

2021 IJRU Virtual General Congress Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, December 11, 2021

Time: 12:00PM – 16:47PM UTC

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Purpose: General Congress

Attendees:

IJRU Board Members:

President – Shaun Hamilton
Executive Vice President – Takashi Ogawa
Secretary General – Rochelle Boggs, Janet Locke
Interim Treasurer – Ernesto Hernandez
Africa – Keolebogile Mokolopo-Meyer
Americas – Ernesto Hernandez, Patricia Elizabeth Muñiz Domingo
Asia – Michael Chanyanghui, Mitra Rouhi Dehkordi
Europe – Silke Fürnschuß, Ekaterina Libova
Oceania – Luke Winstanley, Kirralee Larkin

2021 NGB Delegates:

Austria – Gerhard Blümel, Tina Kretschmer
Australia – Kirralee Larkin, Karen Binns
Belgium – Eva Vandemeulebroecke, De Anse Meulenaer
Bermuda – Kendia Gill
Canada – Carly Simpson
China – Yan Zhang, Bill Luo
Czech Republic – Martina Varkočková, Petra Jeřábková
Denmark – Mia Mønster
Eswatini – Lee-Ann Young
Finland – Miriam Hägele,
France – Nadia Aidli
Germany – Nicolai Lorke
Hong Kong, China – Ng Pak Ki, Au Yeung Chun Alexis
India – Shazad Khan
I.R. Iran – Mitra Rouhi, Nita Shafei Kakhaki
Japan – Jun Haratake, Akitoshi Moriguchi
Malaysia – Habibah A. Hamid, Dr. Siew Qui Hen
Mexico – Giovanni Hernández, Dora Hernández
Philippines – Noel Agra, Chito Ines
Portugal – David Silva, Rosa Antunes
Puerto Rico – Roberto Acosta, Mahaletth Vega (Interpreter: Crispulo Santana)
Republic of Korea – Daejung Kim, Hyeonah Choe
Russia – Ekaterina Libova, Elena Poltorykhina
Singapore – Lui Peng Hui, Edna Teo Aihui
Slovakia – Martin Kolčák
South Africa – Seate Mpho, Sonopo Tshilwane
Sweden – Ann Nordin
Thailand – Nutchapol Tanchareon, Angkana Hiranprueck
United States – Brian Hsu, Gary Hill

2021 NGB Observers:

Guatemala – Juan Carlos Abac (Interpreter Manuel Chueguen)
Morocco – Fouzir Taoufik Eddine
Peru – Ennio Cornejo

Guests:

GAISF Membership/ Presenter – Davide Delfini
Farrell Sports/ Presenter - Matt Farrell
EliteSRS/ Presenter – Daniel Cox
WADA Manager/ Presenter – Valentin Capelli
IJRU Ethics Panel – Allysa Ciancio
Former FISAC-IRSF President & Executive Director – Ron Kappert
Special Designation – Nadia Aidli, IJRU Special Events Development Liaison
IJRU Athlete Council Member – Noah Mancuso
IJRU Athlete Council Member – Eri Shibata
IJRU Athlete Council Member – Taylor Nicholson
IJRU Athlete Council Member – Chu Ting Ho

Volunteers:

IJRU Technical Committee/General Congress Assistant – Monica Foster
IJRU Technical Committee/General Congress Assistant – Andrej Kyselica
General Congress Assistant – Jessica Nicholson
General Congress Assistant – Svante Bengtson

Apologies: General Congress Assistant – Nick Woodard

Non-attendance Board Members:

Africa – Moagi Sharp

Non-attendance Provisional & Full Members:

Antigua & Barbuda, Brazil, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Guyana, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Macao China, Malta, Switzerland

Non-attendance Observers:

Argentina, Netherlands, Spain

Reference:

Provisional & Full Member NGBs delinquent in membership fees, not eligible to attend:

Botswana, Mozambique, Uganda, Pakistan, Tanzania, Trinidad & Tobago

Observer NGBs delinquent in membership fees, not eligible to attend:

Nigeria, Somalia, Zambia, Croatia, Panama, Barbados, Kyrgyz Republic, Nepal, Rwanda

Agenda

00. Instructions - Navigating Microsoft Teams and Test Vote

- Instructions regarding meeting participation were given and a test vote took place using the “AGM Congress-Vote”.
- IJRU is recording this meeting, but private recording is prohibited.
- General Congress is presented in PowerPoint.
- [LINK HERE](#) for documents referenced in the minutes, including the 2021 IJRU General Congress Agenda, 2020 IJRU General Congress Minutes, 2021 IJRU World Antidoping Agency Rules, Czech Rope Skipping Association Appeal Summary, IJRU Constitution and Control Matrix, IJRU Constitutional Reports, etc.

