



## South African Sport Jiu-Jitsu Federation

### Sabjjf Sanctioned Events Agreement

The Sport Jiu-Jitsu International Federation (Sabjjf) is a nonprofit organization that together with its federations are hosting events all over the world with the mission of taking the sport of Jiu-Jitsu to the Olympic games.

Today the SABJJF recognizes that Jiu-Jitsu is growing in popularity and many people love the sport, however, our sport lacks unity amongst its many entities. Consequently, federations, event organizers, and the many other members of our sport community often find themselves working against one another and adversely impacting our sport.

The primary goal of the SABJJF is to unify and organize the existing Sport Jiu-Jitsu, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Jiu-Jitsu federations, event organizers, and other members of our sport community under one governing body that share the vision of reaching Olympic greatness and international recognition.

In order for Jiu-Jitsu to become an Olympic sport we need to further organize the sport. This includes having all events follow one set of standard rules and guidelines that emphasize fairness, good sportsmanship, and promote the growth of our sport.

Our vision is that together, we will work diligently to uphold the unifying rules and guidelines to aid in organizing & structuring tournaments, insure the hiring of qualified staff, referees and instructors, and develop larger organized events that will bring acknowledgement and respect to our sport.

In order to accomplish this, each federation or sanctioned event organizer under the Sabjjf is responsible for hosting competitions that will rank athletes in their respective territories and are organized in accordance with the SABJJF Competition Rules & Regulations.

#### **If you share our vision and want to be part of our mission as a sanctioned event organizer here are some key points!**

- Your organization will remain yours, its profit, and its name.
- The SABJJF will provide organizational and promotional support, as appropriate.

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SABJJF will help you to further grow your events are by promoting your events through our system, showcasing your events worldwide in our event calendar, and adding your tournament results to the SABJJF's worldwide tournaments results and team/individual rankings.

- You will help the SABJJF with its Olympic mission as using the competitor and team information of your event(s) will help the SABJJF further acquire the number of participants/members required by the IOC.
- Furthermore, by working with the SABJJF you will have many benefits such as not having overlapping events with other entities allied with the SABJJF, exposure to sponsors, access

### **What will the SABJJF ask of you as a sanctioned event organizer?**

1. All sanctioned events must be organized in accordance with the SABJJF Competition Rules & Regulations. To review these rules visit [www.sjjif.org](http://www.sjjif.org)
2. SABJJF sanctioned events cannot be mixed and/or biased to any academy and/or team. The events/tournaments must provide a neutral competition environment for all teams and competitors, and be supportive of all the federations, mission, and events under the SABJJF.
3. All sanctioned organizations with the SABJJF will be required to submit an event application with a minimum of 60 days prior to the event date in order to receive approval, unless an exception is made by the SABJJF in writing.
  - a) No event should be conducted unless an event application has been submitted and approved by the SABJJF.
  - b) No sanction will be issued for an event where the word “World”, “Olympic” or any derivative thereof is used in any advertisements or notice in connection with the event.
  - c) An approved sanctioned event cannot be transferred to another organization, unless cleared and approved by the SABJJF.
  - d) Sanctioned Event Sponsorship must be submitted for review to the SABJJF.
  - e) All events must be conducted in a professional venue.
4. Event fees must be paid by the respective event organization by the set date to the Sabjjf. Event fee guidelines are as follows:
  - a) SJJIF sanctioned event organizers shall pay to the Sabjjf a non-refundable fee of R1500 ZAR per event plus an additional 3% of each registration fee per competitor for the use of software. This does not include transaction fees, or any other fees associated with hosting the event.
  - b) Upon failure to submit payment for any event within the period prescribed by the Sabjjf or sanctioned event agreement, the Sabjjf may suspend or revoke the sanctioned event organizers right to host events.
5. All events will be registered under the Sabjjf calendar and there will be proximity regulations for the following:
  - a) There must be a 3 weeks wait period between the use of a same venue from a prior tournament.
  - b) No two events will be allowed in the same city on the same date.
  - c) Sabjjf sanctioned events may be hosted on the same day with a minimum of 200 miles distance.
6. All tournaments must work with the software provided by the Sabjjf to ensure accurate data of tournament results, individual competitor results, and number of participants around the world. This data will be used to update the Sabjjf world ranking.
7. All staff must have completed a training course prior to the event.
8. Events must comply with any health and safety regulations put forth by the state and/or country of the event.
9. Events must have appropriate liability insurance.
10. All expenses and fees such as travel, accommodation, and salary must be paid by the respective event organizer for an sabjjf representative to be present the day of

the event to assist and/or inspect the implementation of the SABJJF Competition Rules & Regulations.

11. Follow SABJJF quality standards on events for the following:

- a) Mat areas
- b) Rules & Regulations
- c) Prices
- d) Banners
- e) Marketing Material
- f) Staff
- g) Referee
- h) Medic
- i) Venue
- j) T-shirts
- k) Medals
- l) Trophy

12. Encourage individuals, academies, and teams to acquire SABJJF membership to be

part of the SABJJF Ranking System. This will allow the SABJJF to keep an accurate record of all individual participants and overall count of competitors worldwide, assisting in the process of Jiu-Jitsu evolving into an Olympic Sport. Membership Benefits are as follows:

- a) Member will have an SABJJF ID card and sanction number.
- b) Will be listed as a current member under the SABJJF website.
- c) Member will be part of a world ranking system.
- d) Member will have access to list of results and fight records.
- e) Member will be part of a tournament discount program.
- f) Member will have complimentary admission as a spectator to any SABJJF tournament.

**I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to the terms and conditions set forth above and in the Sport Jiu-Jitsu International Federation Rules & Regulation Book and intend on signing in accordance with the terms set forth herein on this date, \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.**

**I hereby acknowledge that this letter will become a binding agreement between the Sport Jiu-Jitsu International Federation (SABJJF), myself, and the organization I represent.**

**I hereby acknowledge that this agreement signifies my partnership with the SABJJF and all events hosted by my organization will have to abide by the terms set forth in this agreement.**

**I hereby agree that in the case of a breach of contract or termination of this agreement, myself and the organization I represent will be unable to host events for a period of one (1) year from date of agreement termination.**

**I hereby agree that the SABJJF is not liable in case of damage, injury or death related to events hosted by myself, and the organization I represent.**

**I hereby acknowledge the importance of working together for the growth of our sport and intend to support the SABJJF and its mission.**

Name	Position	Signature	Date
James Saks	SABJJF SG	Signature	Date