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New point:

1.2.2 - When deemed necessary, the IBJJF will use two additional referees with access to video replay for the correction of awarded points, advantages or penalties on the scoreboard.

- The correction of any points, advantages or penalties originally awarded by the central referee will only happen in the event of agreement between the two additional referees with access to the video replay.
- After the two referee's with access to the video replay, have reached an agreement on how to correctly adjust the current score, they will communicate the decision via the radio system.
- The central and side referees cannot contest the decision reached by the two referee's with access to the video replay.

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New point:

5.8.4 - No advantages will be awarded for sweeps that start and end in a 50/50 guard situation.

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New point 6.3.2

- The suplex movements that will project or force the opponent's head or neck into the ground.

The suplex takedown is defined by the attacking athlete lifting the opponent at the waist in order to take him/her down, by throwing him backwards or sideways to the ground.

The use of this technique is still permitted provided that the movement does not force the opponent's head or neck into the ground.

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New point of 6.3.3:

- When one or both of the athlete's disregard the seriousness of the competition by performing actions simulating or faking combat.

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New point:

6.4.23 - In the white belt division, it is forbidden for an athlete to jump into closed guard while their opponent is standing. When this movement occurs, the referee will stop the match and restart with both athlete's standing at the center of the mat.

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Rule revision:

8.1.3 - The GI should be completely white, royal blue or black. No Gi's will be accepted with different colored jackets or pants nor will we allow the use of GI's with different colored collars. It is not allowed for athlete's to wear shirts beneath their GI (except for females, which must comply with item 8.1.4).

New point:

8.1.4 In the female divisions, it is mandatory for the use of a stretchy or elastic shirt that hugs the body beneath the GI; It can be short or long sleeved, without the necessity to follow the color requirements. It is also permitted for athlete's to use a one piece swim garment (bathing suit) or gymnastics top.

Rule revision:

8.1.8 GI pants should reach no more than 5 cm above the tibial malleolus (ankle bone). For male divisions, wearing pants of any kind under the GI pants is prohibited. For female divisions, it is permitted for the use of elastic fabric pants (that clings to the body) under the GI pants, as long as they are shorter than the GI pants.

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Rule revision of item 8.1.14:

- Men:

Shorts must be black, white or black with white and containing up to 50% of the athlete's rank color according to the corresponding belt division. The shorts should contain no pockets (or have them completely sewn shut), no buttons, no snaps nor any plastic or metal piece that presents risk of injury to the opponent. The length should be longer than mid thigh but no lower than the knee.

Shirts must be elastic (should hug the body) and long enough to cover the waistline of the shorts. It should be black, white or black with white and contain at least 10% of the athlete's rank color according to the corresponding belt division. Shirts that are 100% of the athlete's rank color are also acceptable.

- Women:

Shorts or pants made of elastic fabric (should hug the body) that are black, white or black with white and contain up to 50% of the athlete's rank color according to the corresponding belt division. Shorts should contain no pockets (or have them completely sewn shut), no buttons, no snaps nor any plastic or metal piece that presents risk of injury to the opponent. The length should be longer than mid thigh but no lower than the knee.

Shirts must be elastic (should hug the body) and long enough to cover the waistline of the shorts. It should be black, white or black with white and contain at least 10% of the athlete's rank color according to the corresponding belt division. Shirts that are 100% of the athlete's rank color are also acceptable.

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New point:

8.3.5 Prohibitions regarding patches and text present on uniform

- No patches or text (embroidered or handwritten) will be allowed that contain phrases, symbols or slogans found offensive to gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, culture, religion and/or political ideologies.
- No patches or text (embroidered or handwritten) will be allowed that contain phrases, symbols or slogans that promote violence, vandalism, sexual acts, drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco.

New point at item 8.3.8:

- It is also allowed for the use of a head covering in addition to a shirt, as described in the female uniform section. The head covering must be made of elastic material, must be fully black in color and cover the neck, ears and hair, like a wetsuit headpiece. Only the face must remain fully visible.