



**VICE PRESIDENT'S
JIU-JITSU CUP**

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

UAE JIU-JITSU FEDERATION

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SEASON 2025 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

The Jiu-Jitsu Vice President's Cup is organized as a Team Competition System consisting of:

Chapter 1

Right to Participate

Article (1) : Each participating club should be registered and recognized by the UAEJJF. All clubs must send their respective official list informing all participating players on the event page until the deadline of (10) days before the date of the competition.

Article (2): In order to participate, the players must be registered members of the club, as per the UAEJJF official portal and UAEJJF official website, during the current season before the Nominal Entry deadline.

Chapter 2

Registration

Article (1): All approved teams have to register the athletes at www.events.uaejjf.org

Article (2): Athletes must be registered at the UAEJJF Portal under the club they wish to represent. The athletes' data and documents must be up to date.

Article (3): Registrations are limited to 2 players per weight division.

Article (4): Registrations will close (10) days before the event date, and all participating clubs will be given an extra day for editing and swapping (maximum 2) players. UAEJJF has two days to verify all the players according to the rules. If any player does not meet the criteria of the competition, he/she will be removed from the list, and the club has the right to replace this player for another of the same weight category.

2.1 Athlete Eligibility

Article (5): Athletes on the men's division (U14-U16-U18) must meet the criteria below:

- Emirati Nationality & Son of Emirati Mother (minimum of 5 players on each contest)
- Born in UAE (a maximum of 2 players on each contest)

Article (6): Athletes on the men's division (Adult's) must meet the criteria below:

- Emirati Nationality & Son of Emirati Mother (minimum of 4 players on each contest)
- Born in UAE (a maximum of 2 players on each contest)
- Expats (a maximum of 1 player on each contest)

*Documents proving the above must be sent by the club prior to the competition.

*Expats are only allowed on adult's divisions.

Article (7): Athletes registered under the born in UAE quota, in the "U14 - U16 - U18" divisions must reside in the UAE and present their residence visa, emirates ID from past year (2025), and birth certificate.

Article (8): Athletes registered under the expat/born quota, in the adult's divisions must reside in the UAE and present their valid emirates ID, and from the previous year (2025).

Article (9): Athletes must be registered within the limits of their weight division. They can compete on their weight division as well as the immediate higher weight division interchangeably (Athletes cannot fight in two weight divisions on the same contest).

Ex: Players registered on 56kg can compete in one contest at 56kg, and in another contest at 62Kg.

Article (10): Jiu Jitsu coaches working inside UAE, are not allowed to represent any club competing at the event as UAE resident. The UAEJF shall analyze and make decisions on every case individually regarding this matter.

2.2 Team Eligibility

Article (11): In order to be eligible for the competition, men's teams must have at least four players in different weight classes to begin the competition.

Article (12): Completed teams should have a minimum of 7 players to participate, one per weight class, and a maximum of 14 players, two per weight class in the Men's division

Article (13): During the event, after the first contest, in case of injury or non show up players, a minimum of (4) men's is mandatory to continue on the competition.

Chapter 3

Weigh-in and Accreditation

Article (1): Time and place for check-in and accreditation are specified at the UAEJF website. Competitors must arrive and check-in within the time limits, accompanied by a club official.

*The weigh-in will be organised by teams, the full team must be presented for the weigh-in and the weight of the athletes must fall within the limits of their category to which they belong to.

Article (2): Athletes must present their UAEJF accreditation and Emirates ID or PASSPORT at the official weigh-in.

Article (3): Athletes can present themselves multiple times on the scales during the official weigh-ins.

Article (4): Athletes will be moved to a higher weight division if overweight, as long as their team has a spot available on the next division only. It is not allowed to move players who made the weight for a next division, in order to accommodate the player which is overweight.

Article (5): During the weigh-in, if one or two players from the same weight division are overweight or did not show up, but the team has a player on the lower weight division that can cover the empty division, the club shall use this player, but his weight division will remain officially on the same registered weight. In this case the team shall not have any athlete representing the team in more than one division during the same contest.

Article (6): Athletes must abide by the current UAEJF weigh-in uniform regulations published at events.uaejjf.org

Chapter 4

4.1 Competition Format

Article (1): All teams shall be placed in a Bracket format according to the number of teams.

Brackets Format

Best of Three Matches (divisions with 2 clubs)

3 Clubs - Comeback (divisions with 3 clubs)

Round-Robin qualification (divisions with 4 - 5 clubs)

- First Place of the Group: (Finalist)
- Second Place of the Group: (Finalist)
- Third Place of the Group: (Bronze Contest)
- Fourth Place of the Group: (Bronze Contest)

Combined Pool - Round Robin + Final Bracket (divisions with 6 clubs)

Double-Elimination Brackets, repechage from quarterfinals (divisions with 7 or more clubs)

4.2 Team Competition System

Article (2): Teams representing their club will face off against opposing teams. Each team contest shall consist of multiple individual contests, one in each weight category. The teams will be categorized as follows:

TEAM ADULTS (Men +18 years)

Weight: - 56kg, - 62kg, - 69kg, - 77kg, - 85kg, - 94kg, - 110kg

TEAM U18 (Men 16 & 17 years)

Weight: - 50kg, - 55kg, - 60kg, - 66kg, - 73kg, - 81kg, - 94kg

TEAM U16 (14 & 15 years)

Weight: - 46kg, - 50kg, - 55kg, - 60kg, - 66kg, - 73kg, - 85kg

TEAM U14 (12 & 13 years)

Weight: - 37kg, - 41kg, - 45kg, - 50kg, - 55kg, - 62kg, - 70kg

4.3 Teams Line-Up

Article (3): The team line-up consists of the selection of athletes, by a team representative, for a given contest. The team representative must select one eligible player to represent each weight division as soon the bracket manager requested.

