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USJA Reinstated by USA Judo

The hearing before the Board of Directors of USA Judo took place Saturday, October 24, 2009. We have now received United States Judo's decision. In essence, USA Judo has taken the action of lifting the suspension on USJA's membership and has placed the USJA on a six-month "probation" respecting compliance with their current legal posture.

While we appreciate USA Judo reversing their wrongful action on the suspension, our legal team disagrees with certain actions and statements of USA Judo, which cause us to justifiably pursue any and all appeal rights we may have with the USOC, as well as continuing consideration of possible legal action.

The USJA early this year filed a formal application to replace USA Judo as the United States National Governing Body (NGB) for Judo with the USOC. The nearly 30 page document which includes over 50 pages of attachments outlines in detail USA Judo's appearance of: financial mis-management, improper use of USOC funds, lack of performance, and the inability to work cooperatively with the USJA and the USJF.

The application further describes a streamlined plan to return the NGB to its primary purpose of managing the Olympic judo team rather than developing grassroots judo which is the primary purpose of the USJA and the USJF.

The USOC has appointed three high level leaders to serve on the Hearing Panel for the Section 11 Complaint. This matter is proceeding forward.