



The Alberta Kodokan Black Belt Association

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All affiliated clubs/associations of Judo Alberta

**From:** Joel Mrak on behalf of Judo Canada & Judo Alberta

**RE:** Functions of the Coaches

**Date:** December 1, 2011

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**For distribution to the Chairs of P/T Referee Committee, Tournament Sanctioning Committee's and organizers of local tournaments.**

**The IJF has decided to regulate the functions of the coaches during the fights. Starting from the Grand Prix Amsterdam (November, 19-20, 2011) this measure will apply to all the competitions organized by the IJF and giving access to the World Ranking list:**

- 1) Coaches are not allowed to give indications to the competitors while they are fighting.
- 2) Only during the pause time (after Mate), coaches will be permitted to give indications to their athletes.
- 3) After the pause is finished, and the fight continues (hajime), coaches will have to keep silence again.
- 4) If a coach doesn't follow these rules, he can be expelled from the competition area.
- 5) If the coach persists with his behavior from outside the competition area, he could be penalized.

This new rule limits the actions of the coach during a match.

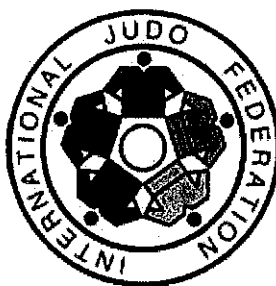
**It is the official position of the Judo Canada Referee Committee that as Judo Canada follows the IJF Rules and as this is an IJF Rule; it will apply within Canada.**

**Also, for further clarification, the application of sanctions as a result of not adhering to this "Function of the Coaches" rule (i.e. being "expelled from the competition area" or being penalized for "persisting in his behaviour outside the competition area") is the responsibility of the Tournament Organizer, not the referees. During a match, the referee(s) may initially identify and/or verbally warn a coach that he/she is not adhering to the rule but ultimately, it is the responsibility of the Tournament Organizer to officially sanction the coach, if sanctions are required.**

Please see the attached document and the commentary below from the Chair of Judo Canada's Referee Committee. The commentary was produced in a response to a number of inquires.

- 1) This rule was not meant to control fans who have the right to make any comments (within reason) they wish. However, fans are not the "athlete's coach"
- 2) This rule specifically is aimed at the behaviour of all coaches at mat side (and even in the stands; see point # 5 of the new rule) whether sitting in the chair or as you describe, coaching from behind/beside the designated coach in the chair.
- 3) As for having others coach from behind/beside the coach sitting in the coach's chair; the attached IJF Coaching Rule specifies the number of coaches per athlete (one) and that the coach must remain in the chair. Therefore, anybody else who is not sitting in the coach's chair, should not be coaching and should be asked by the tournament organizer to stop coaching or leave the area. The referees should only have to deal with the coach sitting in the chair. Also, the athlete's official coach (the one sitting in the chair) should be held responsible, if someone else is assisting in coaching his/her athlete on the mat. That is to say, the tournament organizer should be able to ask the official coach to control his/her other coaches or have them leave the competition area. However, if the comments are coming from "non-coaches" (e.g. parents), they should be allowed to make their comments so long as they are not offensive or against the spirit of Judo. Dealing with spectators/parents is not what this rule is intended to address.
- 4) For lower level tournaments, the tournament organizer may choose to modify this IJF Rule and allow coaches to make comments at anytime during the match (rather than just during matte) in order to help develop the competitors' skills. However, I suggest that it should be noted that it is a modification to the IJF rules so that coaches become aware of the actual rule.

Guy Sunada  
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### **Revision of the IJF Rule forbidding coaches alongside the competition mat.**

### **Reconsidération des règles de la FIJ interdisant les coaches au bord des tapis.**

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009, when related IJF rule begun to apply, a continuing exchange of opinion and communication on this issue among the coaches and IJF representatives took place. Most important, a conduct of coaches during major events has improved considerably. The IJF therefore approved amended proceedings of coaching in the IJF events.

