

AGE MANIPULATION ISSUE IN JU-JITSU – JAI

GUIDELINES ON AGE VERIFICATION

The Ju-Jitsu Association of India (JAI) is fully compliant with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) and on the Prevention of Age Fraud mentioned in the National Sports Development Code - 2011. The Ju-Jitsu Association of India views intentional cases of age fraud as a serious offense that violates the spirit and code of our sport in India. As such, strong penalties are imposed on those Athletes that are found to be intentionally committing age fraud.

Ju-Jitsu Association of India – JAI, has an effective player registration system in place and a strong set of documentation is required to get the registration done as a player. This is most important as it ensures that the registration is obtained with valid Government documentation. Athletes are encouraged to provide details on the Athletes Registration Application Form that are true and correct.

The registration of a player is granted by JAI only on submission of both of the following documents:

- 1. Birth Certificate issued by Competent Authority within one year of the birth.*
- 2. School Bona fide certificate on the letterhead of the school, with the picture of the player, signature and stamp of the school Principal.*
- 3. Aadhaar Card / Copy of the Passport / Matriculation certificate.*
- 4. Affidavit attested by 1st class Magistrate or any government issued document on the very first instance of participation.*

This registration process is followed strictly and the source of information on a player's age is strictly the government documents produced by the parents of the players. The aim behind the same is to help control age manipulation, as we at Ju-Jitsu Association of India – JAI, are committed to tackle the age manipulation issue.

Ju-Jitsu Association of India penalizes Athletes that are found to have intentionally committed an age fraud offense. An athlete found guilty of an age fraud offense could be banned from playing any State / National / International events under Ju-Jitsu Association of India (or its Member Units) for a period of up to 2 years. Also the affiliated Associations have been directed to strictly verify age of the athletes before selecting them for the state teams.

The Ju-Jitsu Association of India (JAI) maintains a data base of all the participants through an innovative online sports event and membership solution "SPORTS-ID" the Sports-ID (sportsid.org) as mandated by the Ju-Jitsu International Association (JJIF).

In the recently concluded Meeting of the Ju-Jitsu Association of India - JAI, it has been decided to form a Three member's committee. The Committee will be receiving and tackling any age manipulation complaints. Any Complaint as regard to possible age manipulation is to be forwarded to this committee with relevant documentary evidence and a draft of Rs 2,500/- as security, so that Committee can take further action. The Ju-Jitsu Association of India – JAI, will at the same time be also contacting the Sports Ministry as regard to the Sports Code for age manipulation.

JAI reserves the right to get any of the aforesaid documents verified from the Issuing Authority.

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