

## “FLOWER OF INCLUSION”

### AN INCLUSIVE JUDO FESTIVAL FOR SPECIAL NEEDS AND MAINSTREAM ATHLETES

#### A PROPOSAL TO THE WORLD OF JUDO



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Dear friends of Sport,

It has been great news to me and all the members of the Council of our Municipality to learn that, once again, the “Hellenic Judo Veterans Society – Kyuzo Mifune” will organize in Loutraki the cultural festival of the sport “Flower of Inclusion” in October 2023, following up the one they organized in our town back in 2017, which was met with significant success and glorious comments from the participants. Likewise, it was great to know that this time the organization will be in collaboration with more than one of the existing entities in Europe, embracing the field of Judo which appeals to people with Special Needs.

Brilliant on the other hand, was their innovating idea, taking example from local events of other countries, to give the event a substantial sense of inclusion, by accepting entries of athletes of mainstream Judo of primary level! It is the first time that such an idea will be realized in Greece. It will be really a unique experience for either part of athletes to get to feel familiarity to rules and people, adaptability to diversity along with integration, and all in an environment combining joy and culture. This initiative will certainly enlarge participation and widen the appeal of the event!

The cradle of human civilization, which you are going to visit, as provided by the organizers, is a means to immediate contact with the essence of culture, second to none.

We are confident that, like it happened back in 2017, our small sea-side resort will meet your expectations, and the personnel of our sporting facilities, with their huge experience, will prove the best assistants for your expected goals of your visit to be achieved.

On behalf of our Municipality, I welcome the “Flower of inclusion 2023” to Loutraki and wish all the participants a pleasant stay, extending at the same time our thanks to the organizers for the great humanitarian concern and the opportunities they give to our fellow people in need of support to feel they are all members of an adaptive society and generally to the spirit of sportsmanship to penetrate the World!

Giorgos Gkionis

Mayor

Municipality of Loutraki - Perachora - Agioi Theodoroi



### ***“Flower of Inclusion”***

Dear Judo Friends,

Great news!

The “Flower of inclusion” festival of culture, which was crowned with all participants’ glorious comments back in 2017, is coming back! All those who remember with nostalgia the hilarious moments and the fun we shared during their stay in Loutraki, one of the nicest sea resorts of Greece, will have the chance to live the event revived once again, only this time enriched in activities and with participation widened in kind.

The friends, whom we will be delighted to welcome for the first time, need to know right from the outset, that what they are going to experience is not just another Judo tournament, however well organized, yet routine in nature . When we say “festival” of culture we mean it! The activities on the tatami will only be a part of a whole bouquet of activities connected with excursions to historical places, cradles of human civilization and particularly of sport, sightseeing, playing around the multiple game-courts of the facility of accommodation, playing on the tatami getting to know new people and making new friends and, of course, sharing the pleasure of Judo games, and all this in an atmosphere of joy, fun and relaxation.

The innovation of this time will be that we will accept participation in the games, not only from athletes of the field of special needs, but of mainstream also, who will only have to comply with restrictions of technical level and age, as described below.

This way, the games will have a substantial essence of inclusion and the benefit to the participants of both fields, we believe is more than obvious, especially as all will share the same experiences of all activities, from the beginning to the end. The games themselves will be of no competitive nature at all, but will serve the participants as a means to improve socialization, adaptability, familiarity to diversity, integration, introduction to the rules and - not least – they will provide the very pleasure of getting to immediate contact with the true spirit of sportsmanship.

The duration of the festival will require of course from some, to get a couple of days off their work but, given the time we have ahead, we trust anyone is not difficult to obtain.

The Hellenic Judo Veterans Society and the Municipality of Loutraki-Perachora-Agioi Theodoroi, as the organizers, are anxiously waiting to welcome to the resort

of Loutraki all willing to experience an event we believe will leave everybody with an immense amount of unforgettable memories and a keen desire for a future return!

So, don't waste any time... Start packing!

Loutraki of Greece is waiting for you...