01. Welcome and Opening of the IJRU Congress

- 01.1 Declaration and opening of the 3rd IJRU General Congress by President Shaun Hamilton
- 01.2 Confidentiality Statement

02. Roll Call

- 0.2.1 Board of Directors
- 0.2.2 2021 NGB Delegates
- 0.2.3 Special Guests
- Roll was taken of the Board of Directors and member countries. The 51% quorum = 24 countries out of the total of 47 full and provisional member countries eligible to vote at this time was established.

03. Agenda of the 3rd IJRU General Congress

- **Motion:** *It has been proposed to approve the 2021 IJRU Virtual General Congress Agenda.*
Discussion: None
Outcome: Carried

04. Approval of Minutes of 2020 IJRU General Congress - October 3, 2020

- **Motion:** *It has been proposed to approve the minutes of the 2020 IJRU Virtual General Congress.*
Discussion: None
Outcome: Carried

05. President's Address – “Solidarity”

- The President's Address was given by Shaun Hamilton, president of IJRU ([LINK HERE](#))

06. Special Guest Presentations

- A special guest presentation was given by Davide Delfini, GAISF Membership Manager. ([LINK HERE](#))
- A special guest presentation was given by Valentin Capelli, WADA Manager Sports Movement Relations. ([LINK HERE](#))

07. World Anti-Doping Agency

- **07.1 IJRU 2011 Anti-Doping Rules**
Motion: *It has been proposed that IJRU adopt the following document: “IJRU 2021 Anti-Doping Rules V.2.0” as approved by WADA and the IJRU BOD.*
Discussion: None
Outcome: Carried

08. Membership Update

- **08.1 Where a single organization from a National Governing Body made application under C7.1 and C8 of the Constitution**
 - 08.1.1 Barbados - Rope Jumping Barbados
 - 08.1.2 Guatemala - Rope Jumping Federation Guatemala
 - 08.1.3 Netherlands - Nederland Rope Skipping Organisatie (NRSO)
 - 08.1.4 Panama - Federation Panamena De Salto De Soga
 - 08.1.5 Peru - Federación Deportiva Peruana de Salto con Cuerda
 - 08.1.6 Morocco - Jump Rope Morocco**Motion:** *In accordance with the IJRU Constitution, C7.1 and upon the recommendation of the IJRU Board of Directors, it has been proposed that*

*Nederland Rope Skipping Organisation
Federation Panamena De Salto De Soga
Federación Deportiva Peruana de Salto con Cuerda
Jump Rope Morocco
Rope Jumping Barbados
Rope Jumping Federation Guatemala*

be confirmed as IJRU's recognized NGB's for their respective country at the Observer Level.

Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried

- **08.2 Situations where memberships cease to exist**

- **08.2.1 Federation of Rope Skipping of Uzbekistan** - Unable to continue due to COVID-19.

- **08.3 Membership Appeal**

- IJRU received an appeal from Czech Rope Skipping Association (CRSA) requesting a review of the decision NOT to grant CRSA National Governing Body (NGB) status in IJRU. IJRU BOD's made the decision to award NGB status to Czech Jump Rope , (CJR) in December 2019 whereas this was confirmed by the IJRU General Congress in October 2020.

- Both organisations provided a three (3) minute address the IJRU Congress. The Czech Rope Skipping Association, (CRSA) representative, Jana Černá addressed the Congress for 3 minutes followed by Czech Jump Rope, (CJR) represented by Martina Varkočková President.

Motion: *Seek IJRU Members decision to either accept or deny the appeal lodged by CRSA in relation to not granting NGB status to CRSA in October 2020.*

Discussion: If the appeal is accepted, that will not revoke CJR as the present member, but rather the BOD will have a meeting and invite both CRSA and CJR to speak and then proceed as deemed necessary. If the appeal is not accepted, CJR will be responsible for allowing all Czech jumpers the ability to participate in CJR activities.

Outcome: Carried (Yes - Deny the appeal lodged by CRSA in relation to the IJRU BOD's existing decision to not grant NGB status to CRSA)

- **08.4 Membership Update, Survey Results, Key Takeaways, Call to Action**

- Refer to IJRU General Congress slides. ([LINK HERE](#)) (begins around 2:35:10 of part 1)

- **08.5 Approval of New Continental Organizations**

Motion: *It had been proposed to ratify the Asian Jump Rope Union as the Asian Continental organization in IJRU.*

Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried

Motion: *It had been proposed to ratify the European Rope Skipping Organisation as the European Continental organization in IJRU.*

Discussion: None.

Outcome: Carried

09. Special Guest Presentation

- A special guest presentation was given by Dan Cox, Elite SRS. ([LINK HERE](#)) (begins around 2:49:26 of part 1)

10. Finances

● 10.1 Interim Treasurer's Report

The interim treasurer gave a brief report on the present on IJRU's current financial status and on the financial challenges and impact of COVID-19.