Depuis le 1er janvier 2009 où le règlement a été appliqué, un échange permanent d'opinion et d'avis sur ce sujet a été engagé entre les entraîneurs et les représentants de la FIJ. Le plus important est de signaler que le comportement des coaches pendant la majorité des événements s'est considérablement amélioré. Pour cette raison, la FIJ a approuvé des modifications concernant les coaches lors des événements de la FIJ.

### **Position of coaches.**

### **Position des coaches**

Chairs for two coaches per each competition mat, for blue and white side, will be provided behind the barrier of advertising panels.

Des chaises pour les 2 entraîneurs, seront positionnées pour chaque tapis de compétition; un coté bleu, un coté blanc derrière les panneaux publicitaires.

### **Code of behavior of coaches.**

### **Code de comportement des coaches.**

Coach is responsible for conduct of his athlete from entering the competition venue until leaving it, before and after each contest.

Le coach est responsable de l'attitude de son athlète dès l'entrée dans la salle de compétition et jusqu'à sa sortie, avant et après chaque combat.

Coaching will be strictly limited to communication with athlete, tactical advises, encouragement, instructions in unexpected situations, as injury, etc.

Le coaching sera strictement limité à une communication avec son athlète , conseils tactiques, encouragements, instructions dans des situations imprévues, comme les blessures etc.

Coach will remain sitting on his chair during the contest.

Le coach devra rester assis sur sa chaise durant le combat.

Forbidden behavior of a coach:

- Any comments or criticizing of the referees verdicts.
- Demanding correction of the referees decisions
- Any abusive gestures toward referees, officials, or public
- Touching, hitting, kicking, etc. the advertising panels or any equipment
- Any kind of behavior showing disrespect to opponent, referees, officials, coach of opponent, his own athlete, public, etc.

Comportement interdit pour un coach:

- Tout commentaire et toute critique sur les décisions des arbitres.
- Demande de correction des décisions des arbitres.
- Gestes abusifs envers les arbitres, les officiels, ou le public.
- Toucher, frapper, taper, etc.les panneaux publicitaires ou autre équipement.
- Tout comportement montrant un manque de respect envers l'adversaire, les arbitres , les officiels, le coach de l'adversaire , son athlète; le public, etc.

Dress code:

- Elimination rounds: national track suit with trousers reaching down to shoes.
- For the final block program (TV time): jacket suit with tie.

Forbidden are at any time: shorter trousers, undressed upper body, any kind of head caps and cover, jeans, sweaters or similar sports not related dress, flip-flops

Tenue vestimentaire:

- Tours éliminatoires: survêtement national, avec un pantalon descendant jusqu'aux chaussures.
- Pour le programme du bloc final (retransmission TV): veste avec cravate.

Sont interdits pendant toute la durée : les pantalons courts, le haut du corps dénudé, toute sorte de chapeau et couvre-chef, les jeans, les pullover ou tenues sportives similaires non appropriées, les claquettes.

**Penalizing.**

**Pénalités:**

Any coach who will infringe upon these rules will be disqualified from accompanying his athletes into competition zone and taking up coaches chair to the end of event (not only for a particular day).

Tout coach qui enfreint ces règles sera disqualifié et ne pourra plus accompagner ses athlètes dans la zone des compétitions et prendre place sur la chaise de coach jusqu'à la fin de l'événement ( pas uniquement sur la journée de compétition )

Officials authorized to penalize coaches:

- Education Director / Commission.
- REF COM Jury

Les officiels autorisés à pénaliser les coaches:

- Directeur de l'éducation / La commission
- Le jury de la commission d'arbitrage

**Period of application.**

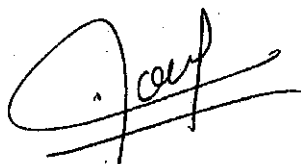
**Période d'application.**

From the World Championships Cadets 2009 in Budapest.

A partir des Championnats du Monde Cadets 2009 à Budapest.

This coaching code will be evaluated before start of the qualification period for London 2012 Olympics on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010 and either continued, or restrictions applied anew.

Une évaluation de ce règlement concernant les coaches sera effectuée avant la période de qualifications des Jeux Olympiques de Londres en 2012, le 1<sup>er</sup> mai 2010 ce règlement sera maintenue ou de nouvelles règles seront appliquées.



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