



EWUF OFFICIAL STATEMENT

During the past few days we have noticed a lot of comments on Facebook concerning the issue related to the development of wushu in Spain.

The official position of the EWUF is based on both the Olympic Charter, the IWUF and EWUF Constitutions and common sense:

According to the IWUF Constitution Article 2 (Mission and Objectives) «The objectives of the IWUF are among others to:

« ...oppose discrimination based on internal factions within the sport of Wushu»(2.9).

According to the IWUF Constitution Article 6 (National Federation Membership):

«...Wushu governing bodies of all nations or territories may apply to join the IWUF and become its National Federation».

According to the Olympic Charter Article 29 (The national federations)

«To be recognised by an NOC and accepted as a member of such NOC, a national federation must exercise a specific, real and on-going sports activity, be affiliated to an IF recognised by the IOC and **be governed by and comply in all aspects with both the Olympic Charter and the rules of its IF.**»

It is noted, that the Royal Judo and associated Sports Federation (**RFEJYDA**) **does not exercise a specific (to the sport of wushu) wushu sports activity**. And it does not comply with Article 29 of the Olympic Charter (**it does not comply in all aspects with the Rules of the IWUF**).

By no means can a **Chinese National Sport of Wushu** be «associated» with the **Japanese Sport of Judo**.

According to the IWUF Constitution Article 7 (Affiliation Process):

7.1 «A wushu organization that is applying to become a NF of the IWUF...».

7.2 «**A wushu organization of a nation or territory** that wishes to join the IWUF should first be admitted **as National Wushu Federation** of the IWUF and then, upon having its application approved, apply for membership in its Continental Federation».

7.6 «If multiple **wushu organizations** claim to represent a nation or self-governing territory, the IWUF will investigate to determine which candidate is most qualified to become its NF».

It is clear, that in any sense **the RFEJDA is not a wushu organisation**.

Furthermore, the Constitution of the RFEJDA clearly states that:

Article 4. The RFEJYDA is affiliated to the International Judo Federation (FIJ) and to the European Union of Judo (UEJ), **accepting their Constitutions (Statutes) and obliging the**

RFEJYDA to comply with them.

Analogically, its Associated Sports must comply with the Constitutions of the International, World and European Federations (in the case of wushu the IWUF and EWUF), to which they belong...»

(4. «La RFEJYDA está afiliada a la Federación Internacional de Judo (FIJ) y a la Unión Europea de Judo (UEJ), CUYOS Estatutos acepta y se obliga a cumplir... En cuanto a sus Deportes Asociados, análogamente, a las Federaciones Internacionales o Mundiales y Europeas de... Wu-Shu (IWJF y EWF), en las que se encuadran»).

It is clear, that, according to their own Statutes of the RFEJYDA, the «associated sports» **cannot «analogically» comply with the respective International and European Federations' Constitutions, because they only exist as «departments» in the inner structure of Judo and do not have any Constitution or Statutes other than the one of the RFEJYDA.**

At the same time, According to the IWUF Constitution Article 11 (Responsibilities of Continental Federations, National Federations and associate Members) clearly states that:

Continental Federations, NFs and Associate Members have the following responsibilities towards the IWUF:

11.3 Observe and comply with the IWUF Constitution and rules and ensure that their own constitution and rules and those of their members **do not conflict with those of the IWUF.**

It is clear that the **Statutes of the RFEJYDA cannot comply with the Constitution of the IWUF because those aim at the development of different sports.**

Specifically with the Article 3, which states that:

«Of those six specific sports, **Judo is the principal**».

Our understanding is, that in comparison to Judo, other «associated sports» **may not have the same rights** (both financial and administrative). Our understanding is, that those sports may be discriminated, in the sense that they may be restricted from opportunities or privileges (namely financial, or in the field of implementing the resolutions of the IWUF EB or Congress) that are available to another group.

Furthermore, according to the IWUF Constitution Article12: (Autonomy of Continental Federations, NFs and Associate Members):

12.1 «Continental Federations, National Federations and Associate Members are required to protect and maintain their autonomy and independently manage all internal affairs without any pressure or interference from a third party».

In addition:

12.2 «They (national wushu federations) are required to resist all forms of external pressure, including but not limited to political, religious and economic pressures which may infringe upon their commitment to comply with the Olympic Charter and/or the IWUF Constitution».

It is clear that you cannot comply with those Articles, being an integral part (department) of this «third party» (RFJYDA).

Besides, according to the IWUF Constitution Article 10: (Responsibilities of National Federations).

The NFs have the following responsibilities towards the IWUF:

10.2 «**Continuously endeavour to unite other wushu organizations within their nations or territories**».

During more than 25 years wushu in Spain has been a «department» of another Sport – Judo. And the different disciplines of our sport, recognised by the IOC as an independent Sport (and not as an associated one) since year 2002, is still split in Spain between 3 federations representing other sports.

Taking all this into consideration, because of the constitutional requirements of both IWUF, EWUF and the Olympic Charter, strongly supports **the creation of an independent National Wushu Federation in Spain, and it is the responsibility of all wushu organisations (specifically IWUF and EWUF) and by all means to continue to support the efforts in this direction.**

The stated aim of the IWUF is to be included in the Summer Olympic Games, to achieve this we need to be taken seriously and unite wushu groups in each country to become strong independent WUSHU federations, representing our sport of wushu without the interference of third parties in the management and representation of our sport.

Wushu in Spain deserves to have an independent National Wushu Federation.

And it shall have it.

This is our Constitutional duty.