

2024 IJRU Virtual General Congress Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2024

Time: 11:20AM – 14:45PM UTC

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Purpose: Virtual General Congress

Attendees:

IJRU Board Members:

President – Shaun Hamilton

Executive Vice President – Takashi Ogawa

Co-Secretary General – Rochelle Boggs, Janet Locke

Treasurer – Luke Winstanley

Asia – Michael Chanyanghui, Jun Haratake

Europe – Silke Fürnschuß, Nadia Aidli, Kurt Moens

Oceania – Kirralee Larkin

Pan America – María del Sol Rodriguez Lopez, Pedro Cuervo Aja

Athlete's Council – Illyes Debbah

Apologies: None

Absent: None

2024 NGB Delegates:

Australia – Taryn Hodgson, Fiona Mol

Belgium – Eva Vandemeulebroecke

Bermuda – Sionna Barton, Amirh Wade

Canada – Cameron Short, Samuel Faris

China – Bill Luo, Zhang Yan

Czechia – Martina Varkočková

Denmark – Mia Mønster

Finland – Miriam Hägele

France – Nadia Aidli, Jonathan Mohoto

Germany – Wiebke Wagner, Max Polenske

Hong Kong, China – Tina Wong Ting

Hungary – Judit Apostol-Kovács

Japan – Akitoshi Moriguchi

Kenya – Lydiah Aswani,

Malaysia – Habibah A. Hamid, Qui Hen Siew

New Zealand – Sacha Willetts

Philippines – IJ Delarment

Portugal – Hugo Pereira, Fernando Ferreira

Puerto Rico – Roberto Acosta Lugo, Freddie Sanchez Guradiola ISF

Republic of Korea – Daejung Kim, Sehyeon Kim

Singapore – Lui Peng Hui, Edna Teo Aihui

South Africa – Keo Mokolopo-Meyer, Maria M

Sweden – Liv Murmark, Kajsa Murmark

Switzerland – Matthias Zedi

Thailand – Nutchapol Tanchareon, Angkana Hiranprueck

United States – Brian Meek, Rob Sariscak

2024 Members not present but in good standing:

Austria
India
Kazakhstan
Macao, China
Netherland
Slovakia

2024 Observers Present with no vote:

Mexico – María del Sol Rodriguez Lopez, Leslie Hermann
Pakistan – Arain Maqbool Ahmed, Siddiqui Shariq Muhammad

Guests:

IJRU IP Committee – Andrej Kyselica
IJRU IP Committee – Svante Bengtson
IJRU Technical Committee Chairperson – Monica Foster
IJRU Judges Infrastructure Initiative – Kaylee Woodard
IJRU Event Approval Process – Ann Nordin

Agenda

**Begin recording of meeting*

00. Instructions – Navigating Microsoft Teams & Performing a Test Vote

- **00.1 Instructions regarding meeting participation using GC voting**
GC delegate vote for recording NGB attendance
- **00.2 IJRU is recording this meeting. Private recordings are prohibited.**
- **00.3 Raising hand's function**
- **00.4 Use of Chat box**
- **00.5 Speak loudly and slowly as English may not be the first language**

01. Roll call and Establishment of Quorum

- **01.1 IJRU Board of Directors** (Directors audibly reported attendance)
- **01.2 2024 NGB Delegates** (26 NGB's Delegate 1 reported attendance via @agmvote.com. Delegate 2 reported attendance in the TEAM chat)
- **01.3 Guests** (Guests audibly reported attendance)
- Roll was taken of the Board of Directors and member countries. The 51% quorum is present. 26 countries present out of a total of 32 full and provisional countries in good standing were present and eligible to vote.

