

# IMAF-EUROPE NEWSLETTER

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## The President has the word

### A very warm welcome to our first Newsletter!

Since IMAF Europe is a fast growing Martial Arts Federation it was a must and a challenge for a complete renewal, both for Public Relations as to go where Young and Old want to take you. IMAF Europe is unique in this way as it is a multiple martial arts disciplines federation that doesn't stick to just one martial art, but offers within one federation the possibility to exercise various systems under one umbrella. In such a way we have members that are specialised in Karate, Aikijujutsu, Iaido and Kenjutsu the way of the sword, Kobudo and Close Combat- all in one federation: IMAF Europe. Our teachers are specialists, many of them actual or old champions, that still study and exercise continuously. We invite you to look around for our affiliated branches, take part and join us!

In Budo,  
Geoff Benoy  
President IMAF Europe

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## The true identity of IMAF-Europe

Author Cees van der Wal

### "Why"

#### *Why should we do things different?*

About 35 years ago IMAF-Europe was founded. The idea was to promote Japanese Budo and other Martial Arts. To unite people in their training and research in their Art.

Back then we lived our lives in the place where we were born. We worked in the place where we lived. Mostly we had to go to other places to find Budo.

But Budo has spread its way into society.

Why should we do things different?

Because today is different.....  
....everything is different.

#### *The World has changed!*

Everybody is now more mobile, better informed, everybody has access to the internet, and many use smart phones.

Information can be spread almost instantly.  
What happened today is old news tomorrow.

#### *We are mobile*

We like to go to other places. We can fly to every city in Europe, because it costs almost nothing. Because it happens there.

#### *We are consumers*

Individualistic, busy, not easy to be satisfied. We consume and take everything for granted. The

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majority of our students are consumers. They come and go as they please. Sometimes their personal interests are in conflict with our philosophy of Budo.

### *We fight*

Because that is what we are. We fight to make things better, and in our fight we use the old to improve the new. We improve the new, to understand the old. The circle of Budo.

Tomorrow...

...we do things better

*Not alone...*

The biggest threat? We stay on our little islands and keep fighting for individual success. But that is



*Why we do  
what we do*

not the spirit of Budo. Budo is to share. Our knowledge, our experiences.

*... together*

We can build IMAF-Europe to be the best place to learn, to compete, to join, to meet. Where the way to the goal is more important than the goal itself.

## Important upcoming events

### Calendar

With the start of the new year 2012, there are many activities ahead of us.

To mention a few major events:

- WOC 2012 IMAFE- CJJIF on 23 -24 March in Kiev, Ukraine

Information: [www.cjjif.org/](http://www.cjjif.org/)  
[www.combat-jujutsu.kiev.ua](http://www.combat-jujutsu.kiev.ua)

- IMAF-Romania International Championships on 5 Mai 2012 in Alba Iulia, Romania.

To achieve a higher level, Budo requires a practitioner to keep a humble mind and behaviour.

This allows one to always learn something from anyone. Once one thinks that he or she is better than others, the possibility of improvement ceases. This is the basis of the high importance of respecting instructors as well as training partners in Budo. (Statute ITKF)

- IMAF-Europe World Championships on 13 and 14 October 2012 in Antwerp, Belgium.

- IMAF-Europe Annual Congress and International Seminar on 3 and 4 November 2012 in Papendal (near Arnhem), the Netherlands.



*EC 2012, Padova, Italy  
Sport Jujutsu*

## IMAF Europe Tournament Advisory – Part I

By Geoff Benoy

Hereafter some hints when planning to organize a Martial Arts Tournament.

*The following hints shall be accepted shortly by the Board of Directors of IMAF-Europe.*

### Karate Individuals Kumite

#### Kumite Tournament Systems

- **Direct Elimination System:** the winner continuous the tournament, the loser is out. The advantage is that the tournament proceeds very fast, the disadvantage is that a high qualified fighter can be out in the first match by bad luck.
- **Brazilian Elimination System:** the tournament starts as in Direct Elimination till final. Before the final is fought, all participants that had a loss against one of the two finalist shall be regrouped in a new Direct Elimination, they get a second chance. However these can only fight till final for 3d and 4th place.

#### Shobu/ Point Systems

- **IPPON SHOBU:** the fight stops when an IPPON (full point) has been obtained. This can be an Ippon being awarded (killing blow, knock out in reality) or an AWASETE IPPON (two WAZA-ARI, two advantage blows leading to knock out in reality). Also HANSOKU MAKE stops the fight (excess contact, excess JOGAI, disqualification, etc.).

The advantage is that the match takes maximum two minutes, but, in case of full Ippon, can be finished earlier.



Kumite

The advantage is that high qualified fighters get a second chance. The disadvantage is that the tournament shall take twice as long as in Direct Elimination System.

- **Round Robin:** here every participant shall fight against any other participant. For each won fight they get a point. Then shall be looked who has the most points. In case of a draw, it shall be verified who had the most victories by IPPON, then by AWASETE IPPON, then by HANTEI YUSEI GACHI, then by HANSOKU MAKE and so on. This is mostly done in case of a small number of participants.

- **SANBON SHOBU:** the participants must go for three IPPON, 6 WAZA-ARI or a combination of these.

The advantage is that the result is more spectacular than IPPON SHOBU but not so realistic; also victory just by a lucky point are avoided and the best fighter usually wins. The disadvantage is that a match almost always takes the full time of two minutes (sometimes three minutes depending on the organizing body).

*Next time Arbitrator systems*

## Support us so we can support you!

We can only operate with your co-operation. Therefore we need all information about the organization of your IMAF-Europe Branch.

- Without proper funding IMAF-Europe cannot operate.
- Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that you acquire our official IMAF-Europe passports and other IMAF-Europe items.

To support this policy we shall advice to use the following fees for the next World Championships in Antwerp, Belgium and all tournaments thereafter in the following

### example:

- Participants who can show an official IMAF-Europe passport shall pay €20
- Participants who can show an IMAF-country passport shall pay €20 + 50%
- Participants who are not member of IMAF-Europe/ IMAF-Europe country shall pay €20 + 100%

Please understand that we can no longer exist without the income we try to generate from the distribution of official IMAF-Europe items.

Support us and we can help you the best we can

IMAF-Europe HQ

*"If you cannot do things as they should, do them as they can."*



**DEDICATE YOUR WEBSITE TO  
IMAF-EUROPE!**

You can also help us by  
dedicating your website  
to IMAF-Europe

Improve your Public Relations

Advertise your activities on your  
website

Set links to the website of IMAF-  
Europe and of other IMAF-Europe  
countries

Connect!

Here you can publish your own information, your stories, your publications, reports of your activities

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