Article (4): Before each team contest, the team must present their line-up to the bracket manager. The official line-up must be approved and signed by a team representative. Once signed, the team line-up will not be altered until the next team contest.

Article (5): Each line-up must not exceed one expat, and two born in UAE in adult's division, and two born in UAE athletes for U14 - U16 - U18 Men's divisions.

Article (6): In case one of the athletes in the team line-up does not compete, the team will lose that match by disqualification (0-4), which will count as a submission in the tiebreakers.

Article (7): An athlete who has presented himself for the contest and does not compete loses their right to compete for the remainder of the tournament. If one team does not show up to the match, the other team will be declared the winner by Walkover (all contest counted as submission for tiebreakers).

4.4 Decision

Article (8): Team contest consists of one individual contest for each weight division in their respective categories, and the sum of points from individual contests will decide the winning team. Points will be awarded as follows:

- Win by submission = 4 points
- Win by points = 3 points
- Draw = 1 point
- Loss = 0 points
- WO / DQ = 4 points (counted as submission)

At the end of each contest, the team who scored the most points shall be declared the winner.

Article (9): If all fights in a contest end up in a draw, the Golden Score system will be implemented to decide the winner between the competitors of the last weight division. First to score wins. If the draw remains after the golden score, the referee will decide the winner of the fight.

Article (10): In case of a draw in points, the following criteria will be applied.

1. Number of submissions
2. Sum of score in winning matches
3. Fastest submission
4. Sum of advantages in winning matches
5. Sum of penalties (lower is better)

Article (12): The duration of individual contests will be as following:

- Adults: 5 minutes
- U18: 4 minutes
- U16: 3 minutes
- U14: 3 minutes

Chapter 5

Awarding and Cash Prize

Article (1): The UAEJF shall provide for the medal ceremony:

Men's Divisions

- First Place: 1 cup, gold medals, and prize money
- Second Place: silver medals, and prize money
- Third Place: bronze medal, and prize money

Chapter 6

Rules of Uniform

Article (1): All athletes must compete in UAEJF Approved GI. GIs will be checked prior the fight. It is mandatory for all competitor to have a white kimono and a blue kimono.

Article (2): Each competitor must have the official logo of the club sewn on the back of his GI.

- UAEJF flag on the right arm exactly as the picture
- UAEJF logo on the left chest



Article (3): All competitors must have one red belt, and one blue belt with the measurements according to the UAEJJF's uniform regulations.

Article (4): On all advertising spaces, it is strictly prohibited to promote tobacco, alcohol, any substances listed in the doping code, or any product or service contrary to public morals.

- Detailed information is available at www.uaejjf.org

Article (5): If one or more athletes fail to follow any of the Gi rules above, they will be penalized for 1 penalty on the current team contest. If the offense persists for the next contest, the athlete shall be penalized again. All competitors must strictly follow the image above.

Chapter 7

VAR Regulations

Article (1): When employing video refereeing, the procedure will be as follows: the mat referee has the option at any point to pause the match and signal for a video review to be displayed to give an additional point of reference in outstanding of previously made decisions.

Article (2): When using the video system, the two VAR referees will be situated in the video replay area. If both referees agree that a decision should be overturned, they will

contact the mat referee with their decision, and the mat referee will assign the points accordingly.

7.1 Coach Challenge Procedure

Article (3): If the coach spots a refereeing doubt, he must stand up immediately. The referee shall announce the stoppage of the fight when both competitors are in a stable position. The coach must clearly describe what he wants to challenge. The referee will then check the situation through the Video Referees.

Article (4): If the challenge is positive, the referee decision must be overturned accordingly, and the coach shall keep his right to further request new challenges.

Article (5): If the challenge is negative, the coach shall lose the right to request a new challenge on the current match.

Article (6): The challenge is a tool reserved strictly for the coach. In case a competitor challenges a referee's decision, the athlete shall be penalized.

Chapter 8

Coaching

Code of behavior of coaches as defined in the UAEJF Regulations will be strictly observed, including the dress code.

Article (1): Coaches are not allowed to speak with the referees during the fights.

Article (2): Coaches are not allowed to speak with the opposing coach during the fights.

Article (3): Coaches are not allowed to use offensive language against their athletes, any other competitor, referees, and staff members.

Article (4): If coaches persist with such behavior, their UAEJF Accreditation will be taken away for the day, and he/she will be taken outside of the competition area, they shall be penalized further.

Chapter 9

Right to Change

Article (1): The UAEJF has the right to implement any modification to the format of the competitions, or to adapt any regulations as it seems suitable. Any changes to the rules/regulations must be informed prior to its applications.