### ***The invitation***

Invited to the festival are all Judo fans.

Regarding the games, admitted are athletes and companions of special needs and of mainstream Judo.

From the field of special needs **athletes of all 5 levels of abilities and of any age** are eligible for participation.

From the field of mainstream eligible are athletes up to the 4<sup>th</sup> kyu not exceeding the 21<sup>st</sup> year of age.

Entries to the games are accepted either individually or in form of members of a club or federation or any other entity.

The games will not have a competitive character aiming to privileges of any kind and of any use. We are pursuing the joy of participation, cultivation of sportsmanship and integration.

Please follow the instructions given attached or in linked pages to facilitate the part of the organizer and make your trip more comfortable and the participation safe.

### ***When***

The "Flower of Inclusion" will be offered **between the 25<sup>th</sup>** (first day of arrivals) **and the 29<sup>th</sup> of October** (last day of departures) **2023. On Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup>** the remaining arrivals are expected to be concluded **the latest at 14.00 hrs.**

**Special offer-options:** mind please that in case flights are not convenient or if some would like to prolong their stay, the Sport Camp will offer one free overnight. That means that if some cannot be in the time set mandatory on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup>, they may come from Wednesday evening without any extra charge. Likewise, if some would like to stay for Sunday and leave on Monday morning, the overnight will be free of charge.

However, one cannot have both overnights of accommodation, before and after the duration foreseen for the event, free of charge.

Mind please also, that to those who will use the extension of accommodation according to the above, extra cultural activities will be provided (see provisional program below).

### ***Where***

As mentioned, the place of the event will be the small town of Loutraki! For those who haven't been there yet, this town is a nice touristic resort by the sea side, very close to the location of ancient Corinth, where the homonymous prefectural capital of today

lies. It has a distance of about 82 km from the center of Athens (approx. 1 hour driving) and of 113 km from the Athens airport (approx. 1 hour and 15 min. driving), with the possibility for one to reach it totally detouring the Capital.

### ***Our own village***

We preferred Loutraki to Athens, because there we shall have more chances to feel like a family and have fun all together, away from the noise, the crowds and the atmosphere of a huge town, able to easily change between sport and relaxation activities.

In addition, we collaborated with the “Sport Camp”, a local long experienced sport enterprise there, which will offer to our disposal its facilities and friendly personnel, to facilitate and make the staying joyful to the participants, before, during and after sport engagements (see link following).

### ***A bouquet of joy and a festival of activities rather than a mere sport event***

As participants of the past and potential new comers must have already understood, what we aim at in fact is organizing, beyond an event of Judo, an ensemble of activities through which we shall all have the chance to joy, make new friends, see and know more improving our personalities, experience the beneficial effects that our chosen Sport can give to all people and thereby admire its magnitude and leave with good memories!

Relaxation time will have its share, visiting places of natural beauty or historical importance is foreseen, joyful time for the athletes to play around and on the tatami will be provided, the parents of the athletes will be tendered as to deviate routines, seminars through which coaches and referees will be further educated or even new ones will be given the opportunity to emerge and, of course, the athletes will enjoy competitions.

### ***Program for all – final edition***

#### ***Wednesday October 25th***

Arrival day

19:30 Dinner & Free time

#### ***Thursday October 26th***

07:30-09:00

Breakfast

10:00- 11:00

Welcome Training by James & Cilia

12:00

Departure to the beach of Loutraki (Lunch packs will be provided)

12:15-16:15

Free time in Loutraki

**All further arrivals to Athen’s airport must have been concluded by 14:00 hrs.**

17:00-18:30

Welcome on tatami & Kata Workshop by Cilia

19:30

Dinner & Free time

### **Friday October 27th**

07:30-09:00	Breakfast
09.30-11:00	Divisioning : all athletes have to present themselves on tatami
11.30	Departure from Sport Camp to sightseeing destinations ((Lunch packs will be provided)
15.30	Departure from the above destinations return to Sport Camp, there will be activities at the SportCamp
19.30	Dinner & Free evening