02. Welcome and Opening of the IJRU General Congress

- **02.1 Declaration of the 6th IJRU General Congress is convened and composed in compliance with the IJRU Constitution**
- **02.2 Confidentiality Statement is noted to all by the president.**

03. Adoption of the 6th IJRU General Congress Agenda

- **Motion:** *It has been proposed to approve the 2024 IJRU General Congress Agenda.*
Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried (21 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain) (4 did not vote)

04. Approval of the 2023 IJRU General Congress Minutes

- **Motion:** *It has been proposed to approve the 2023 IJRU General Congress Meeting Minutes.*

Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried (21 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain) (4 did not vote)

05. President's Address – "TOGETHER"

- The President's Address "TOGETHER," was given by Shaun Hamilton, President of IJRU. The president talked about several objectives focusing on how working together we can achieve more and move the sport forward. Over the past summer there were successful Asian and European Championships, where records were broken in such areas as attendance, visibility, as jump rope records. Furthermore, the sport was represented at the Paris 2024 Olympics with activation activities given by professional athletes from multiple IJRU countries. The prior year, IJRU had a huge success with the 2023 World Championships in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, and footage is still being shown on various prestigious broadcasts reaching the world. There are new AIMS statutes which IJRU needs to satisfy to maintain its observer status and move forward. IJRU is now partnering with the International Workers & Amateurs Sports Confederation (CIST) and the International School Sports Federation (ISF). IJRU will be completing an MOU with the ISF in Bahrain. IJRU has developed an Event Approval Process to enable the sport to further evolve worldwide. A call to action was made to encourage all NGBs to proactively take part in various initiatives that IJRU is pursuing.

06. Membership

- Where a single organization from a National Governing Body made an application under C7.1 and C8 of the Constitution

- **06.1 New Provisional Status**

6.1.1 Italy, FIDESM – Federazione Italiana Danza Sportiva e Sport Musicali (Italian Dance and Music Sports Federation)

Motion: *In accordance with the IJRU Constitution and with the recommendation of the IJRU Board of Directors, it has been proposed that the Italian Dance and Music Sports Federation, FIDESM, who are recognized by CONI, Italian National Olympic Committee, (Comitato Olimpico Nazionale Italiano), be confirmed as IJRUs recognized NGB in Italy at the provisional level.*

Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried (21 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain) (3 did not vote)

6.1.2 New Zealand

Motion: *In accordance with the IJRU Constitution and upon the recommendation of the IJRU Board of Directors, it has been proposed that Skipping New Zealand be confirmed as IJRU's recognized NGB for New Zealand at the provisional level.*

Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried (22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain) (4 did not vote)

- **06.2 New Observer Status**

06.2.1 Mexico

Motion: *In accordance with the IJRU Constitution and upon the recommendation of the IJRU Board of Directors, it has been proposed that the Mexican Association of Rope Jumping Activities A.C., be confirmed as IJRUs recognized NGB for Mexico at the observer level.*

Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried (23 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain) (3 did not vote)

06.2.2 Israel, Jump Rope Israel

Motion: *In accordance with the IJRU Constitution and upon the recommendation of the IJRU Board of Directors, it has been proposed that Jump Rope Israel Association be confirmed as IJRUs recognized NGB for Israel at the observer level.*

Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried (18 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain) (5 did not vote)

06.2.3 Pakistan, Pakistan Jump Rope & Rope Skipping Federation

Motion: *In accordance with the IJRU Constitution and upon the recommendation of the IJRU Board of Directors, it has been proposed that Pakistan Jump Rope & Rope Skipping Federation be confirmed as IJRUs recognized NGB for Pakistan at the observer level.*

Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried (24 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain) (2 did not vote)

● **06.3 Situations where sanctions are in place**

06.3.1 Russia

Russia was suspended from membership in IJRU in 2022, in accordance with the IOC's recommendation. IJRU met with the president of the association to understand their present situation, and the decision was made to seek support from the NGBs to permit athletes to participate in the 2024 IJRU World Championships. This requires a change to be made to the IJRU Constitution to enable a new membership category.

Motion: *The IJRU General Congress agrees with the intent of creating an amended category within the IJRU Constitution to add a new membership category.*

Discussion: Clarification was given as to the reason why this type of action is necessary in this situation and how this is not just a change for Russia, but any country/region in such circumstances in the future.

