

# Disciplinary Regulations of the Finnish Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation

The disciplinary regulations of the Finnish Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation are based on the model disciplinary rules of the Olympic Committee and the common disciplinary regulations of the Martial Arts Federations. These regulations are effective from January 1, 2025.

## 1 § Persons and Entities Subject to the Regulations

The following are subject to the federation's disciplinary regulations:

- Member clubs of the federation
- Members of member academies
- Members of the boards and committees of member academies and their appointed bodies, as well as officials
- Support persons of athletes and other persons involved in the activities of the federation or member community who have demonstrated their commitment to comply with the rules related to the activities by participating in the activities
- Persons and entities who have committed in writing to comply with these regulations or have purchased the federation's license
- Persons and entities subject to the current anti-doping regulations

## 2 § Punishable Acts and Limitations on Disciplinary Power

1) A person can be punished if they:

- Violate the current rules, regulations, or decisions of the federation issued under the federation's rules
- Intentionally mislead or attempt to mislead the bodies appointed by the federation
- Behave unsportsmanlike in competitions, related training activities, or the practice of the sport, outside the actual competition event, or due to decisions made in competitions or otherwise
- Commit an act punishable under the Criminal Code, or behavior that targets the competition or training venue, other participants, or the audience
- Interfere with the physical integrity of the jury or officials in competitions or related training activities, or verbally or physically threaten the jury or officials
- Engage in activities that harm the interests of the federation
- Compete, attempt to compete, or propose competing with a predetermined outcome or otherwise manipulate or attempt to manipulate competition events or neglect the obligation to report such activities to the federation or member community
- Bet on their own competition event
- Engage in racist behavior in competitions or outside of them or neglect the obligation to address such behavior based on the federation's rules and regulations
- Engage in sexual or other harassment, discrimination, or any sexual offense punishable under the Criminal Code in competitions or outside of them. A person can also be punished if they engage in other inappropriate behavior or an offense against life and health punishable under the Criminal Code, where the circumstances, manner of the act, and the perpetrator's guilt indicate that they have become clearly unsuitable to receive or provide martial arts training or coaching or participate in

competitions or otherwise participate in the activities of the federation or its members. The punishability under this section also extends to acts unrelated to the person's competition or training activities.

- Have been punished by another national sports organization with at least a six (6) month ban from playing, competing, or officiating, if the punished act meets any of the criteria in sections a)-j)

2) These disciplinary regulations do not apply to:

- Sports/competition rules
- Consequences similar to disciplinary sanctions that are automatically determined by the rules or regulations of the international umbrella organization
- Doping violations, where the disciplinary authority is specified in the Finnish anti-doping regulations
- Cases subject to the common disciplinary regulations for serious inappropriate behavior and serious ethical violations in sports and physical activity

### **3 § Types of Sanctions**

1) Types of sanctions include:

- Warning
- Penalty fee
- Competition-specific, fixed-term, or temporary competition or officiating ban
- Activity ban, which temporarily or permanently excludes all competition, event, and training activities under the federation and its member communities

2) The penalty fee must be paid within 30 days of receiving the decision to the account of the Finnish Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation, under the threat of being subject to a competition, officiating, or activity ban.

3) The competition or officiating ban applies to all competitions under the federation.

4) A person subject to an officiating ban may not perform tasks related to official competitions or matches, including competing.

5) Different types of sanctions can be imposed simultaneously.

### **4 § Disciplinary Authority**

The body exercising disciplinary authority in the violations mentioned in these rules is the federation's board. The competition committee appointed by the board of the Finnish Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation acts as the federation's disciplinary investigation and determination body, whose proposal the board uses to exercise its decision-making power. The competition committee's disciplinary procedure proposal can be brought to the board for consideration through a notification procedure, and the board must prioritize it as a matter to be addressed.

### **5 § Reporting a Violation**

1) An official report of a competition, training, or other event to the federation can be made by a federation official, competition judge, or a representative appointed by a member academy.

2) A person other than those mentioned in §5.1 can make a detailed report of a violation, which must be submitted in writing to the competition committee within 30 days of the violation or when it became known. If the violation concerns activities under §2 1) g), h), i), or j), the report must be submitted in writing to the federation within one year of the violation or when it became known. The aforementioned report can be made by email.

3) For compelling reasons, violations brought to the federation's attention can be addressed even if no report or notification has been made or regardless of the one-year time limit mentioned in §2.

### **6 § Hearing the Party and Other Investigation in the Competition Committee**

1) In the matter, the competition committee must request explanations from those parties from whom relevant material for resolving the matter can be obtained.

2) After sufficient clarification of the incident, the party subject to disciplinary proceedings must be given an opportunity to respond to the matter.

3) The written response must be submitted within one week of the response request, under the threat that the matter can be resolved without it. The response can be submitted by email. The response can be requested through the party's member community.

4) The competition committee can propose to the federation's board to impose a temporary competition, officiating, or activity ban on the person suspected of the violation until the matter is addressed in the competition committee or another body where it is pending.

5) The competition committee can, at its discretion, obtain additional clarifications or invite the party for a personal hearing.

6) The reports and other clarifications provided with the response request are intended only for the parties' information.

7) The competition committee presents the final disciplinary procedure proposal to the federation's board, which decides on the matter. The board can still separately request a final statement from the party before making a decision.

### **7 § Decision in Disciplinary Proceedings**

1) A reasoned written decision must be sent to the party or their member community within three (3) days of the decision being issued.

2) The decision must also be immediately notified to the punished person or their represented member community by email.

3) A decision concerning a member community or its bodies or members must be delivered to the party at the address notified to the federation or to the chairman or secretary of the relevant body.

4) The decision must include an appeal instruction.

5) The decision can also be verbally notified to the party or their represented member community's representative.

6) The decision must be published anonymously, unless there are particularly compelling reasons otherwise, within seven (7) days of the decision being issued.

7) Decisions on reports that are not taken up for consideration are not published.

### **8 § Right of Appeal**

The punished person has the right to appeal the federation board's decision to the Sports Judicial Board under the conditions specified in its rules.

### **9 § Register of Sanctions**

The federation board and the competition committee must keep a register of violation reports, sanctions, and appeals, as well as the measures they have caused.

## **10 § Enforcement of Sanctions**

The imposed sanction is enforced even if it is appealed to the Sports Judicial Board. However, the federation board can order the enforcement of the sanction to be suspended during the appeal process at the proposal of the competition committee.

## **11 § Lapse of Sanction**

The federation board can, at the proposal of the competition committee, order the sanction to lapse for particularly compelling reasons if at least two (2) years have passed since the imposition of the competition, officiating, or activity ban.

## **Background Documents for the Disciplinary Regulations of the Finnish Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation**

Model Disciplinary Rules of the Olympic Committee:

<https://olympiakomitea.kuvat.fi/kuvat/Materiaalipankki/J%C3%A4senj%C3%A4rjest%C3%B6ille/Vaistuullisuus/Kurinpidon+mallis%C3%A4%C3%A4nn%C3%B6t.pdf>

Common Disciplinary Regulations of the Martial Arts Federations: <https://judo.fi/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Liite3-Kamppailulajiliittojen-yhteiset-kurinpitomaaraykset-1.1.2023-EHD5.pdf>