### **Saturday October 28th**

07:30-09:00	Breakfast
10.00- 12.30	Competitions
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch time
14.00-17.00	Competitions
20.00	Farewell Dinner/party

### **Sunday October 29th**

07:30-09:00	Breakfast
10:00 – 16:00	Crossing the Isthmus Canal on Board (Lunch on board)
18:00	Departures to Athens airport

### **Monday October 30th**

07:30-09:00	Breakfast
10:00- ....	Departures to Athens airport

### **Financial conditions**

#### **Packages per person offered:**

<b>Room type</b>	<b>SPORT CAMP FB</b>	<b>SPORT CAMP FB 6-17 years old</b>
<i>Single bed</i>	<b>500,00 €</b>	-
<i>Double bed</i>	<b>435,00 €</b>	-
<i>Three bed</i>	<b>415,00 €</b>	-
<i>4-6 bed</i>	<b>390,00 €</b>	<b>310,00 €</b>

The above prices include:

1. VAT
2. 4 days (3 nights) of accommodation according to the above list.
3. Full board -FB (breakfast-lunch-dinner) at self-service set menu (water included)
4. Transportation from and to the airport with shuttle busses.
5. A whole day excursion and guided tour to ancient Olympia, visiting the archeological site and the premises of the International Olympic Academy (*Lunch packs & tickets included*).
6. Free use of the Sport camp playground facilities during your stay.
7. Public liability during your stay in the Sport Camp.
8. Gala farewell dinner-party on Saturday evening (Oct. 28)
9. No participation fee for the games.
10. As mentioned in multiple places above, the participants are entitled to one extra overnight without extra charged, in case of inconvenient flights or desire to prolong their stay.

In addition, for those participants provided without extra charge are:

- A guided tour to the museum of ancient Corinth and the ancient Castle, on Thursday morning (*Lunch packs & tickets included*).
- On boat crossing the channel and lunch onboard (on Sunday afternoon).

Notice that, in case the time frame between flights allows, some might be lucky to enjoy both the above provisions. Regrettably, there cannot be any discount for those who will be able to enjoy only one (or alas none).

Mind please, that the boat for the channel crossing will depart at 12.00 hrs and we will be back at 15.00 hrs.

#### Terms and prerequisites:

Your reservations are secured provided that you will have forwarded your initial entries in time.

Entries are only valid if accompanied by a down payment of the 30% of the total amount of your chosen packet (non refundable)

Down payments must have been remitted by May the 31<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

In case the event is annulled due to "force majeure" (e.g. implemented lockdown), down payments will be reimbursed.

The rest of due amounts should be paid by September the 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

All remittances should be conducted through our bank:

OPTIMA BANK of Corinth

Swift: IBOGGRAA

Account IBAN: GR3403400190019019099027197

Account owner: SPORTCAMP SINGLE MEMBER S.A.

Payments should be done in the name of the person or entity for whom the receipt will be issued.

*For any issue or questions concerning your accomodation or receipt of your entries and payments, please refer to person of contact:*

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### INITIAL ENTRY FORM

Number of SN* Athletes	Number of MS** Athletes	Number of Coaches	Number of Companions	Club	Country
<b>Person of contact</b>					
First name:					
Last name:					
Tel.:					
Email:					

\*SN → Special needs

\*\*MS → Mainstream

You must have sent your entry form by **May the 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**, making sure that you have **verified your participation by the down payment** according to the requirements of the Sport Camp. **Without the required down payment your entry shall not be valid.**

Please mail the above form to: [reservations@sportcamp.gr](mailto:reservations@sportcamp.gr)

*Although clearly stated, please mind that this is only an initial participation form, containing general information. Later within the 2023 you shall be forwarded a detailed one.*

*Please try to be certain of what you are filling in, so that both entry forms, the initial and the final one, are in consistency, in order to limit confusion as much as possible, facilitating the organizers.*