11. Constitution and Policy

● 11.1 Constitution Amendments

- Feedback on changes was requested of NGBs regarding the proposed Constitution changes, and one NGB submitted a question prior to the General Assembly. Refer to link for details on all proposed changes, most of which are simply minor administrative issues. ([LINK HERE](#)) (begins at the opening of part 2)

Motion: *It has been proposed to approve the amendments of the IJRU Constitution which are changes as reflected in the IJRU Control Document referencing variation to the existing Constitution.*

Discussion: The NGB that made the inquiry prior to the General Congress asked about invoices, which was addressed. The wording "NGB" language has been implemented as a standardization measure, not to create a different meaning of membership status of member organizations.

Outcome: Carried

<10-minute break>

12. Board of Directors Activities

● 12.1 Resignations

- Asia - Naruep 'Jay' Jukping
- Europe - Hanno Kramer
- Pan America - Ronald Kappert
- Pan America - Lindley Langhorne

● 12.2 Newly appointed members

- Pan America - Patricia Elizabeth Muñiz Domingo, Mexico (position until 2024 election)
- Asia - Dr. Mitra Rouhi, I.R. Iran (position until 2023 election)
- Oceania - Kirralee Larkin, Australia (position until 2023 election)

Motion: *It has been proposed that the IJRU General Congress ratify the following BOD appointments of:*

- Patricia Elizabeth Muñiz Domingo of Mexico with term to be given up in 2024 election.
- Dr. Mitra Rouhi Dehkordi, I.R. Iran with term to end to be given up in 2023 election.
- Kirralee Larkin, Australia to the IJRU Board of Directors with term to end in the 2023 election.

Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried

● 12.3 Newly appointed members from the Athlete Council

Motion: *It has been proposed to that the IJRU General Congress ratify the following Athlete Council male representative, Ilyes Debbah, (France) as elected by the Athletes Council to the IJRU BOD*

Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried

● 12.4 Newly appointed Chair to the Ethics Panel

Motion: *It has been proposed to that the IJRU General Congress ratify Allysa Ciancio (Canada) as the Ethics Panel Chair.*

Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried

- **12.5 Special position appointment by the BOD (C 3.10)**
Special Designation - Nadia Aidli, IJRU Special Events Development Liaison (position through 2024)
- **12.6 Board of Director Vacancies**
 - 12.6.1 Africa (1)
 - 12.6.2 Asia (1)
 - 12.6.3 Europe (1)
 - 12.6.4 Oceania (0)
 - 12.6.5 Pan America (1)
- **12.7 The Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS)**

On October 20, 2021, the Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS) upheld IJRU's decision for the National Governing Body Representation for Hong Kong, China Athlete 1 & Hong Kong Rope Skipping Federation, China v. International Jump Rope Union.
- **12.7 World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)**
- On December 17, 2020, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) rendered its decision in the case between World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) v. Russian National Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) (CAS 2020/O/6689). In this decision, the CAS Panel determined RUSADA to be non-compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code (THE CODE), and as a result, issued several orders which came into effect on December 17, 2020, for a period of two (2) years (expiry December 16, 2022).
- On October 7, 2021, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) issued an all-stakeholder communication confirming that the National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) of the following countries were declared non-compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code (Code) with immediate effect: Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Indonesia; and Thailand
- **12.8 Continental Reports – IJRU Vice Presidents**
 - 12.8.1 Asia**

The Asian Jump Rope Union (AJRU) report was not able to be presented. ([LINK HERE](#))
 - 12.8.2 Africa**

The Africa Jump Rope Federation (AJRF) report was presented by Mrs. Keo Mokolopo-Meyer, president of AJRF. ([LINK HERE](#))
 - 12.8.3 Europe**

The European Rope Skipping Organization (ERSO) report was presented by Mrs. Silke Fürnschuß, president of ERSO. ([LINK HERE](#))
 - 12.8.4 Oceania**

The Oceania report was presented by Mr. Luke Winstanley. ([LINK HERE](#))
 - 12.8.5 Pan America**

The Pan American Jump Rope Federation (PAJRF) report was presented by Mr. Ernesto Hernandez, president of PAJRF. ([LINK HERE](#))

13. Special Guest Presentations

- A special guest presentation on IJRU's sponsor/partner strategy was given by Matt Farrell, Farrell Sports Worldwide. IJRU's strategy will be to focus on youth and social media (specifically Instagram

& Tik-Tok), with TV to come later, as well as place importance of connections with potential sponsors who already have some connection to jump rope. ([LINK HERE](#)) (begins around 49:36 of the part 2)

- A special guest presentation on IJRU's intellectual properties rollout was given by Andrej Kyselica. ([LINK HERE](#)) (begins around the 1:07:23 of part 2)
- A special guest presentation regarding AIMS - *United Through Sports* was unable to be given by Nick Woodard due to unforeseen circumstances. ([LINK HERE](#)) (scroll to the bottom of the working document section)

14. Adjournment

- **Motion:** *To adjourn this General Congress. (Motion by Silke Fürnschuß)*
Discussion: None
Outcome: Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Locke
Rochelle Boggs
IJRU Co-Secretary Generals