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SENT VIA E-MAIL & US MAIL

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Re: Nanka Judo Yudanshakai Request for Information

Dear Mr. Palacio:

This firm serves as outside legal counsel to Nanka Judo Yudanshakai (“Nanka”). The Nanka Board of Directors has asked me to intercede on its behalf in connection with certain uncertainties raised in direct and indirect communications between the USJF management (“USJF”) and various Nanka officers and board members. As many USJF and Nanka officers and directors hold offices in both organizations, rumors and misinformation seems to spread between Nanka and USJF at lighting speed resulting in confusion on USJF policies, at least from Nanka’s perspective.

I have been asked to present to you the following issues for formal clarification by USJF to address same at the upcoming Nanka board meeting.

1. At the most recent USJF Board Meeting, Dr. Matsumoto presented a USJF policy on (i) that *all members* of a particular Nanka dojo must be USJF members in order for the dojo to be covered by the USJF liability insurance, and (ii) whether non-USJF members are allowed to train with USJF member dojos and (iii) whether USJF members may be simultaneous members of USJA or USA Judo. The Nanka representatives at the USJF board meeting have reported to the Nanka board that Dr. Matsumoto’s presentation was clear, though it is not reflected in any written policy of USJF of which we are aware of.
2. The current status of the USJF / USJA co-written letter on the USA Judo Your Choice Waiver Option. The USJF / USA co-written letter on the USA Judo Your Choice Option Waiver while apparently approved by the USJF, was to be immediately distributed to the Yudanshakai members. Nanka has not received such letter and Nanka is requesting clarification on this issue so as to be able to correctly report the status at the next Nanka board meeting.

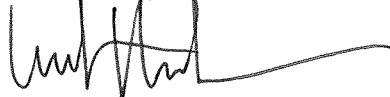
Nanka has been a member yudanshakai of USJF since its inception. Nanka has many dojos and members who are tremendously loyal to USJF. Nanka also has many newer dojos and members who, because of USA Judo's prominence, are seriously questioning Nanka's allegiance to USJF, and are strongly urging the consideration of alternate allegiance potentially to USA Judo. As you might imagine, this is creating a significant rift between the two factions, which Nanka's Board of Directors is grappling with. USJF's guidance on the issues described-above will, Nanka believes, be the first step in addressing the internal rift between these Nanka factions.

Finally, one of the particularly important factors in Nanka's long term allegiance to USJF is USJF's custom crafted liability insurance policies which historically have protected not only tournament participants, but also member dojo's practice sessions, seminars, and other special events. We have been trying to get information specific information on such insurance policies as many of our member dojos are reliant upon the USJF liability policy for their regular practice sessions. We seem to be able to get general statements concerning the coverage within the USJF liability policy, but no specifics and in particular, no proof that the Nanka member dojo's practice sessions are specifically covered by the USJF policy. Nanka has requested a copy of the USJF policy which has been rejected. Any assistance you can give Nanka in FORMALLY clarifying these insurance issues would be much appreciated.

Request is respectfully made for USJF's detailed, official, expedited response to the issues raised above. Please call me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Nanka Board of Directors (via e-mail)