Outcome: Carried (17 yes, 3 no, 5 abstain) (1 did not vote)

● **06.4 Membership and Marketing Survey 2024)**

So far there have been 356 responses, and 500 is the goal. Everyone is encouraged to share the survey to provide IJRU with more data to assist with marketing.

● **06.5 Membership Update**

06.5.1 68 Total members

06.5.2 25 Full members

06.5.3 24 Provisional members

06.5.4 17 Observer status members

07. Finances

● **07.1 Current Financial Positioning**

● **07.2 Outstanding Invoice Update**

● **07.3 Update of the 2024 Budget**

● **07.4 Forecasted budget 2025**

● Refer to the finance documents in the board packet. Everyone is encouraged to join the IJRU Finance Committee.

08. Policy

● 08.1 Strategic Plan 2025 - 2030

Motion: *Upon the recommendation of the IJRU BODs it has been proposed to approve the IJRU five-year Strategic Plan, 2025 - 2030.*

Discussion: The entire plan will be made available for reference.

Outcome: Carried (23 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain)

<10 minute break> Membership Survey QR Code displayed for NGB action.

Upon return – An attendance vote was taken to establish quorum after the break.

09. World Championships 2024 Kawasaki, Japan

● 09.1 2024 Championship Organizing Committee Update

Refer to the information in the board packet. Kawasaki City is very close to Haneda Airport, and the venue is within walking distance of the Kawasaki train station. Another site visit will be taking place next month, along with further meetings. Monthly NGB meetings will be taking place starting next weekend, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

10. Board of Director Activities

● 10.1 One newly appointed member: Mr. Pedro Cuervo, Member at Large 4 years to 2028 for Pan America

Motion: *In accordance with the IJRU Constitution and upon recommendation of the IJRU BODs it has been proposed to approve Pedro Cuervo Aja as the Pan America Member at Large for 4 years to the IJRU BODs. The position is from 2024 - 2028.*

Discussion: None

Outcome: Carried (24 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain)

11. Continental Reports

● 11.2.1 Asian Jump Rope Union (AJRU)

The Asian Jump Rope Union (AJRU) report was presented by Michael Chanyanghui, President of AJRU.

● 11.2.2 Europe – European Rope Skipping Organization (ERSO)

The European Rope Skipping Organisation (ERSO) report was presented by Silke Fürnschuß, President of ERSO.

● 11.2.3 Oceania – Continental organization still to be established

A report on the activities of jump rope in this region was presented by Kirralee Larkin.

● 11.2.4 Pan America – Pan American Jump Rope Federation (PAJRF)

The Pan America Jump Rope Federation (PAJRF) report was presented by María del Sol Rodriguez Lopez, President of Pan American Jump Rope Federation, of PAJRF.

● Refer to the continental reports on the IJRU website.

12. Judges Infrastructure Initiative (JII)

● 12.1 JII

The JII is focusing on crowning the right champion, focussing specifically on the quality of the judging system and the capability of judges. A review was provided on what has taken place so far, and what is upcoming. Refer to the report in the General Congress packet.

13. Committee Reports

- **13.1 Evaluation of the Inaugural IJRU Rules & Supporting IJRU Judges**
 - Refer to the report in the General Congress packet.
- **13.2 Competition Rules – Ratification**
 - Motion:** *In accordance with the IJRU Constitution and upon recommendation of the IJRU Technical Congress and the IJRU BODs it has been proposed that this General Congress ratify these updates to the IJRU Competition Rules.*
 - Discussion:** None
 - Outcome:** Carried (23 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain) (1 did not vote)
- **13.3 Intellectual Properties (Competition Systems)**
 - Refer to the report in the General Congress packet. Anyone is welcome to join in the monthly IP meetings if desired.

14. Global Affiliation and Event Approval Process

- Refer to the report in the General Congress packet.

15. Adjournment

- **Motion:** *To adjourn the 2024 IJRU General Congress. (Motion by Kirralee Larkin)*
 - Motion accepted**
 - Recording stopped.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Locke
Rochelle Boggs
IJRU Co-Secretary Generals (6 total pages)