

# **UNITED STATES JU-JITSU FEDERATION**

The National Governing Body for Ju-Jitsu in the United States of America

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Dear Fellow Members,

It is with Great Pleasure that I announce the “Partnering” of **United States Ju-Jitsu Federation (USJJF)**, and the **International Sports Grappling Association (ISGA)**.

Over the past decades, as the USA National Governing Body for Ju-Jitsu with the Ju-Jitsu International Federation (JJIF), the USJJF has trained and promoted the JJIF systems of competition to include the Ju-Jitsu Fighting System (JJFS) and the Ju-Jitsu Duo (Self Defense) System JJSD-Duo). These two ju-jitsu venues of competition have been included in the World Games, the “new” Sports Accord Combat Games and are now as a “recognized” sport – Ju-Jitsu’s venues of JJFS and JJSD-Duo have been included in the Olympic Games of Asia – the Asian Martial Arts Games and the Asian Indoor Games. In Europe, the JJIF National Federations mostly are sponsored, sanctioned and funded by the Governments. In Asia, Ju-Jitsu enjoys the official recognition and support of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

In the USA, the JJIF venues of competition have shown less popularity than in Europe or Asia. Possibly, part of the reason is because the “Ju-Jitsu Fighting System” and “Ju-Jitsu Duo System” require considerable “comprehensive” (Striking, Throwing & Grappling) skills. Meanwhile here in the USA, ju-jitsu has generally been more focused on **Grappling**. As the Premier National Ju-Jitsu Organization – USJJF knows that many of our members are more focused on Traditional Ju-Jitsu than the sport venue of Ju-Jitsu. However, as the NGB for Ju-Jitsu with both the JJIF and the Martial Arts International Federation (MAIF), the USJJF is expanding its sport venues of ju-jitsu to include the very popular “**Ju-Jitsu Grappling System**” (JJGS).

Over this past year, USJJF along with one of our several partners - the **United States Martial Arts Federation (USMAF)** we have been working to establish a new “**partnership**” with the **International Sports Grappling Association (ISGA)**. We have been researching, discussing and agreeing on a “unified” set of Grappling Rules that are acceptable to all of these organizations, and most importantly “Safe and Challenging” for the Athletes in the USA Grappling Community. In the coming weeks, we will be scheduling training for these Grappling Rules as well as announcing Competition Events sanctioned by USJJF - USMAF - ISGA.

We recommend you regularly visit USJJF’s Official Website at [www.usjif.org](http://www.usjif.org). We are constantly striving to provide “more and better” services for our members. If at any time, you have suggestions as to how USJJF can better serve your interests in Traditional Ju-Jitsu or as the USA National Governing Body for Ju-Jitsu; I hope you will contact me at [bruce.bethers@usjif.org](mailto:bruce.bethers@usjif.org).

Best Personal Regards,

*Bruce R. Bethers*

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