicks ("atemi") applied with Hiki-te / Hiki-ashi. [Unblocked 2-points / Partly blocked 1-point]
- **Part 2:** Throws or take downs [perfect technique 2-points / not perfect 1-point], locks and strangulations [with tapping 2-points]
- **Part 3:** Ground techniques: locks and strangulations [with tapping 3-points] [Efficient control announced as Osae-komi [during 15-seconds 2-points / during 10-seconds 1-point]

Jiu-Jitsu Ne-waza (BJJ):

Two competitors fight against each other in a sportsmanlike manner. The objective of the fight is to win by

submission; either by lock/choke or to win by outscoring one's opponent. The competition is composed of:

- Throws, takedowns, locks and strangulations in standing position, floor techniques, control, improvement of positions (guard passes, sweeps), locks and strangulations on the ground.
- Further restrictions, rules, guidelines, adaptations in organization, format and protocol for different event formats, special weight or age categories and different levels of combat capability (belt categories) are appended.

Contact Ju Jitsu:



Contact Ju-Jitsu is a dynamic and innovative combination of basic Ju-Jitsu techniques as predominantly used in the Fighting System, Jiu Jitsu/Ne-Waza System and some of the techniques used in the Duo System, permitting non-stop and full contact combination of techniques to secure a victory over an opponent within a defined time limit, with close attention paid to ensure the safety of each athlete and fair play.

Athletes are allowed to use all permissible Contact Ju-jitsu techniques as well as no-contact (simulated or imitation) techniques, to secure victory over an opponent. Ju-Jitsu techniques incorporating the hands, elbows,

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knees, legs shin and feet are permitted. Punches, Kicks, Elbow Strikes, Knee Strikes, Throws, Sweeps, Locks, Pins, Grappling Manoeuvres, Takedowns, Chokes and Submission Holds are permitted.

Pressure point techniques, chokes and strangulation holds, locks, pins and submission techniques may be used as long as they do not target prohibited areas and do not bring about intentional serious injuries to the opponent and are used only as a means to counter a technique or for inducing submission.



Duo Competition:

The Duo System is a discipline in which a pair of jutsukas from the same team show possible self-defence techniques against a series of 12 attacks, randomly called by the mat referee to cover the following scenarios:

grip attack (or strangulation), embrace attack (or neck lock), hit attack (punch or kick) and armed attack (stick or knife).

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referee to cover the following scenarios: grip attack (or strangulation), embrace attack (or necklock), hit attack (punch or kick) and armed attack (stick or knife). The Duo System has three competition categories: male, female or mixed, and the athletes are judged for their speed, accuracy, control and realism. It is arguably the most spectacular form of ju-jitsu competition and it requires great technical preparation, synchronism



and elevated athletic qualities. The jury shall look for and judge the following criteria:

1. Powerful attack
2. Biomechanical Principles
3. Control
4. Effectiveness
5. Attitude
6. Speed
7. Variability

The scores are given from 0 to 10 (1/2 number interval) by five judges.

Three scores get counted cause highest and the lowest scores are taken away to avoid mistakes.

This competition is even attractive for people not involved in martial arts. Fast and spectacular actions are shown. Precise kicks and punches, dynamic throwing techniques and powerful locks are performed by the contestants.

And

Show Competition:

The JJIF-Show System is aimed at presenting a free choreography of defence actions of one athlete against attacks from another athlete of the same team.



The System will be organized according to the JJIF Organization and Sporting Code.

The team can use objects (max. two (2) items), which support the idea of the show. The objects can be used for attacks and defence (to defend maximum 50% of the attacks). Even though the choreography can be freely chosen by the team, it shall contain sequences of attacks and defences.

More Photos [CLICK HERE](#)

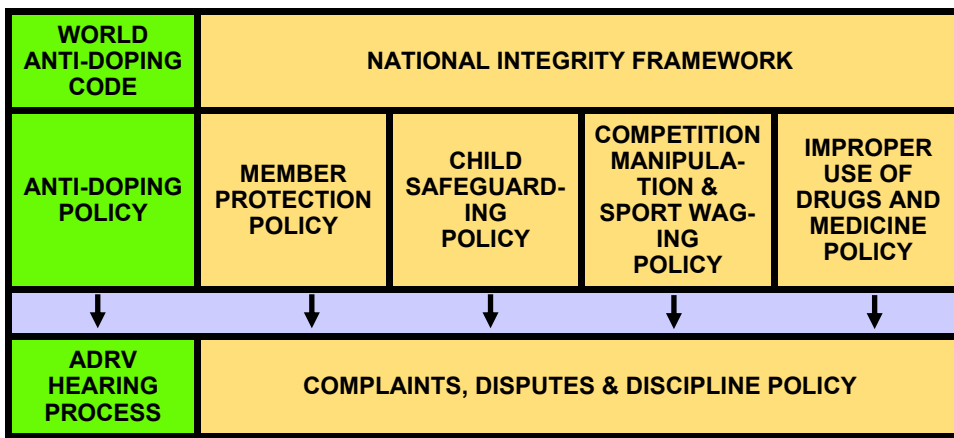
Participation — While international travel is not anticipated to reopen before mid-2022, the AJF Sports Council are presently working on the feasibility of State and National Championships later this year that could provide a qualifier towards international events. **EXPRESSION of interest**— [CLICK HERE](#) to submit an interest.

