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Fellow Referees,

There are two judo events scheduled to be conducted in the US this year which are not supported by USA Judo. The leadership wants all US judoka (and the Referee Commission especially wants all referees) to be aware of the circumstances. There is a slight difference between these cases so I shall outline each one.

The World Masters Championships has been conducted in various countries around the world for some time. Since the IJF did not conduct Masters events, this event was considered of no particular consequence with respect to Olympic-track athletes and event management. However, the IJF is inaugurating their own Veterans World Championships and USA Judo is in support of their efforts to promote that event. The World Masters in the Atlanta area is neither sanctioned nor supported by USA Judo. The Referee Commission would prefer that no US referees officiate at this event, and warns that the personal liability protection provided to officials by a USA Judo sanction will NOT be in place during this event.

The Panamerican Judo Union is apparently supporting a PJU Masters Championship in the Boston area sometime during 2009. The IJF has disenfranchised the PJU, and judo in the Americas is now recognized by the IJF through the Panamerican Judo Confederation (PJC). The Boston event is not supported by and will not be sanctioned by USA Judo. USA Judo is no longer a member of the PJU and requests that USA Judo officials not officiate at that event. The liability problem is the same at both events. For those referees who compete in Masters who might be considering competing at one or both, the Sports Accident insurance through USA Judo would also not be in force.

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