

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

ALEX STERNBERG	)	
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Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	D E C I S I O N
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL	)	
KARATE-DO FEDERATION	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	January 5, 2001

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The National Governing Body ("NGB") for the Sport of Karate in the United States is the United States of America National Karate-do Federation ("USA-NKF"). USA-NKF is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee ("USOC") as the NGB for the Sport of Karate pursuant to the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (36 USC § 220501 *et seq.*).

On October 16, 2000, Alex Sternberg ("Complainant") filed a Complaint against USA-NKF pursuant to Article VIII of the USOC Constitution and Chapter VIII of the USOC Bylaws.<sup>1</sup> On October 31, 2000, pursuant to Chapter VIII, Section 2, USA-NKF filed a Motion to Dismiss. On November 30, the Panel issued a decision granting USA-NKF's Motion to Dismiss.

On December 14, 2000, Complainant filed papers requesting that the Panel reconsider its decision granting USA-NKF's Motion to Dismiss. On December 27, 2000, USA-NKF filed an objection to the Complainant's request, and on January 3, 2001, the

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<sup>1</sup> Hereinafter any reference to "Article" refers to the USOC Constitution and any reference to "Chapter" refers to the USOC Bylaws.

Complainant filed a reply to USA-NKF's objection. On January 4, 2001, both the Complainant and USA-NKF submitted e-mails concerning the Complainant's request to reconsider. The Panel met by teleconference call on December 27, 2000 and again on January 4, 2001. After considering Complainant's request, USA-NKF's objection to that request, and Complainant's reply to the objection, as well as the e-mails submitted by the parties on January 4, 2001, the Panel unanimously determined to deny Complainant's request for reconsideration.

Accordingly, the Complainant's request for reconsideration is hereby denied.

  
Matty Mankamyen, Chair

Brian Derwin, Panel Member  
Brig. Gen. (ret.) James R. Joy, Panel Member  
Herb Perez, Panel Member  
Nancy Wightman, Panel Member

Dated this 5th day of January, 2001.