11.0 SPORT INTEGRITY AUSTRALIA (SIA) –



Commenced operation on 1st July 2020 combining the operations of the Australian Sports Anti-doping Authority (ASADA) the National Integrity of Sport Unit of the Department of Health, and the integrity programs of Sport Australia.

Since their commencement, Sport Integrity Australia have published a number of new policies which can be seen below:



The Australian National Anti-Doping Policy, which was updated to align with the 2021 WADA Code update, is a single policy adopted by all sports to ensure greater consistency for anti-doping rules across the sporting community.

A summary of the key changes for the 2021 update can be [found here](#).

Sport Integrity Australia have also developed the National Integrity Framework which seeks to take a proactive approach to mitigate the threats to sports integrity and provide a safe, fair and trustworthy environment for participants at all levels of sport.

The National Integrity Framework contains the following policies:

- 11.1 National Anti-doping policy
- 11.2 Member Protection Policy
- 11.3 Child Safeguarding Policy
- 11.4 Competition Manipulation and Sport Wagering Policy
- 11.5 Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy
- 11.6 Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy

Members can view a brief explanation on each of the policies on the [YouTube video link here](#).

Currently the board are in discussion with SIA on the application and implementation of these, particularly as they relate to non-competitive sports. The Australian National

Anti-Doping Policy, the Member Protection policy and the Child Safeguarding policy, will replace existing AJF policies previously administered under ASADA and Sport Australia, each of which all accredited coaches will be aware. In reply to a question raised - the current role of Member Protection Information Officer, a position held by Syd Brooksby, will be replaced by a new position(s) to be confirmed, encompassing 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3.

When it comes to sport integrity, it is critical that our members are aware of their rights and responsibilities. Sport Integrity Australia has a number of educational resources about sport integrity for all levels of athletes, parents, teachers, coaches and support personnel. These can be [found here](#).

12.0 COACHING ACCREDITATION –

12.1 Development of a New AJF Course – Progress this past year has been slow as we await anticipated changes within the Coaching General Principles determined by Sport Australia and the new modules that will be available online. Understandably, this being due to other priorities and the impact of Covid-19 on all sport.

The good news from Sport Australia is coaching, and officiating has now been prioritised and they are “developing a new, modern and more targeted learning experience for the sector”.

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In the meantime Sport Australia has developed a new series of podcasts which feature some of the nation's



leading coaches, officials and athletes, including Carrie Graf, Louise Sauvage, Lauren Burns, Mal Meninga, Mick Byrne, Claire Polosak, Amy Perrett and Greg Chappell. To subscribe to the series visit:

[Coaching and Officiating podcast series | Sport Australia](#)

Within AJF our coaching development team in discussions with Sport Australia, are focused on :

- ☞ identifying the topics/ modules relevant to our members/coaches to be available online from Sport Australia, and
- ☞ those modules we will develop. Plus,
- ☞ Ideally, having the AJF modules integrated within the learning management system (LMS) of Sport Australia.

The current plan is to split the course between an online component with a mix of content developed both by Sport Australia and ourselves. Plus, one-day face-to-face component predominantly focused on mat activities and coaching skills. Timing, we are hopeful of having a trial course available by October November that will be submitted to the board for approval.

12.2 Expiry Extension - This past year, coaches whose accreditation had expired since 30 Sept 2018 had an opportunity to have their accreditation extended with the submission of updated clearance for Working Children, First-aid, Competency, and completion of a prescribed Covid-19 course. That program was extended through to February. Extension already provided will now be further extended to 30 November 2021.

12.3 Interim Abridged Course – For members with earlier expiry or who have not previously attended a course, we introduced a new abridged online course that is still available. [Details are on our website.](#)

13.0 WEBSITE –

13.1 Security - Members will see at the bottom of each page evidence of new security features providing added protection for member details. This past year we have also added PayPal adopting the option that when making a payment you are redirected to PayPal ensuring your details are NOT being recorded within the AJF website.

13.2 Isolated login problems, new members may experience problems logging-in, we believe this relates to the member plugin and we are working to resolve this.

14.0 AJF NATIONAL INSURANCE PROGRAM –

PSC Insurance Brokers — have updated the 'Insurance Summary of Cover' for the AJF National Insurance Program. To view a copy [CLICK HERE.](#)

Members who took-up the complimentary insurance extension offered in 2020 due to the impact of Covid-19, are reminded their 2021



insurance renewal date will have changed.

If you are not participating in this program, we recommend you consider completing an '[Insurance Application Form](#)' and request an obligation free quote, direct from our broker and compare this with your current insurance. To-date we have not had one member advise they have a more favourable deal. HINT – if you have more than one location it can be to your financial advantage to group these into a single policy.

15.0 NATIONAL CAMPS / SEMINARS

Sadly, with the pandemic and uncertainty of State lockdowns coupled with the requirements of 14-day quarantine, a return to hosting a national camp or seminar remains on hold.

16.0 STRATEGIC DIRECTION –

AJF Strategic Plan has been recently updated and should be available to members on the AJF website (within the members library) by mid-July.

17.0 IN CLOSING –

Sydney Brooksby retires from the board after 21-years with AJF as a Director. Syd will continue for the time being in the role of Public Officer and still retains a position as a member of the AJFs advisory council. Syd will be missed, and a vote of thanks was expressed for his massive contribution, together with kind words of appreciation from individual directors and past directors Jim Stackpoole and Neil Phillips.